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As a tribute to the late Mr. F. T. Miller,
at Norwich, yesterday, a quarter-peal of
1264 changes of Bob Major was rung with
the bells half-muffled, at the Anglican
Church of St. John de Sepulchre. Mr.
Miller, who was a Roman Catholic, was a
generous friend to the poor of the parish,
irrespective of creed.

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BELL RESTORATION IN KENT.

TWO PEALS OF FIVE RE-HUNG.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of the Wykes Bishop Street Bell Foundry, Ipswich, is having a very busy time in Kent, having just completely restored peals of five at Sandhurst and Warehorne, and is now rehanging a peal of six at Yalding.

Thanks to the excellent judgment of our forefathers in using massive timber, the frames at both Sandhurst and Warehorne were found still very durable, and in the circumstances there was no necessity whatever to go to the expense of new cages. The frames in each case have been strengthened with iron bracings, and serve the purpose equally as well as new structures.

It seems quite evident that at both churches it was intended in bygone days to have six bells, for there exists a vacant pit in each bell chamber, and as donations have poured in freely at Sandhurst, the church authorities have decided to add a new treble, which work will be executed probably in a short period.

At each tower the bells have been rehung with steel headstocks, new wheels, clappers, grease boxes, and all the latest up-to-date fittings; and at Sandhurst a nice neat set of guides have been erected. Quarter-turning was needful at both places, and the crowns have been taken away. Another marked improvement is that the frames have been rearranged, and the ropes now fall in much more convenient positions.

On Thursday evening in last week a company of change-ringers, members of the Kent County Association, visited Sandhurst to test the bells and examine the work. They were received by Mr. Bowell, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were brought off, ringers present being: Messrs. C. Tribe (Tenterden), G. Billenness (Rye), T. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), A. Blackman and F. Underdown (Rolvenden), W. H. Lambert (Benenden), A. Bowell and H. Welham (Ipswich).

On the following evening a similar gathering was held at Warehorne. Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles were rung by Messrs. C. W. Player (Stone), A. C. Kay (Ashford), G. Johnson (Appledore), G. Billenness, P. F. Giles, and D. Martin (Rye), and Barman (Woodchurch), while other Woodchurch ringers and the local band participated in rounds.

The visitors expressed their warmest appreciation of the highly-efficient manner in which the work had been executed at both places, and the "go" of the bells was such that no one could have any course to complain in the slightest degree.

A few particulars of the historical nature of the two peals may be of interest to our readers. At Sandhurst the oldest bell, an old black-letter bell or a pre-Reformation bell, is the fourth. It was cast between 1450 and 1500, and weighs 10 cwt. The tenor 12½ cwt., the second 7 cwt., and the treble 6 cwt. 14 lbs., were cast by Joseph Hatch in 1619, and the third, which Mr. Bowell has re-cast, was originally made by William Hull in 1678.

At Warehorne the whole peal were cast by John Way,

lett in 1721, and the respective weights are as follows: Treble, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; second, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lb.; third, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lb.; fourth, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lb.; tenor, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lb. Mr. Bowell has recast the third and fourth, and the new bells in both places are of good tone.

On Monday afternoon the Rural Dean (the Rev. P. H. Collins) Rector of Lydd, dedicated the Warehorne peal, and on the same evening the Bishop of Croydon performed the dedication ceremony at Sandhurst; the local ringers having charge of the ringing for the events at each place.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS. BRANCH).

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st, 1913. The Rev. J. R. Vincent, President of the branch, was in the chair, supported by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. H. Last) and sixty-four ringers from the following towers, viz.: Emberton, Olney, Old Wolverton, Thornborough, Shenley, Calverton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Paddbury, Milton Keynes, Sherington, Maids Moreton, Linslade and Bletchley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The resolution of the Rev. F. W. Bennett, Rector of Bletchley, that the question of the holding of the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford each year instead of as at present at different centres be fully discussed by the branch at this meeting was considered, and it was agreed by a large majority to instruct the branch representatives to support this course at the next committee meeting of the Guild, the Master having promised to introduce the matter.

Mr. Harry Sear (Bletchley) proposed and Mr. George Clarke (Shenley) seconded, that in view of the extra expense which would be incurred by holding the Annual Festival at Oxford, this branch is of opinion that the refund of 1s. to members attending the dinner be stopped.

This was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. J. R. Vincent proposed, and Mr. V. Sear (Bletchley) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Last for his hospitality that day, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his very excellent address. This was carried unanimously.

SWINDON (Bucks).—At Christ Church, on February 9th, 560 Double Norwich. J. H. Odey, E. Bishop, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, S. Palmer, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). Also 384 Superlative Surprise. E. Bishop, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, W. J. Nevard, J. H. Shepherd, H. W. L. Wells, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). On March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, J. H. Odey, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Townsend, E. Bishop (conductor), S. Palmer, A. W. Harrington.

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CLOCKING.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In answer to "A Ringer," I may say that there is a vast difference between pulling the clapper to the mouth of the bell (clocking), and the chiming apparatus. It is true you can crack a bell by both processes, if clumsy enough. There would be less danger in "clocking" if the bells were pulled a little out of the perpendicular by being tied down to a centre ring in the belfry floor. They would then have one side higher up than the other, and the clapper would fall away from the top side like the lever of a chiming apparatus which falls away by the weight of the bell hammer. The danger of clocking is in stopping the vibration of the bell by the clapper clinging to the lip. If set at the angle described there is not much danger. It may be interesting in this connection to recall the fact that some forty years ago, the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe invented the chiming hammer, and a discussion arose in "Church Bells" concerning it. In the issue for April 27th, 1872 (from which I quote), the rev. gentleman gave a list of bells cracked by "clocking" as follows:—

	Bell.	Wt. Cwt.	Date
St. Michael's, Cornhill ...	Tenor	41	
Christ Church, Spitalfields ...	Tenor	36	
St. Magnus, London Bridge ...	Tenor	32	1830
St. Stephen, Coleman Street ...	Tenor	14	1830
St. Catherine, Leadenhall Street...	Tenor	12	
St. Saviour, Southwark ...	11th	34	1820
Ditto ...	10th	26	1840
St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill ...	Tenor	32	1835
St. Olave, Southwark ...	7th	15	
St. Leonard, Shoreditch ...	Tenor	31	1828
Ditto ...	Tenor	—	1860
St. George-in-the-East ...	Tenor	30	1820
Ditto 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th			—
St. Mary, Islington...	Tenor	16	
St. Mary, Rotherhithe ...	Tenor	16	1833
Ditto ...	—	—	1858
St. Mary, Lambeth...	...6th and Tenor		1840
			about
St. Margaret, Westminster...	9th		1830
St. James, Clerkenwell ...	4th		1840
St. Alphege, Greenwich ...	Tenor	21	1827
St. Nicholas, Deptford ...	Tenor	18	1836
			about
West Ham, Essex ...	...6th and Tenor		1840
			about

The above were in and around London alone. In the following three years, 1891-2-3, the tenors at Bradford-on-Avon and Trowbridge, Wilts., were also cracked by "clocking." It will be noticed that the majority of these bells were tenors, and that fact gives us a possible solution. Many an ignorant verger who takes the death bell fees, goes up to the bell, ties a string to the clapper, and whangs it against the side. Having no sense of touch, he has a idea of the bell becoming wholly or partially cracked (crazed). Steeplekeepers should always keep one eye on vergers who are not ringers.—Yours etc.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent "A Ringer," I for one entirely disagree with "clocking." It is a lazy habit directly opposed to method ringing, and any band who make a practice of clocking are going to deteriorate, both in method ringing and striking. The music of the bells sounds lifeless when they have not the necessary swing for ringing. It may be argued that clocking is advisable to keep up Sunday ringing, but surely, sir, it is better when a band meets short to chime three or four bells, and

to make an effort so get some young blood into the band, and infuse into them the necessary enthusiasm for the Art.

I am surprised that any ringer advocates clocking. There are still many clergymen and wardens who are indifferent whether their bells are rung by method, call-changes, or clocked, so long as they hear the sound of them, and assuming that A Ringer and his colleagues found the "go" of their bells so bad that they required rehanging, what encouragement would they get from indifferent clergy and wardens in raising the funds? They would be told: "Oh, we cannot do anything, you can clock them."

Milton-next-Gravesend.

March 3, 1913.

Yours &c.,

G. A. JONES.

HONOURING A GRAND OLD RINGER.

Saturday, March 1st, being the 89th anniversary of the birth of that celebrated ringer, Mr. William Banister, the Plymouth ringers (many of whom still recall the days when he was taking an active part in the Art in the Three Towns, and in Devon and Cornwall), attempted a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the event. Their efforts were successful. It was very appropriate that the peal was rung on the bells of the Chapel H.M. Dockyard, as it was on these bells that the first peal was ever rung in the West of England, conducted by Mr. Banister in 1868. He has not forgotten his Plymouth associations, and many of the ringers still have letters from him, and gather much useful information in the Art from him still, and we all unite in wishing him "Many happy returns."

LAVENHAM CHURCH AND BELLS.

The parish church of Lavenham, is dedicated to SS Peter and Paul, is a splendid specimen of Late Perpendicular work, built of Casterton stone ornamented with flint. The tower, the glory of Lavenham, is 135 feet high and 42 feet square. It is a notable landmark visible over an area extending 12 miles to the west and 13 east. A few hundred yards from the church stands a monument to Dr. Rowland Taylor, some time rector of Hadleigh, Suffolk, who spent the last two days of his life in the old Guildhall at Lavenham, then the prison. Near it is the old Market Cross, and, close by, the "Angel" inn, which has borne its name close on 400 years, for in the will of one Thomas Sexton, bearing date the 25 of May, 1529, occurs the following: To Robt. my Son I give my house called the Angell in the Market place of Lavenham.

The massive tower of the Church with its buttresses reaching to the very top, is without doubt unfinished, for on it are twenty-four coats of arms, (those of Mr. Spring, the rich clothier of Lavenham, who was one of the two persons responsible for the building of the Church). They come so very near the top as to suggest that several more feet were meant to be added. Tradition says that the architect, whose name is unknown, was killed by falling from the tower when it had reached its present height, and that it was thought unlucky to continue his work further. Below each window of the tower built into the beautiful flint work, is a star or mullett, which is the cognisance of the De Veres, the Earls of Oxford, one of whom, the thirteenth Earl, was with Mr. Spring, the builder of the Church. An earlier Church existed here when Thomas Spring the elder, merchant clothier of Lavenham, erected during his lifetime as his monument states, a vestibule or re-vestry, the little annexe at the back of the chancel,

He died in 1486, and with him began the great transformation of the fabric. In his day it consisted of an early nave, probably Norman, or it may even have been Saxon, because Lavenham occurs in Doomsday Book, and a fine decorated chancel, whereof the chancel arch, the rood stair and charming turret, the east window and the window to the south of it still remain. But in the time of Thomas Spring the elder, there were four such windows on each side of the chancel, where the chancel arcades now are. This chancel was built just before or about the time of the Great Plague, the Black Death, during those dread years 1348-9. The old nave, it is supposed, never extended as far westward as the eastern buttresses of the great tower.

Thomas Spring the elder not only added the eastern vestibule, but, dying in 1486, left 300 marks (£5,000) "ad edificationem campanilam in stepyl ecclesiae"—for building the place for the bells in the steeple of this church. John de Vere, 13th Earl of Oxford, a most illustrious noble of England, had some share in the work, as appears by his arms, associated with the merchants mark of Thomas Spring, in that remarkable plinth. Between 1486-93 other large sums by Lavenham men were willed: to the steeple, and was built an entirely independent structure as the ringing-chamber windows, where again Lord Oxford plants his star. Here the tower was stopped building, as between 1493-1509 the new nave was erected, of which Lord Oxford was chief promoter. Lord Oxford died in 1513, by which time the new nave was virtually completed, though bequests were continued up to 1517. Thomas Spring, the younger was associated with the completion of the work, for his coat of arms granted by Henry VIII, are displayed on the woodwork of the nave roof. The beauty of design and detail of the roofs in which the star or mullett and wild boar of the De Veres are constantly repeated, the nave roof becomes richer in the two

eastern bays, the interspaces of which are panelled and ribbed and decorated with eight rich bosses, four of these bearing emblems of the Evangelists, two of the others the De Vere shields, the remaining ones Thomas Spring's initials and his arms. The nave now being completed, the good people of Lavenham turned their attention again to the steeple, for in 1514 Robert Sexton gave a sum equal to about £100 to the "bylding of the steepul if they will set thereupon, within the space of two years after my death." He died in 1517. In 1520 Agnes Sexton gave the same sum to be bestowed on the "building of the steepul," and finally, in 1523, Thomas Spring "to the finishing of the steepul" gave a sum nearly equal to £500 of our money. Spring's work was never finished, nevertheless though emphasised by his coat of arms, repeated twenty-four times upon the stumps of its truncated pinnacles. Had it been finished, with its rich battlements and turrets answering horizontally to its rich base, with the grand vertical connecting lines of its panelled buttresses, no statelier campanile would have graced England, in which, without dispute, hangs the finest toned bell in the United Kingdom.

In the article entitled "A Fancy," published in our last issue, the name "George Gross" was inadvertently rendered "George Groves." We regret the blunder, and apologise to the writer.

We have received a post card re the statement made in the footnote to the peal rung on February 22nd, at St. Dunstan-in-the-Fields, to the effect that it was the first peal on the bells for over 20 years. This, we learn, is incorrect, as on April 3rd, 1897, the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 504 changes, in 3 hours and 25 minutes, composed by the late J. Cox and conducted by H. Springall.

The handbell peal rung at Leicester, reported last week was given as "Royal" instead of Major. The umpire was T. Henry Hardy.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

TO

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

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

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

It will afford us great pleasure to give any name Mr. James may choose for his new departure, if our title, intended to be appreciative, does not meet with his approval. On the other hand no self-respecting writer can leave the matter in its present deplorable confusion.

That this confusion exists may be seen in the calling nomenclature—or headings—of another of the Triumph class. This particular one seems to use the last three bells, 6, 7, 8, for its bob, and gives one, at first sight, an idea that its calling has some relationship with quite another class of method, not even Treble Bob. All this which is undesirable arises from the wrong classification of Bristol, which belongs—from its very birth—to a different family. This, once admitted, would allow the varieties of the family to be brought into some order, and it seems to us a pity that Mr. James has not hitherto moved in the matter. The whole Triumph family is the conception of Mr. James, but whether he claims all the variations we know not. The genuine Triumph should—if he seek the ideal—have a clear proof scale, but it is not for us to lay down any limitation to his views. Correct Bristol Minor and Royal appear impossible; Maximus seems to be more hopeful, but this again could best be dealt with by the pen of Mr. James.

A good point in Bristol is the musical arrangement of its heavy bells, which compares favourably with the two great Treble Bob methods of Oxford and Kent; and this in spite of the fact that for three consecutive leads nearly the whole of the heavy metal is in the front. Those of us who remember the strain in "Bonnie Dundee," "The bells they ring backwards, the drums they do beat," are reminded—so our forebears have it—that "backward-way-rounds," to coin a term, were anything but peaceful, in fact quite alarming; so even now-a-days, in the absence thank heaven, of wars alarms, we love to hear the greater weight behind. Oxford Major is a poor musical arrangement compared with Kent, as anyone may see by examining their respective plain courses, the vilely discordant '82s being four times in evidence in Oxford, and never in Kent.

Bristol Triumph has neither '82s—nor '84s waiting to become '82s longer—for these latter can become actively mischievous.

Dealing further with the musical side of Major Surprise Methods, into which we seem to have drifted, it may be noted that, in the matter of possible '82s, and their probable development in a peal, Cambridge, with its plain course confined to '86s, is less liable than Superlative which develops the unstable '84s twice in its plain course—both times with double dodges by the way! Had Cambridge been more accommodating in its facilities for composition, it certainly would have been thought more of; hence the value of New Cambridge to which Sir Arthur Heywood has very properly called attention.

Referring to London Major, despite the vagaries of the tenors, the heavy bells behave wonderfully well behind, and the discordant '82s need only be seriously encountered when the composition makes it necessary to allow the second to oust the sixth.

If, as many thought a few years ago, Albion T. B. had proved a member of the Surprise family, what an obliging musical Surprise we should have had in it! For, on examination of its plain course, it has no '82s, nor '84s lying in wait, but only a plentiful supply of '86s! It has no bell in the hunt to spoil the music, and although its tittums may now and then lose their rhythmic beat, still they are there when called for. We are sorry for its Royal and Maximus that they should be neglected because they bear no high-sounding title, as they are well worthy of attention.

In this connection we may well ask ourselves whether our Central Council ought not to give higher marks for peals in our more musical methods. This to encourage their being chosen for performance, for certainly Kent, for its better music, deserves a mark or two more than Oxford!

With this digression, directed chiefly to the unmusical positions behind—for the effectiveness of the roll of weight at the course-ends, when the heavy bells do congregate, is not everything—we close our introductory sections, trusting that we

have done something to drive chaos out, and establish a more wholesome taste for the correct and true line of thought in Surprise matters.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

On Saturday, February 22nd, the above district held its annual meeting at Sharnbrook, and a goodly number attended to take advantage of the splendid welcome offered by the incumbent, the Rev. C. B. Edwards, and the local company. Not only in-county members, but a number of our Northamptonshire friends attended to partake of our pleasure, and to cement the cordial friendship that exists between the two societies.

The bells were started punctually and were turned in to a variety of methods, a number of ringers receiving further tuition in methods they had not practised to any appreciable extent.

An excellent tea was enjoyed about 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting. The Secretary, Mr. J. Barker, gave a report and balance sheet. Circumstances might have militated against the success of some of their meetings, but the majority of the meetings had been highly successful. The number of ringers attending had been very satisfactory, and the methods rung were on a higher plan than at any other period. The finance also proved satisfactory, a substantial balance being on the right side.

At the election of officers it was thought advisable that the office of President should not be a permanency, but should be conferred each year on a different incumbent that took an enthusiastic interest in ringers, and subsequently the Rev. C. W. Browning (Bromham), was elected to that office. Miss Evelyn Steel was elected Vice-President, and Mr. J. W. Barker, Hon. Secretary for the ensuing year.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Renhold.

Mr. G. Ette (Wellingborough), addressed the meeting on a subject that has often been discussed privately among country ringers, viz., the affiliation of societies for the purpose of allowing affiliated members to ring peals with other societies. Much could be said for and against the idea. He considered that it would be advantageous to the ringing community, especially to the poorer members. A small sum would be paid each year, individually by the members, or collectively by the societies, into a central fund; the fund to be controlled by the Central Council or any such similar body.

His remarks were received with interest and sympathy by the ringers present.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. B. Edwards concluded the business.

STOUBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday March 2nd, for evening service at St. Thomas's Church, 1008 Bob Major. S. Coley, A. W. Dodd, J. Porter, G. H. Pagett (conductor), A. W. Pugh, W. Bretherton, J. Bass, R. Mathews. Messrs. Coley and Porter hail from Birmingham; the rest are local men.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Beckensale, G. A. Ransom, T. Crocker, T. Beadle, W. H. Biggs, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor), G. Spencer, H. Beadle. On Sunday afternoon. March 2nd, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes). T. Crocker, G. A. Ransom, H. C. Chandler, T. Beadle, J. P. Kent, E. F. Cole, F. Skevington (conductor), A. Harding.

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By C. H. HATTERSLEY.

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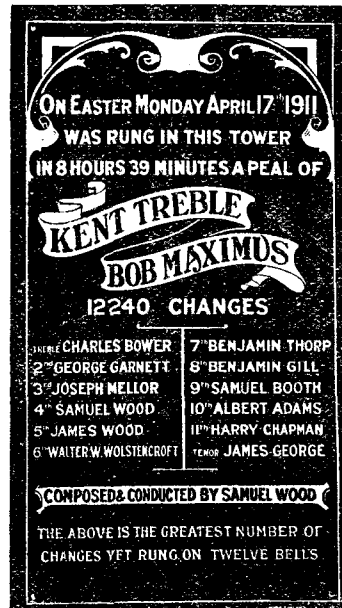
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1913.

OURSELVES.

WHEN we sat down a year ago to pen our introductory article it was with some diffidence: like the Scotsman, we had our "doots." To-day we enter on another year with the knowledge that there was no cause for doubt.

We are conscious of many shortcomings and failures; that all our hopes and ambitions have not been realised. On the other hand we have to acknowledge with gratitude the very great assistance we have received from exponents of the Art of Campanology, many of whom have been at all times ready to advise when any doubtful question arose. To the correspondents who week by week have furnished us with particulars of the doings of their bands, associations and guilds we tender our sincere thanks, and ask them to continue their favours. Thanks are also tendered to conductors who have sent particulars of peals. To these we would say "Let 'em all come."

To our readers we are deeply indebted. Without them we should, as a matter of course, cease to exist. We have endeavoured to supply them with news of the Exercise as fully as they could wish; but regret that many items have not reached us till too late to be of interest, and if these have not appeared that is the reason. Many readers adopt the plan of sending us local papers, or cuttings from them, when they contain any items of interest. This plan ensures the maximum of information with the minimum of effort, and for this reason is to be commended, especially to those who are unable to write a detailed report. We look for an extension of this and other means of supplying information and assure readers that any help they render will receive due appreciation.

Finally we would thank our advertisers for their continued support and trust they will meet with their reward in increased business as a result.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On February 9th, at St. Margaret's Church, before Evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. J. Gilbert, T. Moulden, F. Looker, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, conductor). After Evensong another 720. T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster (conductor), C. J. Gardiner.

The Metropole.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	WILLIAM THEOBALD 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by CONNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on St. David's Day. The above is the Pye brothers 800th peal together.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt, 0 qrs, 18 lbs, in F.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble	† ERNEST B. CROWDER 3
THOMAS G. DEAL 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON* 3	† JOSEPH LAW 7
ALFRED GEO. BENNINGTON 4	a WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal of Bob Major. †First in the method, and first of Major.
‡First with a bob bell. aFirst in the method as conductor.

The Provinces.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 43 cwt, 1 qr, 18 lb.

GEORGE R. DAY Treble	HARRY BARTON 6
FRANK H. PHILLIPS 2	HARRY J. BORRETT 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 8
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4	GEORGE P. BURTON 9
JOHN FREEMAN 5	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th hail from Slough, Ipswich and Southwold respectively.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt, 3 qrs, 10 lbs, in E flat.

HARRY PAGE Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
GEORGE CROSS 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
TOM PAGE 3	JAMES CROSS 7
GEORGE WINES 4	HENRY CRABBE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

First peal in the method by all, and first on the bells. First peal in the method in Wales, and first for the Association.

PLYMOUTH.—On Wednesday, February 26th, at Emmanuel Church, quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins., arranged for Mr. C. Johnston, of Croydon. E. W. Marsh (conductor), W. H. Marsh, T. Hockaday, C. Johnston, W. Richards, G. H. Myers, W. Ford, G. Kerswell.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 1). Tenor 19½ cwt.

CYRIL WENHAM Treble	ALFRED DAW 5
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 6
PERCY PAGE 3	HIGHWOOD'S HUMPHREY .. 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	GEORGE B. ANDERSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

Messrs. Daw and Wenham hail from Stone; Kay from Ashford; Billenness from Rye; the rest are local ringers. Rang on the occasion of the festival of St. David, the Patron Saint of Wales.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL, HIS MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH Treble	*WILLIAM RICHARDS 5
WARREN HORNEROOF .. 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 6
WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	WILLIAM FORD 7
WALTER H. MARSH 4	*WILLIAM HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

*First peal of Stedman. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Banister. Reference elsewhere.

HONITON CLYST.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOWE Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
JULIUS A. SNOW 2	FREDERICK J. MILFORD .. 6
ARTHUR D. SOWELL 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
WILLIAM A. HAYMAN .. 4	*GEORGE BETTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

*First peal. Rang as a birthday compliment to the 7th ringer. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. H. Clarke, for the use of the bells and his hospitality.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb. in A.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. 4
GEORGE PULLENGER .. 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 5
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First 5040. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness in entertaining them to supper at the vicarage after the peal. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2	*JAMES BLACKMORE 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JESSE BLDRIDGE 4	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

*First Surprise peal. †First Surprise peal away from the treble.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 3216 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN P. FOULDS Treble	*HARRY FOULDS 5
ROBT. FOULDS 2	WM. CRABTREE 6
EDWARD MALLINSON .. 3	HERBERT DEVONPORT .. 7
ALFRED BROOK 4	WM. MALLINSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. MALLINSON.

*First peal in the method. Ringers of 6 and 7 hail from Todmorden.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	ALFRED POTTER 5
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2	THOMAS WORSLEY 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. Before the peal was rung, the Rev. H. Stones (curate), unveiled a peal-board recording a peal of Bob Major rang in memory of the late Mr. James Allred, who was for forty-six years tower-keeper at the above Church. After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allred, to whom the ringers tendered their heartiest thanks for their hospitality.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Being two 720s of Woodbine, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lb. in A.

CHARLES CHURCH Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
GEORGE FLEMING 2	ALBERT FLEMING 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	†GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

(The St. Margaret's Society).

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY .. Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	CHARLES SAMFSON 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	LEONARD F. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman by all. First peal in the method on the bells and by a local company.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins. S. Williams, J. Harris, H. Day, W. Heath, C. O. Hobbs, W. G. Miller, T. Cox, S. Dawe, A. Rowley (conductor), S. Barker. Rang in honour of the wedding of Mr. Evan Coles, who was married to Miss Hester E. Rosser at the Parish Church, Llaneshaen, on the 1st March, the ringers wishing them every happiness.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs. in D.

ROBERT J. GOATE Treble	GEORGE B. BAXTER 6
HARRY BARTON 2	DENISON HAYWARD 7
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 8
WILLIAM H. FDSSELL 4	HARRY LING.. .. 9
CLAYTON PARNELL 5	EDMUND ETTIDRGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

First peal on ten bells by the ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th, 9th, and tenor. First peal of Grandsire Caters by E. F. Poppy. H. Barton hails from Southwold; W. H. Fnsell from Slough, E. F. Poppy from Eye; D. Hayward from Great Yarmonth; and F. C. Lambert from Halesworth; the rest are members of the St. Michael's company. This peal was rung in honour of the Confirmation which took place on March 5th, and also as a welcome to the Bishop of Thetford, who will administer the rite on that date. This was the nearest day available to attempt a peal. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells; also Mr. R. Rnsh, the steeplekeeper, for having everything ready. It is over 60 years since five members of the company took part in a peal on ten bells in this tower.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' TEN-PART VARIATION.

ALBERT WALLWORK Treble	FRANCIS BRADSHAW 5
CHARLES SEDDON.. .. 2	JOHN HOWARD 6
THOMAS LINGARD.. .. 3	THOMAS HOWARD.. .. 7
DANIEL HOWARD.. .. 4	JOHN EDGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LINGARD.

*First peal. The ringer of the 5th hails from Whitefield. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Alice Lingard, mother of the conductor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Treble	HERBERT SHARP 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL* .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HARRY TYSON 3	JOHN W. BARBER.. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARBER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2	HARRY BARTON 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	GEORGE PERRY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

SIDNEY GASKIN* Treble	ALBERT NEWSON 5
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FREDERICK SALTER 3	FREDERICK C. BURROWS 7
OLIVER BULLMAN* 4	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT GEORGE THE FOURTH, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

BERTAM PREWETT .. 1-2	ERNEST PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Hewett.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 1-2.	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 3-4.
†ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5-6.	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

†First peal in any method, and rang at the first attempt.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5027 CHANGES.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. *First peal on twelve bells.

BEDFORD.—On February 16th, at St. Paul's Church, 504 Stedman Triples. L. Harlow, E. Tingey, J. Church, H. Tysoe, C. Chasty, F. Smith, H. Sharp (conductor), J. Ekins. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Captain Scott and his companions.

ELSTOW.—On February 3rd, 720 each of Cambridge, College Pleasure, London Scholars and College Exercise. L. Harlow, Miss E. Steel, H. Tysoe, H. Sharp, J. W. Barker (conductor), F. Webb. On February 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Tysoe, Miss D. Steel, J. W. Barker (conductor), Miss E. Steel, E. White, L. Harlow.

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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.

To the Editor.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

SIR,—I had thought this subject was dropped, but Mr. Lindoff's vain and boasting letter in your last issue provokes me to reply. Evidently he thinks Mr. Dains, Mr. Hattersley and myself are nothing better than fools in composition, and can be treated as such accordingly, or he would not have sent with his letter the two 5040s of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, which, like his other efforts, are merely extracts from peals published in the 1895 Appendix. The first 5040 is abstracted from a 5056, third peal on page 108, and the second may be abstracted by a school boy from the second peal given on page 117. As this is such a barefaced bit of priggish, and an attempt at fooling, I give the peals side by side.

6048.

5040.

	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-
*64235	-	-	-

	M	W	H
52436	-	-	-

*In this course add a bob at the wrong and the course-end 6 3 4 2 5 is brought up and the courses bracketted eliminated.

63425	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

63425	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

With this attempt to hoodwink us with the foregoing he has the impertinence to tell us that he is not like Dains given to idle boasting. Can idle boasting go further? He also states that these extracts are his peals, and his they will remain. I have no doubt they will in his imagination, but the discerning part of the Exercise will not be so deceived, but will estimate his efforts at their worth.

Yours &c.,

N. J. PITSTOW.

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AUTHORSHIP OF COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I am pleased to have drawn two more peals from Mr. Lindoff. These make four he says, and the others will come out later no doubt, and so make up the half dozen mentioned.

I see Mr. Lindoff has published two more of his peals, but they are not original, as they are extracted or adapted from old peals composed before he started peal-making, and these two examples do not convince us or remove our doubts already expressed, as to the possibility of his finding anything original in a composition of this class.

Your last two peals, Mr. Lindoff, are variations of the old composition published in our joint letter of November last, and obtained by interchangeable calling of bobs w and h, of which you must know and have entirely ignored.

Yours &c.,

H. DAINS.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

SIR,—Mr. Law James may say what he pleases about the Binomial Theorem, but Shipway's Superlative Royal is NOT Superlative, nor is Mr. James' Superlative Maximus Superlative. Superlative Royal can be had, but it is illegitimate owing to faulty lead ends. I have proved this privately to Mr. James.

Mr. Rowe's two "Methods" are both mongrels. The second has not got a full course, and it would be interesting to see how he proposes to get a true peal of the first.

Yours &c.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SUPERLATIVE.

SIR,—In a conversation with Mr. F. Dench he tells me the 5184 peal of Snperlative in two parts you published for me a month ago was published by him in the year 1904 in "THE BELL NEWS." That being so, I no longer claim it.

Yours &c.,

H. DAINS.

LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

SIR,—It is a pity those correspondents who object to the presence of women in the belfry do not reveal their identity by signing their names to what they put forward as their honest sentiments. They need not be alarmed for the safety of their windows, or dread a bomb, as others have with regard to ladies who want the reins of government. From a similar point of view, I see no valid reason to exclude women from the belfry, but is such procedure in accordance with the principles of the Church, or the spirit of Christianity? Let us hear from the clergy why some of them separate the males from the females at Divine worship. St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Corinthians, warns us that women are to observe silence in the Churches, and commanded to be under obedience to the men. In the belfry we have already allowed them to take charge of the peal, and I can quite understand why some men feel their inferiority and resentment. We may in the future, find them in the pulpit. Candidly I must confess my former praise of the cleverness of change-ringing has suffered a shock by finding the weaker sex so proficient, and my ambition in the past now appears to have been ridiculously employed. If boys and girls so easily catch on, where was the skill of my boasting? I

must admit defeat, and regret for my lack of talent in an art that comprises concentration, memory, and quickness of apprehension.

But why do we term this new phase of feminine activity the "Ladies' Guild?" We have a Guild in this parish composed of rich and poor. There is no distinction made. It is called the "Women's Guild." Is not the word "woman" sufficiently grandiloquent for our fair imitators? I know of no "Gentlemen's Guild." Why not? Are there no gentlemen ringers? Councils generally adopt the words "men" and "women" to distinguish the sexes, and where no favour is sought, it is practically the rule.

Yours, etc.

G. F. MARGETSON.

SIR,—I do not as a rule reply to anonymous letters that appear in newspapers without even the name of the town the writer resides in, but under the circumstances I think one must say something. I sincerely hope that lady ringers will take little notice of the remarks made by "Grandsire" and "Plain Bob," as I am sure from my experience with the North Bucks. branch that they do not express the feelings of ringers generally; on the contrary lady ringers are very welcome in the tower. In our own tower we have a lady ringer who is making great strides, and will, I hope, soon ring a peal.

Why it should be necessary to exclude the ladies from the tower, which I would remind "Plain Bob" is consecrated for the service of the Lord equal with other portions of the church, I fail to conceive. We all welcome ladies as churchworkers, and I think if our churchmen generally were to join the C.E.M.S. and put a little of the spare energy into church work in the same proportion as the ladies, the Church and Nation would benefit.

Yours &c.,

Bletchley, Bucks.

THOS. BEST, Junr.

SIR,—On considering this subject I put to myself several questions, and, receiving answers which satisfied myself, I should be willing at any time to give the same courtesy to a female ringer as to a male ringer, and would accept the assistance of a female ringer with equally as much pleasure as I would the assistance of a male ringer. These are the questions —

1. Is change-ringing an exhibition of brute force or the scientific application of brain and muscle?
2. Have females the requisite quality of brain power?
3. Have females the requisite quantity of brute force?
4. When was it regarded that males only should visit the belfry?

As to question 1, we consider that change-ringing is "the scientific application of brain and muscle." We admit that brute force is necessary when bells need the attention of the bell hanger. Those who rank highest in the ringing community (speaking generally) prefer, whether conducting or otherwise, to ring near the light end. As to questions 2 and 3 they are fully answered by the performances of female ringers. On question 4 stands the crux of the whole situation, and the answer is "until the ringing organisations raised the moral tone of the ringers."

We pride ourselves that our belfries are NOT AS THEY WERE. I can remember the time when, in my own district, I would not have introduced my sisters and wife to some of the companies, but the situation is now changed, and the companies in those same towers are always welcome at my home.

I have endeavoured to discuss this question coldly, My own experience as regards the presence of females in the belfry, and the conduct of male and female ringers towards each other is, as I sign myself, SUPERLATIVE.

MR. ROWE'S NEW METHODS.

SIR,—The first of Mr. Rowe's new methods does not look as though it would run true. It is known that the old Yorkshire Court, which is on a similar plan, does not run true. The second method is all right, but the plain course will only run three leads. I produced the thing years ago, with several others, with 2nds place for the plain leads, which gave 426375, and 642375 for the bob. There is the double method of the same thing, with the same lead-ends.

Yours, etc.,

J. J. PARKER.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

BOTTESFORD (Leicestershire).—On Thursday, January 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. T. Rawdin, D. Gilden, W. Turner, A. W. Ward, M. Bend, R. Bend, S. Baker, H. Thorlby. Conducted by A. H. Ward. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Ward.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD S.E.—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. H. Daynes, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, H. E. White, J. Law, E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), T. Easterby. On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, 1056 Bob Major, in 37 mins. T. Easterby, F. W. Richardson, F. Bennett, W. H. Daynes, A. G. Bennington, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor).

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was the home of a body of Augustinian canons, presided over by a mitred abbot. In the school there Thomas a Becket was educated. At Merton the peace between Henry III and the Dauphin Louis was concluded, and here Hubert de Burgh took sanctuary from the wrath of the King. It was at a Parliament held in the Abbey that the Statutes of Merton were drawn up. Walter de Merton, the founder of Merton College, Oxford, was educated at the Abbey, and at a later period another famous ecclesiastic, William of Wykeham, drew up ordinances for the regulation of the canons. After the Dissolution the Abbey was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Gregory Lovell, her "cofferer," on lease for twenty-one

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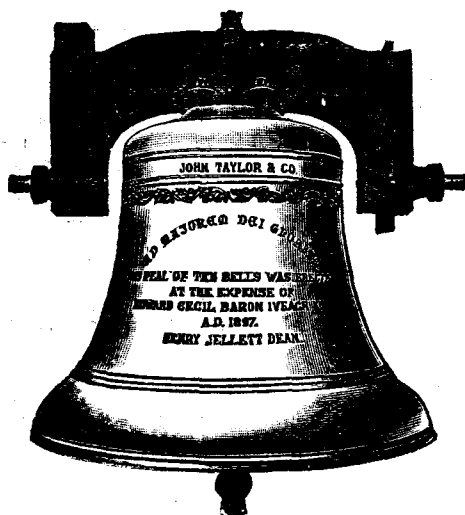
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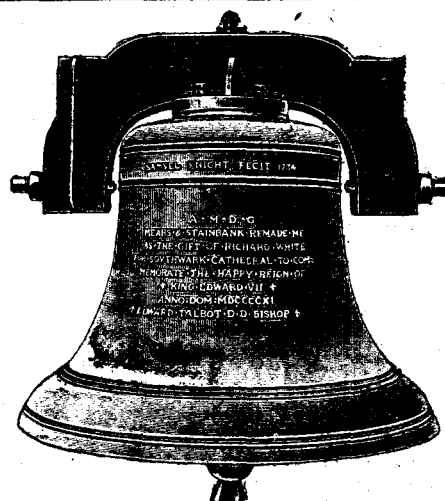
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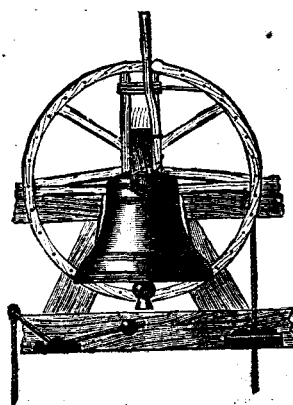
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As a tribute to the late Mr. F. T. Miller,
at Norwich, yesterday, a quarter-peal of
1264 changes of Bob Major was rung with
the bells half-muffled, at the Anglican
Church of St. John de Sepulchre. Mr.
Miller, who was a Roman Catholic, was a
generous friend to the poor of the parish
irrespective of creed.

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A WARNING TO RINGERS.

Two speakers at the annual Johnson dinner, of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, uttered a warning to the ringers as to the necessity of curtailing the number of peals rung, especially in populous places. Mr. F. E. Dawe thought the Central Council should do something in the way of influencing Church authorities and ringers to study the feelings of the general public in the matter; otherwise he feared there would be such a kick-up as would lead to drastic measures being adopted to put a stop to what many people have openly designated as a nuisance. There is no doubt, as we have before said, that to those who live close to a tower where peals are rung at frequent intervals, the continuous sound of the bells for three hours at a stretch is likely to pall on the nerves. Mr. Dawe went so far as to say that he would not be surprised if a Bill were introduced into Parliament to limit, if not to altogether prohibit the ringing of peals, especially at churches situated in densely populated areas. He urged that Church authorities should adopt some means of deadening the clang of the bells, and so mitigate the annoyance.

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the President of the Central Council, stated the matter in a similar strain, emphasising the fact that there was likely to be the most opposition from brain-workers than from those who were manual workers, since it was the former who would feel the most annoyance. He had, himself, found that brain work became difficult when accompanied by the sound of bells ringing at close quarters.

If such an enthusiast as Sir Arthur could feel annoyance at such times, how much greater would be the feeling in the case of some individual who had no sympathy with the Art, or with the Church. It is easily conceivable that a Government that lent sympathetic ears to agitations of all sorts, and whose action in regard to the Church in Wales might be taken as a prelude to what would happen to the Church in England, if opportunity was given, would seize the chance to get in the thin end of the wedge, were an agitation started on the lines alluded to. It is, therefore, incumbent on all lovers of the Art to so conduct themselves as to minimise to the fullest extent any cause of complaint. To this end there are two means—the first for ringers to so arrange peals as not to give cause for complaint at their frequency; the second to Church authorities who should take steps to reduce the noise of the bells to a minimum. By these means the evil day could be stayed, and it behoves us all to do our utmost to attain this end.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

ISLINGTON.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday evening, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. J. H. Hotten, A. D. Barker (conductor), R. N. Runham, A. H. Palmer, L. B. Porter, R. W. Freen, J. Bullock, H. E. Boggis.

THE LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY.

The ringers of St. John the Baptist had a very enjoyable outing to Chigwell Row on Saturday afternoon, March 8. They were accompanied by several of the West Ham strings, mustering to the number of twelve. One or two of the latter, such as Harry Long, Bill Steepleage, etc., had not recovered from the effects of a 5080 Treble Bob, rung a day or two previous. Sam Sharp had not taken part in this peal, but

Harry had turned the West Ham tenor in,
And wore two finger-stalls to save the skin;
His hands were sore, but there remained some hope
To-day he might defy the rope;
Bill called the peal upon the treble bell,
A little stiff, looked somewhat fagged as well;
While artful Sam, much more discreet than they,
Pitied their wounds, and smiling walked away;
Yet though they knew that pleasure leads to pain,
Here were they all on ringing bent again.

Arrived at the church of All Saints, the start was made with a 720 Kent Treble Bob, and later on, as the Surprise ringers arrived, a capital 720 of York was rung. A meat tea followed at the Maypole inn, and at the conclusion of a brief social, ringing was again the desideratum. Some Doubles was rung by the local ringers, who exhibited a keen desire to make progress in the Art. Ringing was thus continued for an hour or two, when another visit was paid mine host, who had studiously looked to our requirements. A course of Grandsire Triples by G. Black 1-2, J. Moule 3-4, W. Doran 5-6, G. F. Margetson, 7-8, was appreciated. Mr. Fiddes presided at the piano, but the reporter heard no songs! An interchange of friendly chat and attention to the inner man hastened on the time for departure. As we took leave of this beautiful place, with the pretty little church nestling beneath the mantle of night, the muse was busy suggesting:

How swift the hours have fled! With evening's close,
The village now is hushed in sweet repose;
Those bells have ceased, the ringers on their way
Now gossip o'er the pleasures of the day;
Pleased with the bells, admire their tone and "go,"
And think the "Maypole" landlord is just so;
Discuss the West Ham peal, another win,
If Harry will but turn the tenor in;
We wish them now good night and hear their vow
To honour us again at Chigwell Row. G. F. M.

The following were the 720s brought round: 720 Kent. A. Prior, A. Fiddies, H. Torble, H. Saffell, J. Moule, W. Theobald (conductor). 720 Kent. S. Sharp (conductor), A. Prior, W. Doran, F. Doran, G. F. Margetson, H. Torble. 720 York. S. Sharp, H. Torble, G. Dawson, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule. 720 London. H. Saffell, G. F. Margetson, W. Theobald, W. Miller, J. Moule (conductor), H. Torble. 720 Lincoln. G. F. Margetson, G. A. Black, H. Torble, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule.

SOME FUNERAL USES OF BELLS.

It was formerly a common practice not to toll a single bell at a funeral, but to chime all the bells, just as the funeral procession was approaching. At South Kelsey, in Lincolnshire, Anne Johnson, who died in 1848 at the age of ninety-six, requested that she might "be chimed to church as old people were when she was a girl." With reference to this, the following lines were composed:—

"Chime me to church and let no doleful knell
Be chimed from that old steeple grey;
The melody of pealing bells shall swell
Around me on my funeral day."

The custom is still fairly frequently observed, especially in Shropshire, where it is sometimes known as "ringing the joy bells"; about twenty-five parishes still keep up use. It is also known in Bedfordshire (three instances), Hunts. (two), Leicester, Lincoln (two), and at Epworth (for church officials), Northants, and Warwick. At Over Whitacre, Warwick, the bells are chimed after the ceremony; at Benefield and King's Sutton, Northants, both before and after. At Eye, Northants, the bells are rung for an adult and chimed for a child.

Nowadays the ordinary use as to toll a single bell either at an early hour on the morning of the funeral, or for an hour or so before the ceremony, sometimes with a few quick strokes as the procession reaches the churchyard. At St. Neots, Hunts., twenty strokes are given on each bell, the order being reversed for a woman. At Marsh Gibbon, Bucks., fifty strokes are tolled at 9 a.m.; at Staplehurst, Kent, the bell is tolled at 7 a.m.; and in seven Warwickshire parishes there is tolling at 7, 8, or 9. At Braunston, Rutland, there are three tollings at intervals of an hour; at on Atherstone on Stour, Warwick, tolling every two hours from 8 to 2. Sometimes a "Bearer's Bell" or "Invitation Bell" is rung as a warning for the procession to get ready to start; of this there are twenty-one instances in Lincolnshire, and five in Bucks.; others in Herts., Hunts., Northants., and Warwickshire.

A bell is also frequently rung after the ceremony; at Flitwick, Beds., five strokes are given on the tenor. Of the use of the "tellers" at funerals we have already spoken. The age of the deceased is tolled at South Luffenham, Rutland, and Exhall, near Coventry; and at Burley, Rutland, sex is indicated by tolling different bells. At Hempstead, Gloucestershire, the age is indicated, twenty strokes at a time, after the funeral.

Bells are also tolled on the occasion of the death or funeral of important personages. At St. Paul's Cathedral the great hour-bell in the south-west tower is tolled for the death and funeral of members of the royal family, the Bishop or Dean of London, and the Lord Mayor if he dies during his mayoralty. At Westminster Abbey the great bell is only used to toll for the death of the Dean or any member of the royal family. At Shrewsbury the town bell is tolled for the death of the mayor or royalty.

Then there was the Obit Bell in former times for those who could afford it. Its purpose is clearly seen at Boston, where at the obit or "mind-day" of Richard Benynton and Joan his wife, a bellman exhorted the people to pray for all Christian souls, and to say an Ave and a Paternoster for charity's sake. At Bury St. Edmunds John Baret's neighbours had not finished with him when his Trental was over; for he made arrangements for a grand musical celebration every year on the anniversary of his death. First, the bellmen were to have "iiijd to go yearly abewte the town at my yeer-day for my soule and for my faderis and modrys." Secondly, that "each year that his year-day falleth, at twelve of the clock of the noon next, the sexton do the chimes smite Requiem eternam," and so continue seven nights after the octave of his year-day was passed.

One gain, at any rate, from the Reformation is that it has put a stop to John Baret's requiem eternam! Other obits or "mind-day" peals of which we have record, are at Leicester for the Earl of Huntingdon, and at Peterborough in 1477 "for the yere time of Abbot Genge." The Priory of Usk was charged to pray for Dr. Adam and "rynging of his mynd every yere vjd." In 1501 Sir Adam Outlaw, of West Lynn, Norfolk, bequeathed three acres to the parish clerk to ring a peal on the vigil of his year-day. At St. Paul's, Stamford, about 1494, three peals were ordered to be rung on the day of the general feast for the souls of the brethren and sisters deceased of the Guild of St. Katherine: there was also to be special ringing within thirty days of the decease of any member. The clerk was to be paid 2d., and bread, cheese, and ale given to the ringers. All these were of course abolished at the Reformation, but commemorative peals of a similar type survived in a more secular guise.

Muffled peals are frequently rung in all parts of the country to commemorate the death of royalty or other great personages, or for local notabilities, or for ringers. At Colchester St. Peter on the day of Lord Beaconsfield's funeral in 1881, the tenor was tolled muffled from 3 to 3.30, followed by a muffled peal till 5, and then a half-muffled peal till 7, after which the Earl's age was tolled on the muffled tenor.

At Horningham, Wilts., a muffled peal used to be rung at the funeral of an unmarried girl, and it was known as her "wedding peal." Commemorative peals are rung at Holbeach in Lincolnshire, on the first Sunday after Christmas and New Year's Eve in memory of local personages, and at Holy Trinity, Coventry, on January 24th, for one T. Smith. At St. Peter's, Dorchester, the bells are muffled and chimed backwards on the death of a ringer.

Commemorative peals of an ordinary kind are also rung in some places by bequest or otherwise. At Cardington, Beds., a peal is rung on June 21st, by bequest of Oliver Peach in 1715; at Peterborough by bequest of Matthew Wyldbore in 1781; at Harlaxton, Lincolnshire, on January 11th, in memory of Nicholas Harley, a ringer, who died in 1826. At Saffron Walden, Essex, a memorial sermon is preached to the ringers on June 27th, by bequest of Thomas Turner, who died in 1623; but it is not stated whether a peal was rung. At Wentnor, Shropshire, a "Dead Man's Peal" is rung on the night of Church Stretton Fair (the last Thursday in November), in memory of a Wentnor man who perished in crossing the Long Mynd on a wintry night. The peal was supposed to guide subsequent travellers in a like case. The Ancient Society of Ringers at St. Stephen's, Bristol, is bound to ring nine peals a year in memory of deceased benefactors.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The thirty-second annual report of this Guild has reached us, and we take the opportunity to make a short summary of it. The Secretary (Mr. Albert E. Reeves), after thanking the keen and devoted Master, whose aid had considerably lessened the difficulties attaching to the secretarial duties, tenders thanks to the branch secretaries for their ready and spontaneous help. He then notes the fact that four new towers have been added to the Guild during the year, viz., Cookham, Sympson, Beachampton and Shinfield, though the number of members remains about the same as the previous year. During the year the Guild rang 122 peals.

The report of the Ringing Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) opens with the statement that the Guild is alive and notes the widely expressed appreciation of the festival at Oxford. It then deals with the movement for increasing the number of branches, saying it would be well if branches were established all over the diocese. The 122 peals rung constituted a record, and included 15 in Surprise Methods. Numerous members had rung their first peal or first peal in a method, and many new conductors figure in the peal

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records, among them Messrs. Abery, Bungay, Eeles, Janes, Wm. Judge, Lambert and Rance; Messrs. Buckland, Gutteridge, Jacques, Mynard, Sear and Welling have conducted peals in new methods. Others have conducted the more complicated method:—Messrs. E. W. Menday (Bristol Surprise), G. F. Williams (Erin Caters), and C. A. Valentine (a Minor peal, containing London and Cambridge Surprise), in each case the first by the Guild. The report also deals with some of the imperfections that prevail among ringers, such as turning up late for practices, peals and services, not making enough of branch meetings, not ringing on Ascension Day, and neglect of the duty of worship; in all of which imperfections the Oxford Diocesan Guild does not stand alone. The memorial to the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the tour in the Witney district, and the presentation to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis are also dealt with, and the report concludes with a commendation of the work of the able and painstaking Secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves.

The treasurer reports a satisfactory financial position, but a declining balance, and thanks those members of the Guild who had a share in the delightful presents made to him at Oxford.

The number of members of the Guild reaches a total of 1852, made up as follows: Non-ringing 194, ringing 1430, probationers 227; number of towers affiliated 155. Both numbers establish a record. Among conductors Mr. G. F. Williams leads with 19, and is the only one to score double figures.

The peals rung include: London Surprise Major 2, Bristol Surprise Major 3, Superlative Surprise Major 7, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Erin Caters 1, Stedman Caters 7, Grandsire Caters 2, Double Norwich Court

Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob Major 9, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 2, Stedman Triples 21, Oxford Bob Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 23, Treble Bob Minor 14, Bob Minor 6, Minor (various) 10, Grandsire Doubles 1; total 122.

Nine members of the Guild died during the year, viz., Mrs. W. Smith (Wargrave), Messrs. J. Basden (Hanwell), A. W. Reeves (Caversham), E. Bailey (Reading), W. Hands (Sonning), A. R. Jacob (London), R. Smith (Maidenhead), W. Robbins (Henley), and Rev. R. Tomlinson (Vicar of Finchampstead).

The balance sheet shows a balance of £28 15s. 8d. in hand, with £32 2s. 7d. in the bank as a reserve fund.

The peal record for the year is held by Mr. W. H. Fussell, with 31 to his credit, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn coming next with 26, and Mr. R. Buckland following with 26. Altogether 266 members took part in peals, 37 of them sharing the honours of conducting.

Going back over the records it is interesting to note that since the Guild started in 1881, with 314 members, it has steadily increased in only one year, 1904, has there been a decrease. Similarly the number of towers in union has increased from 22.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Tuesday, March 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1913 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. F. Daie, H. Jenkins, E. Cutsforth, H. Rodmell, G. Dowling, C. Jackson (composer and conductor), L. Rodmell, F. Morrison. This touch contains the twenty-four 6 7s at back, and the extent of 7-5-4-3 and 2-6s at the backstroke.

HONOUR FOR BELLFOUNDERS.

We note that the old established firm of Charles Carr, Ltd., Woodland Works, Smethwick, have recently had the honour of being placed on the Crown Agents list for the Colonies, for alloys, and anti-friction metals, castings in ail non-ferrous metals, and balls. Messrs. Carr report business as good, they having in hand several important contracts for rehangia work; also large orders for the British and Foreign Governments.

BY ROYAL WARRANT

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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,—Frankly I am disappointed. I thought that the champions of the lady ringers would gather to the battle, and though I did not expect any reason, I did expect some fun. And behold—three letters. Try as I may, and goodness knows I have tried with both hands, I cannot extract from the three any profit and precious little pleasure. Mr. Best, junior (one fully agrees that he cannot be senior) says he does not as a rule reply to anonymous letters. Why not, O sapient Mr. Best? Truth is truth, no matter who speaks it. Would you believe me any the more if I signed my very own name? I trow not. "But" says he "under the circumstances one must say something." Why not say it then? Really he must have another attempt. I cannot see that he has said anything yet. I am duly grateful to him for reminding me that "the tower is consecrated for the service of the Lord equal with other portions of the Church. "Equally" would have sounded just as well and been rather better grammar; but to pass that—who denied his statement? In the experience of twenty years as a ringer and more as a churchman, I never came across another ringer, from the parson downwards (or upwards, please yourself) who did not fully assent to this in theory and deny it in practice. This is a hard saying, the meaning whereof is hid from the wise and prudent, and not necessarily revealed to such as Mr. Best. Nevertheless, like everything else I say, it is true. Then I come to our dear friend Mr. Margetson. I read his letter once, and I thought he was against me; I read it twice, and I was doubtful of what he meant; I read it thrice, and now I am quite sure I don't know what he meant. He too objects to our writing anonymously. I will let him into a secret. The reason, my dear Sir, is modesty, nothing but modesty. Could anything else induce a man of my calibre to hide his brilliant light under a bushel? He has somewhat to say about St. Paul. Poor old St. Paul! What wrong he has suffered at the hands of interpreters and commentators! I should have thought if he had said anything about lady ringers at all it was that women should be passive in Church and take no active part in the offices or ritual. How far ringing is part of the offices and ritual of the Church let the experts decide. They include neither Mr. Margetson nor me.

In one thing Mr. Margetson goes further than I should ever dare. He calls the lady ringers "women." Surely he must remember the feelings of Mistress Quickly when thus addressed by Sir John Falstaff. Worse still, your correspondent "Superlative" calls them "females." We are getting on. Presently a writer will term them "persons," and then the cup of reproach will be full. Mr. Superlative may be a lady (his title shews that I am not the only modest person) and since I chose to think he is a lady I will leave him to his congenial task of setting up and knocking down dolls; otherwise asking and answering convenient questions. I had intended to have laid down and proved a series of propositions shewing why the presence of ladies, women, females or persons is undesired (mark not undesirable) in our belfries. But time fails, and

I will leave it for the moment. One thing I will promise. When I deal with the matter seriously I will sign my own name. But let me tell you this straightly: I am not going to argue with fathers of lady ringers, husbands of lady ringers, lovers of lady ringers, nor lady ringers themselves. These all are outside the pale of reason.

Yours etc.,

PLAIN BOB.

SIR,—I do not think that ringers as a body really object to lady ringers, providing that they are sincere, and do not upset the remainder of the band by causing them to waste a lot of time going over the same ground so many times. In some cases the indifferent striking on the part of some of the ladies has caused resentment amongst the "mere men," but happily this is not often the case, for some of our lady ringers handle and strike their bells much better than ringers of years standing. "Grandsire" asks why don't ladies go in for handbell ringing, and I must echo the cry Why? At present only two or three ladies have shown their ability in this direction, and as some of our male and female ringers openly declare that handbell peals are much more easy than tower bell peals, perhaps they will shew us how easy it is to pick up any pair of bells and ring them through a peal. I quite agree with Mr. Margetson as to the term "Ladies Guild." It sounds very nice to speak in the term "Lady Ringer," but in my opinion the term "Ladies Guild" suggests too high a meaning.

Yours, etc.

W. SHEPHERD.

MANUSCRIPTS WANTED.

SIR,—May I use your columns to ask if any of my brother members of the Yorkshire Association—especially those in the neighbourhood of Bradford—know anything of the whereabouts of some change-ringing manuscripts by a certain Mr. Blease, a south country ringer long since deceased. They were the property of the late Robert Tuke, for many years the respected Hon. Treasurer of the Association, before he left Bradford for America, where he met with his fatal accident.

My brother Jasper's notes state that from this ms. he gathered that Shipway composed the peal of Superlative Surprise that was rung in Wakefield about 1826, and which was afterwards proved false.

It is quite possible that Mr. Tuke presented them to one or other of his Bradford friends, and I am quite willing to pay registration and postage both ways if I gain an examination of them for a day or two. I fear I am going back some 20 years or more, so quickly does time fly. Thanking you, I am,

Yours etc.

WM. SNOWDON.

24, Springfield Mount, Leeds.

"CLOCKING."

SIR,—With further reference to the correspondence re danger of "clocking," I should like to point out that from my experience, which covers some 55 years, I have not known of a single instance where "clocking" has cracked the bells; in my opinion "bumping" has done more harm. This is frequently due to the fact that beginners have not been taught the correct method of pulling a bell. The

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art of learning bell ringing is in letting the beginner pull pull the bell up. This method may take longer, but is the better one in that there is no risk of the bell bumping as in the case of a beginner learning on a bell already raised. The learner should be kept on this practice until he has completely mastered the bell. I have chimed tunes on six bells for years. Bells are often neglected; too much importance cannot be attached to the necessity of quarter-turning. Owing to the clapper striking continually in one place -- the sound bow in time wears very thin, which is another cause of bells becoming cracked.

Yours etc.,

RICHARD GOODBOURN.

Wrotham, March 10, 1913.

MR. ROWE'S NEW METHODS.

SIR,—Will you please convey, through the medium of your paper, my thanks to Mr. J. J. Parker for kindly replying to methods in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 1st. They were among some notes of mine, and were not my composition, but were sent to "THE BELL NEWS" to find out if they were legitimate or not. I have just completed a collection on six bells, and commenced to make up the same an seven.

Yours etc.,

Cheshunt, Hunts.

H. G. ROWE.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

SIR,—Mr. Trollope's letter is just what I should have expected from him. He says that "Shipway's Superlative Royal is not Superlative . . . I have proved this privately to Mr. James."

He certainly did write to me about the matter, and he certainly did try to prove his statement, but his proof would not bear one moment's inspection, for it depends entirely on his own ideas of how a method ought to extend.

Now Shipway shewed us how Superlative actually does extend to ten bells, and his system of extending it from eight to ten will, when continued, extend it also to 12, 14, 16, etc., and yet Mr. Trollope expects us to accept his arbitrary rules of extension. This system of going to work will not do; no two minds think alike, and we shall have as many different sets of arbitrary rules as we have thinkers. Lay down no arbitrary rules, but simply follow the figures and see where they lead to.

Yours etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR—As your readers now have before them the general substance of the introductory chapters of the coming book on "The Surprise Methods," I am writing to invite criticism on any points where I may be thought to have put forward doubtful facts, or otherwise be "standing on thin ice." I can promise careful attention to any such, but cannot necessarily guarantee a reply, simply for want of time. Any new lights will be acknowledged as to their source.

In the matter of Mr. Law James's letter I am pleased to note that—taking the points in rotation—he foresees danger to his specimens, a more inferior collection than which could hardly be conceived. Again, I am pleased to note his astounding historical ignorance, for if this is at all general the book should supply a real want. One thing I am sorry to note, viz., that he has so far condescended to misconstrue some perfectly plain writing as to make his letter contain

an inaccuracy calculated to damage my statements. Doubtless this is an oversight he will probably put right. I cannot but believe that your valued correspondent would wish his name to be entitled to honourable enrolment in the "Book of Jasher," and if so he will doubtless remember that battles are to be fought—if fought at all—with true weapons, and in a true spirit.

Yours etc.,

WILLIAM SNOWDON.

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SIR,—To obtain a 5040 of my No. 1 method, published last week, if the bob at 1 in second course of first part is made a single instead of bob, and the bob at 1 in fifth course of same part is omitted altogether, and the next four parts called exactly as given, the quarter-peal end will be 263457. Repeat the whole three times gives the 5040.

Yours etc.,

GEORGE ASTBURY.

A

234567	I	3
234756	-	
234576	S	
247653	-	-
275364	-	-
254367	-	
246735	-	-

B

246735	I	3
246573	-	
246357	-	
265734	-	-
253476	-	-
237645	-	-
274563	-	-
257346	B	
235674	B	
263457	B	

Call A once and B four times gives 263457. Repeat the whole three times gives the 5040 with both treble and second doing plain course work throughout.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major. T. King, W. Hewitt, C. T. Coles, J. Armiger Trollope, R. Saunders, T. Groombridge, jnn., A. W. Grimes (conductor), W. P. Ye.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1913.

In a letter on another page of this issue Mr. Snowdon invites criticism of the articles dealing with "Surprise Methods," which have appeared in our columns under his name. His idea seems to be that there may be difficult points which critics may be able to clear up, or may wish to express an opinion upon; or, again, weak ones that may be strengthened: so that when published in book form, as is ultimately intended, there may be no inaccuracies to detract from its usefulness as a guide to the "Surprise Methods." He undertakes to give careful consideration to any points that may be raised, but does not guarantee a reply. What we take that to mean is that he will not be able to reply to individual critics, as the time at his disposal will not allow that. He will, however, gather up the points and answer them collectively. At all events, any hints which may be given, calculated to make the book clearer or more useful, will be appreciated and considered, and, where suitable, incorporated, with an acknowledgement of the source of information when the case demands it.

For the present the publication of the articles is suspended but will be resumed in due course.

Correspondents and others are reminded that as Friday in next week is Good Friday, we shall go to Press on Thursday. It will therefore be necessary that all matter intended for publication in our next issue should reach us by the first post on Wednesday morning.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIFLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

HENRY C. KILN Treble	THOS. HENRY HAWKINS .. 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6
THOMAS G. DEAL 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON .. 4	FREDK. H. GOOCH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES,

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Duffield Major by all the band, and the second peal rung in London, First peal in the method by the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. DORAN Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
AUGUSTUS SCAMBLER 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 7
WILLIAM H. THOROLD 3	JOHN MOULE 8
JAMES SCHOLES 4	GEORGE HAYDEN 9
WILLIAM TESS 5	HENRY TORRE Tenor

Composed by YONK GREEN, and Conducted by W. H. DORAN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTTERHEATH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIFLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON .. 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6
THOMAS G. DEAL 3	HENRY E. DARE 7
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 4	GEORGE J. HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

*First peal away from the tenor.

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

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS WALKER Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	FREDK. J. HARDY 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Henry Springall.

The Provinces.**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, March 6 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.****Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.**

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. George, A. R. Macdonald, and C. J. Fray.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.****Tenor 27 cwt. in D.**

FRANCIS J. LEWIS Treble	CHARLES E. BARTLETT 5
J. CHARLES EDEN 2	H. TOM GARDNER 6
CHARLES BEECH 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 7
H. CHARLES BOND 4	WILFRED G. COOK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late D. G. Bingham, Esq., who by his many generous gifts to the town is best described as Cirencester's Munificent Benefactor. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.****Tenor 17 cwt.**

ALFRED PYE Treble	GEORGE H. JAYE 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	WESLEY WATSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Heywood's Variations.****Tenor 11½ cwt.**

EDWIN BEEZE Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEOFFREY WOODHALL 6
HENRY FYLES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS JENNION 4	FRED CROSBY Tenor

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. The above peal was arranged by Mr. G. R. Newton, but owing to a slight accident was unable to stand in. The tenor man was proposed a member of the above Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1284 changes). T. Easterby, F. I. Hairs, E. F. Pike, A. G. Bennington, F. Bennett (conductor), E. B. Crowder, F. W. Richardson, W. J. Jeffries.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****PARKER'S SIX-PART.****Tenor 14½ cwt**

HERBERT GREEN Treble	ARTHUR JONES 5
JOHN EDMONDSON 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON 6
SAM BATEMAN 3	JOHN MCKELL 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

Messrs. Jones and McKell are from Gargrave; the rest are local ringers. The peal was rung in honour of the Confirmation, and also as a welcome to the Bishop of Richmond. *First peal of Grandsire.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

WILLIAM A. NORMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM JACQUES 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Harlow, it being his 51st peal, and first of Treble Bob with an inside bell.

BARLEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,****A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of thirty 6-scores of Grandsire and twelve of Plain Bob, Grandsire called ten different ways, and Plain Bob four different ways.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM PEACHEY .. Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 3
HARRY HOWARD 2	WALTER MANSFIELD 4

ROBERT KING Tenor.

Conducted by R. HOWARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H. Slater, one of the respected members of the Barley Society. R. G. King hails from Royston, and this was his first peal of Doubles.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

VICTOR CORNELL .. Treble	HENRY DENT 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2	HARRY CHICK 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	WM. R. JNO. POULSON .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

V. Cornell hails from Little Waldingfield, and it is his first peal. First peal of Minor by W. Dent.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church on March 6th, for a Confirmation by the Bishop of Kingston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Whanslaw, A. Hubbard, W. Honeybell, J. Kent, A. Jones, T. Bolton, B. Morris (conductor), C. Collis, sen. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt. After the Confirmation on the same date, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. H. Whanslaw, A. Hubbard, W. Honeybell, A. Cutmore, J. Kent (conductor), T. Bolton, B. Morris, C. Collis, sen. First quarter-peal as conductor.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY* Treble	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOSEPH CHATLEY* 2	HENRY REEVES 6
THOMAS HULL† 3	*FREDERICK JEVES 7
LEWIS GOODENOUGH 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

*First peal in the method. *First on an inside bell. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first since being overhauled by Messrs. Gray of Hertford.

LIVERSEDGK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SID GOODALL Treble	W. THOMAS 5
J. F. CLAYTON 2	W. BREARLEY 6
W. H. SENIOR 3	F. ROBINSON 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	*F. THORPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

*First peal. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast by Mr. Thorpe at the local ringers' headquarters.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN* .. Treble	*DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 5
ERNEST E. LANHAM 2	PETER LAFLIN 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEO. WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

NATHAN PATMORE Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2	HENRY WALLACE 5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5
ESSE ELDRIDGE 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
Cecil C. MAYNE* 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
HARRY BUNGAY* 4	GEORGE ALLDRE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

*First peal in the method.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild).

On Monday, March 10, 1913 in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Treble	FREDK. WHITE 4
FRED CHALK 2	CHARLES J. MANN 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 3	ARTHUR APPLETON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by Arthur Appleton. Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles J. Mann.

Handbell Peal.

NEW CROSS, LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 3, HART'S LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE M. BENNETT 1-2	WALTER S. WISE 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4	FRANK I. HAIES 7-8

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the riser of 5-6. This was the conductor's 200th peal. Umpired by the composer of the peal.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch).

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT 72, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

HARRY THORPE 1-2	WILLIAM G. THORPE .. 3-4
SIDNEY PROCTOR 5-6	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpires—Miss K. S. Proctor and Mr. H. Proctor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Thorpe and Miss K. S. Proctor.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2	E. MADRICE ATKINS .. 5-6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7-8
FRANK F. MARTIN 9-10	

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by GEORGE PRICE.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith. *First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, other than on 9-10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOLS, STAR STREET, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 5-6
MISS EORTH K. PARKER* 3-4	E. MAUSICE ATKINS .. 7-8
*WILEY J. HARELL 9-10	

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

*First peal in the method. E. M. Atkins's 50th peal on handbells.

PEAL DEDICATION AT OATLANDS.

Oatlands, a Thames-side parish in Surrey, has just acquired a peal of eight bells. The church has been built many years, but hitherto one bell has sufficed as a call to the worshippers. The scheme for putting up the peal has now been successfully carried out, the church authorities having secured the musical octave which Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, had on exhibition at the Crystal Palace Festival of Empire. The peal are a set of admirable castings, and in tone leave nothing to be desired, the trebles being a particularly good feature. The tenor is 12 cwt. in G. and the total weight is 52 cwt. Each bell bears the name of the founders and the inscription: "Cast in the first year of the reign of King George V. 1911."

The dedication of the bells took place on Sunday week at the ordinary service, for which the old single bell that has been used for many years, was rung. When it ceased, the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung while the clergy and choir passed on their way to the foot of the tower. At a given signal the bells were chimed in rounds and changes, together with two verses of the processional hymn by Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham. A thanksgiving service was held in the afternoon, when the first touch, a 312 Stedman Triples, was rung by A. F. Shepherd, W. Shepherd (conductor), F. J. Shepherd, W. A. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, F. Shepherd, E. Harding, J. Emery. Afterwards two touches of Grandsire were brought round, conducted by F. J. Shepherd and G. Woodiss respectively. After the service 192 Double Norwich and 84 Stedman Triples were brought round, both conducted by W. Shepherd. At the tea, kindly provided by the Rev. J. H. Townsend, some 15 or 17 sat down, and after the thanks of the company had been ably voiced by Mr. F. Shepherd, sen., a move was made for the tower to ring for evening service. A 224 of Bob Major, conducted by F. White, was brought round, followed by three courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Shepherd.

Many ringers visited the belfry during the day amongst whom were Messrs. Robert and Andrew Warner, Mr. Duncan F. Christy, and four of the Spitalfields Foundry band. Ringers were also present from Ashted, Ewell, Twickenham, Kingston, Chertsey, Walton, Woking, Portsmouth, and Hersham.

An experiment has been made in closing up the apertures in the tower with glass screens, instead of erecting unsightly louver. What has been used is known as "armoured" glass, which is bedded in lead let into oak panelling, and the success of the experiment is unquestionable. Standing beneath the tower, the sound is splendidly deadened, yet every one in the peal can be heard. While thus successfully fulfilling the main purpose of the experiment, the glass has other advantages, for while softening and keeping out the weather, it affords plenty of light in the bell-chamber, a place where, as a rule, light has been a last consideration.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The March meeting of this branch was held at the Parish Church, Todmorden, on Saturday last, members attending from the home tower, Unitarians, Walsden, Middleton, Glodwick, Oldham, Heywood, Newhey, Milnrow, Ashton, Pendleton, Colne, Liverpool, Walkden, Bolton, Blackburn, Eccles, and Helmsford. Mr. Crabtree was in the chair, and among other business transacted was the election of five new members. Leesfield was chosen for the next meeting. The bells were set going at three o'clock, and kept on till nine, the methods practised including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

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Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar, or Mr. W. Doggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton, Cambs.

WISBECH (Cambs).—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, the tenor covering, F. W. Carter, S. Andrews, R. Narborough, T. Haines, G. Piggins, H. Banham, H. Cheesewright. Conducted by S. Andrews, and was his first 720 as conductor. First 720 on these bells by the ringer of the treble, and the first time this particular 720 has been rung by any of the band. For Confirmation Service on Wednesday, March 5th, several touches of Minor and Bob Doubles, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Banham, Andrews, Haines and Piggins, A. W. Wenlock ringing his first 120.

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CHURCH RESTORATION.

The Rev. J. E. Potts, rector of Thurcaston, near Leicester, appeals for help in restoring the tower and west end of the church. Hugh Latimer was born at Thurcaston in 1490. He was made Bishop of Worcester in 1535, and was burnt at Oxford in 1555. The latest part of the parish church, within a few yards of which Latimer's house was situated, was completed before he was born. The parishioners have obtained through their architects, Messrs. Stockdale Harrison and Sons, of Leicester, an estimate from Messrs. John Thompson and Co., of Peterborough, for the restoration of the tower for £1,150. To this must be added £200 for rehangng the six bells, £150 for other works necessary to put the fabric of the Church in repair, and £100 for architects' fees and other expenses, making in all £1,608.

The Parish Church of Bromyard, Herefordshire, was reopened last week, after restoration of the nave and

aisles. The church had long suffered from the large number of facultied pews. Two years ago an effort was commenced to re-floor and re-seat the Church. Several mural arches hidden behind the old pews have been discovered and restored. A Norman doorway in the north aisle has been restored and opened out.

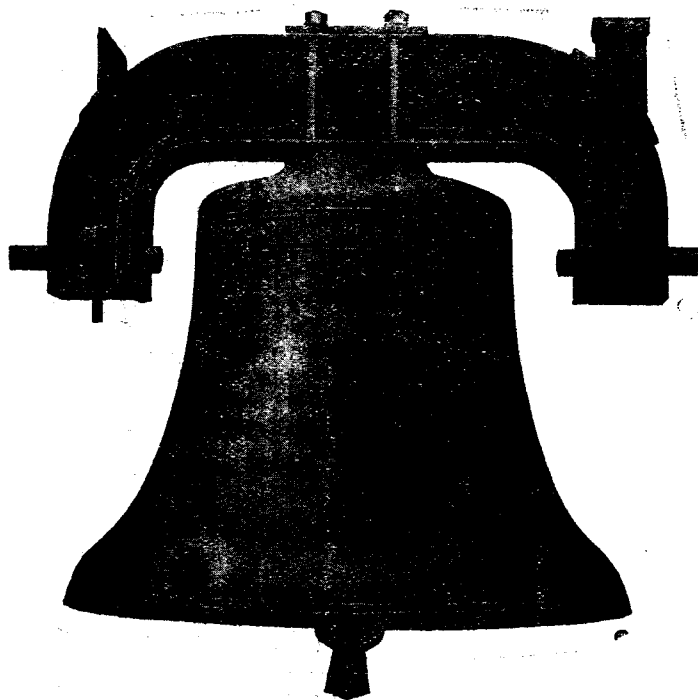
Last week the Bishop of Southwell dedicated a new north aisle which has been added to the village Church of Morton Holy Cross, Derbyshire. Sixty years ago the old Church suffered from an over zealous restoration, and was roughly handled. Fortunately, many fragments of the ancient Saxon Church have been recently brought to light, and the mediaeval screen which has served the purpose of a reredos, has been restored and replaced in its original position. The new aisle, which has been designed by Mr. Gladwyn Turbutt, has a hammer-beam oak roof, the shields of the patrons of Morton from Saxon days being carved on the ends of the beams.

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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 Saturdays.

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.

70, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th. A service will be held at 5 p.m. with an address by the Rev. Canon Harvey, of Dewsbury, Yorks. Tea at 6 o'clock. 7d. each with meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new President, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist (10), from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

C. T. COLLES,
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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. BULFIT,
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The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tonstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after light refreshments.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury

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.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

J. H. HAYDOCK, Br. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available—St. Matthew's (10) and Rushall (6), from 11 a.m. Rushall tower—penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's Church at 4. Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General Meeting to follow. Kindly send word not later than Tuesday, 18th inst., to H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

The Midland Counties Association.—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's, and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee Meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each), and General Meeting at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Hardy, 3, Wright Street, St. Peter's Lane by March 20th at the latest. The towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Colgrave, Notts

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 23rd. Towers open at 1 p.m. St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), and St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of 6 earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the

Cathedral (choral) at 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday, to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. All ringers welcome. Meat tea 6d. each to members, others 1s. 3d. each.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

"Duffield," St. Albans.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar in St. Thomas' Church, at 1.45 prompt. General Meeting in the Forester's Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8); Oldswinford (8); and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the Branch Secretaries, and Reports obtained in the choir vestry, between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.

Bransford, Worcester.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 24th, at Epsom. Both towers—St. Martin's and Christ Church—will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's at 5 p.m. Business meeting after.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Easter Monday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea at Foster's Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 19th inst.

Fareham

J. WHITING, Dis. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells—St. Mary's (8), and All Saints (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea at Plumb's, Confectioner, 9d. each. Meeting in St. Mary's Room. Short service at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to be present please notify

F. T. COOKS, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The Annual General Meeting will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service with address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, will be held in St. James's Church at 3 p.m. Bells available—St. James's (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), Rougham (6), Great Barton (6), Fornham St. Martin (6). Dinner, followed by usual business meeting will be held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.15 p.m., 1s. to members, 2s. to non-members. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 19th.

T. R. DENNIS, General Secretary

33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11. Dinner at All Hallows Mission Room at 1. General Meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10), will be available except from 11 to 12, and from 5 to 6; and at St. Peter's (6) except from 3.30 to 5.30.

A. RUST, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. Motions for the Agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

ALBERT E. REEVES, Secretary.

LAVENHAM.—On Tuesday evening, March 4th, in the tower, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (9 bobs 6 singles). C. King, A. Symonds, G. Lambert, W. R. J. Poulson, S. H. Symonds (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by C. King, who attained the age of 15 years on the following Sunday.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 2 hrs. 19 mins. the treble man missed catching his rope. A. Thorpe, W. R. J. Poulson, G. Lambert, S. H. Symonds (conductor), T. W. Garrard, A. Symonds, T. Reed, J. King.

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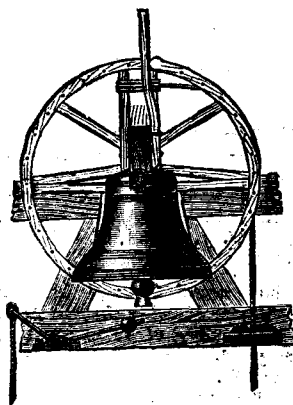
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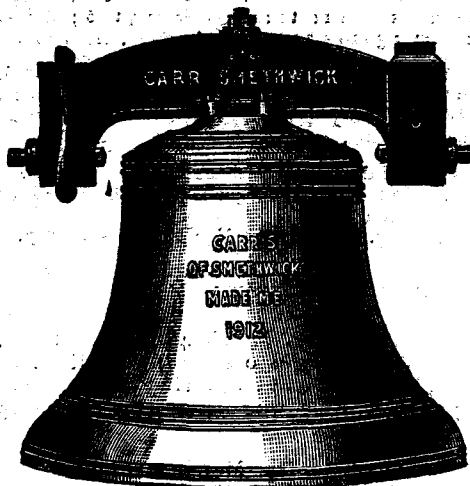
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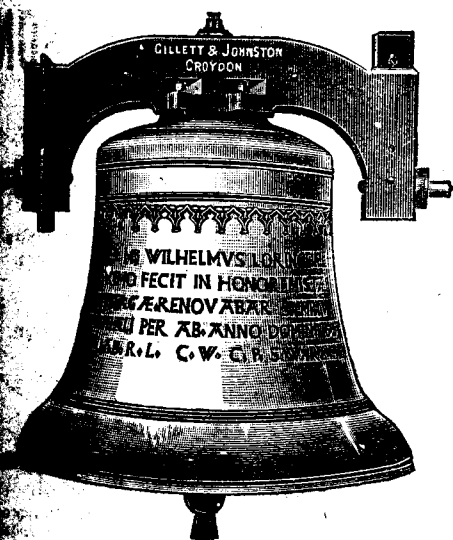
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to be present. It is furnished rather bare
but has a good altar cloth, presented
Queen Victoria. The windows, which
of stained glass, are memorials to mem-
bers of the Royal Family.

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ST. PETER'S BELLS, COLCHESTER.

RE-DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF COLCHESTER.

The bells of St. Peter's, Colchester were re-dedicated on Thursday evening March 13th, at a special service, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, the Right Rev. Dr. Whitcombe, who was assisted by the Rev. C. Triffit Ward, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. E. J. Goodchild, B.A., Curate.

In addition to the recasting of the bells, two steel girders have been placed for the strengthening of the frame, immediately under same. The first six bells bear the names of those providing for the recasting, viz. :—

Treble.—The Rev. C. Triffit Ward, Vicar, and Mrs. Triffit Ward.

2.—The Churchwardens, Messrs. A. Polley and T. M. Loyd.

3.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simkin.

4.—The executors of the late Miss Walker.

5.—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Frost.

6.—Miss Hewitt and Mr. W. W. Hewitt, of Dedham.

Tenor.—“This peal of eight bells cast in 1763 by Lester and Pack, of London. Rev. Wm. Smythies, Vicar, Robt. Duke, Jas. Robgent, Churchwardens, and recast 1913. C. Triffit Ward, Vicar, A. Polley, T. M. Loyd, Churchwardens. This bell was re-cast at the expense of the parishioners, congregation and friends.”

There was a large congregation at the dedication service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and the hymns included “Rejoice to-day with one accord,” “Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,” and Psalm cl. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung as the clergy were returning, and the Bishop entering the pulpit preached an appropriate sermon, taking his text from the 10th verse of Psalm cxlv. “All Thy works praise Thee O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee.” Having traced the history of bell-making and referred to the romantic history of many church bells, and the notes of joy and sorrow they had uttered, the Bishop concluded with an earnest address to bellringers, urging them to do all their work to the glory of God, saying that there was a danger that in the practice of an art they might forget the inspiration which gave birth to it. The highest effect would be reached, and the truest service rendered only when they who listened to those bells knew that they were never touched, their melodies never evoked, but by devoted servants of Jesus Christ.

The Vicar having mentioned that the sum of £50 was still needed to complete payment, a collection was taken during the singing of the concluding hymn, “The Day Thou gavest Lord is ended.”

After the service the following touches were rung: 240 Bob Major, 112 Grandsire Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich, the following members of the local company taking part: Messrs. A. Burch, G. Burch, Wm. Burch, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Chalk, H. Evers, S. Hull, G. W. Dixon, H. T. Pye, W. Schofield and R. W. Stannard, and the following visitors: Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), G. Lin-

dup (Ashford, Kent), Jas. Newman (Peering), and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough. The following are the weights of the bells :—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble ...	4	3	4
2 ...	5	1	5
3 ...	6	0	17
4 ...	7	1	7
5 ...	9	1	19
6 ...	11	1	5
7 ...	15	1	2
Tenor ...	21	0	17

The diameter of the tenor is 4 ft. 1 3/8 in. Note E flat.

The tone of the above bells, upon the latest five-tone principle, reflects great credit upon the well-known founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Members were present representing the following towers: Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenborough, Eastchurch, Sittingbourne, Rodmersham, and Tunstall in the Rochester District, and Charing in the Ashford District.

Ring commenced about 4 o'clock. At 5 p.m. a short service was held, 30 members being present. The Rector (Rev. H. E. T. Cruso), gave a very good address, also expressing on behalf of his warden and himself, a welcome to the Association to his Church, and that he hoped it would not be long before they come again.

After service, by the kindness of the local ringers and Rector, tea was provided in the schoolroom, 34 members partaking. The business meeting followed immediately, with the Rector in the chair. There were six new members elected. Rainham was selected for the next meeting to be held in June, provided that the bells are back from the foundry. Hartlip was selected, should the Rainham bells not be finished.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mr. Churchwarden Greensted and the organist, and last, but not least, the local members and their wives who so ably attended to the wants of the inner man. After a few touches on the handbells the tower was again visited. Ringing concluded with a 360 of College Single: other methods were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise.

TUNSTALL.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1344 changes) was rung as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield. F. Smith, G. A. Smith, G. Darlington, J. Godber, W. J. Washbrook, jun., W. R. Washbrook, A. Clay, W. Thompson. Conducted by G. A. Smith. Also 640, conducted by W. Thompson.

USES OF BELLS.

Church bells are often used for parochial meetings and functions of various kinds. This was formerly known as a "Mote Bell," and was ordered by Edward the Confessor in times of danger. The bells in the clochard of Old St. Paul's were used to summon the people to folk-motes in the churchyard. In later days it was rung at Stafford "for all things pertaining to the town." At Worcester the bell of St. Andrew's Church was rung to assemble the members of the Council. Its modern successor is the bell rung for Vestry meetings in Easter week, a custom found in most parishes. At Horncastle, Lincolnshire, the second bell is rung on Easter Monday and Tuesday for the parishioners to pay their Easter dues. Moulton, in Northants, had a special "mote bell" in 1552, as the Inventory of Church Goods shews. At Oakham the 7th bell is rung to call town meetings, and is known as the "Meeting Bell." Some towns had their own bell, usually hanging in the Guildhall or Market Hall; of this a good example is the Town Hall bell at Colchester, dating about 1400; and another is at the Guildhall, Lincoln, cast in the year 1371, with the name of the Mayor inscribed on it.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne there was a Common Bell, of which we first hear in 1593, when it was cast or recast. In 1594 the churchwardens of St. Nicholas received 5s. for "Knelling on Guild Day," i.e., tolling this bell on the election of the Mayor from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., when the election took place; the various guilds were summoned to record their votes by its sound. A popular idea arose that it was rung as the Mayor's passing bell! It was formerly placed apart from the ring in St. Nicholas' tower, but in 1754 it was recast and made the tenor of the ring. In its place a large bell of 7 feet diameter was given in 1831, which rang from 8 to 9 a.m. to summon the gilds of freedmen at Christmas, Easter, and Michaelmas, and is now the hour-bell. It was also rung on fair days, and as Curfew and Pancake Bell. Both of these were recast in 1891.

At St. Mary, Stamford, the 7th bell is known as the Common Bell of the municipality; it bears the interesting inscription:—

STAMFORDIENSIBVS INSERVIENS IPSA CONTEROR.

I wear myself out in the service of the people of Stamford.

Up to 1840 this bell had been rung from time immemorial on the 13th of November at 10.45 a.m., to give warning to clear the thoroughfares of infirm people and children. At 11 a bull was turned into the street, and the crowd proceeded to "bridge the bull," by pitching him over the bridge into the Welland.

On certain days bells were rung in connection with manorial courts, and various parochial rights were attested, At Wellingborough and Duddington, Northants, and at Bisbrooke (Rutland), this was done when manorial courts were held. At Warwick St. Nicholas a bell was rung for the meeting of the Chamberlains of St. Nicholas' meadow; at Hinxworth (Herts.), formerly on Whitsun Eve for the "Cow Common Rights." In Lincolnshire a bell is rung in November at Claypole, and on the last Monday in October at Epworth, for the meeting of the Dykes and Drains Jury.

Market Bells were rung in many towns, and some, such as Shrewsbury, had their own bell for this purpose, and have still at the present day. Watford, in Herts., had one in 1552, as mentioned in the Inventory of Church Goods. At Sandwich St. Peter, in Kent, the market bell was known as the "Brandgoose Bell." At Qundle

Northants, it is rung at noon. At Ludlow there is an old bell at the Butter Cross, used for a like purpose, and at Sleaford an old bell in the tower is called the "Butter Bell." Bells were also rung on fair days, as at Epworth (Lincolnshire), and Market Drayton (Salop). At Scotton (Lincolnshire), a bell was rung on Tuesday evenings in November and December to guide people home from Gainsborough Market.

In provincial boroughs it is still customary to ring at the election of a new Mayor on November 9th, as at Bedford, Boston, Grantham, Safron Walden, and several towns in Salop and Warwickshire. At Warwick St. Nicholas the bells are rung when the judges come to the assizes. It may also not be out of place here to allude to the custom of tolling a Church bell at an execution, as was formerly done at Bedford, Chester, and Worcester. At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, in 1605, Robert Dowe "gave for ringing the greatest bell in this Church on the day the condemned prisoners were executed . . . for which services the sexton is paid £1 6s. 8d." The clerk or bellman of St. Sepulchre's went under Newgate on the night before an execution, and ringing his bell repeated a warning in a verse of eight lines, ending:—

"And when St. Sepulchre's bell to-morrow tolls,
The Lord alone have mercy on your souls."

Another writer, however, says that the bell just rung was not one of the ring of ten bells there. Possibly it was the bell removed from Newgate Prison when it was pulled down, now at Madame Tussaud's; it is dated 1780.

In many parishes a "Gleaning Bell" used to be rung during harvest either in the morning only, or both morning and evening. The usual hours were 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.; but it was sometimes rung at 6 or 7 a.m., or at 5 or 7 p.m. Its object was to serve as a signal for the time when gleaning might begin, and when it must terminate; this was to give all—weak and old or young and active—a fair start and an equal chance. Under modern agricultural conditions gleaning has in many parts of England become a thing of the past, and it is now only in the corn-growing counties of the south and east of England that a Gleaning Bell is ever heard. In the Midland Counties, where pasture-land is now everywhere replacing corn-land, as for instance in Shropshire and Warwickshire, the custom has quite disappeared. On the other hand there were in 1905 seventeen instances of its use in Essex (and a much larger number some twenty or thirty years ago), 15 in Beds. and Herts., and ten each in Lincoln and Hunts. In Northants a "Seed-Sowing" bell was formerly rung at daybreak at Rushden, and a Harvest Bell at Moulton and Walgrave at 4 p.m. At Whittington in the same county, the Gleaning was rung by a man with a handbell. At Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire, a Harvest Bell was rung at daybreak and in the evening. In 1713 the parish clerk was instructed to ring it every day from the beginning of Harvest to All Saints Day, for which he received two pecks of wheat at Easter.

In feudal days tenants had both to grind their corn in the manorial mill and to bake their bread in the manorial oven. In some parishes an "Oven Bell" used to be rung, to give warning that the manorial oven was heated and ready for use. In later days it survived, but with a different signification. When gleaning was over, an Oven Bell used to be rung at Keystone, Huntingdonshire, to let the housewives know that the parish oven was ready to bake the loaves made from the wheat they had gleaned. At Melton Mowbray notice was given by a man going through the streets and blowing a horn.

At St. Mary, Warwick, there is a small disused bell dated 1670, which is called the Fire Bell, and there is also one at Sleaford, Lincolnshire. But usually the ordinary bells served for the purpose of giving an alarm. The traditional way was to ring them backwards, as at St. Mary, Shrewsbury, and Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire; at Swaton, in Lincolnshire, they are "jangled." But in most cases one or two of the bells

used, as at Saffron Walden, and Thaxted, Essex, and in eleven Lincolnshire parishes. At the Guild Chapel, Stratford-upon-Avon, the great and the small bell are rung. At St. John the Baptist, Peterborough, the Priest's bell is only used for this purpose; it is also used at Lincoln (St. Peter-at-Arches) Horn-castle, and elsewhere. At St. Albans and at Hoddesdon, Herts., the town clock bell is used.

There are a few more uses of Church bells which hardly seem to come under any of the above headings. One is their use at the induction of a new incumbent of a parish, when he is supposed to take possession of his benefice by tolling one of the bells. There is an old superstition that the number of strokes tolled will correspond to the number of years he will remain in possession.

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CHARLES' PAROCHIAL SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in Charles' belfry, the Rev. J. P. Baker presiding, supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton) and Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I. The annual report showed a very successful year's work, under the able management of the leader, Mr. W. H. Marsh. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year as were in office during 8912.

During the meeting a double peal board recording the peals rung on Empire Day and Coronation Day, 1912, was unveiled.

A handsome peal book was also presented to the tower, in which is recorded all the peals rung on the bells of Charles' Church and all those rung by the Society, the records having been tastefully illuminated by Captain Jerram and his wife, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the great interest they have shown in the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. E. S. Powell for his work among the ringers, and for the assistance rendered by him, through his instruction, in obtaining the first Minor peal in seven methods ever rung in Devon.

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5024.

23456	M	W	H
*56423			
45623			
64523			
35426	-		
43526			
54326			
†54263	B		
25463			
42563			
65324	-	-	
26354		-	
35264		-	
23564			
52364			
46325	-	-	
53624	-		
62534		-	
56234			
25634			
63254		-	
42356	-		
34256			
23456			

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† "Bob" Before in this course.

Contains the 6th her extent each way in 5-6. The 5024 is contained in 23 courses. Only the first of its kind with these properties.

5024.

23456	M	W	H
45236		-	-
24536			-
52436			-
63425	-	-	-
46325			-
53624	-		-
62534		-	-
56234			-
25634			-
*34625			-
62345		-	-
36245			-
23645			-
42635		-	
†42356	B		
35426		-	-
43526			-
54326			-
32546		-	-
53246			-
25346			-
34256		-	-
23456			-

* This course is called "Tenor," 5ths and 4ths and "Home."

† "Bob" Before in this course.

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A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

1913.

1234567

*1243657
2146375
1264735
2167453
2614735
6217453
6124735
1642375
1463257

724563 1
467235 3
S254367 1
542367 4
425367 4
674532 2
256374 1
352467 5
523467 4

675342 2
546723 3
235674 2
S362457 5
743562 1
367425 3
543267 1
435267 4
354267 4
673425 2
546273 1
245367 5
452367 4

* Backstroke. The last part twice repeated. Has twenty-four 6-7s at backstroke.

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234567890 B 4ths IN H

234567089 -
234567908 -
423567890 -
423567089 -
423567908 -
342567890 -
234567890 -

TWO DATE TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

1913.

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321547698			
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		43265	- - S
25364978	P	54362	- - S
32564	9 in and 3	354	- - -
52463	8 9	435	- - -
42365	8 9	24365	- - S
234	7 8	52463	- - S
342	7 8	452	- - -
24563	8 9	245	- - -
54362	8 9	32465	- - S
435	7 8	53264879	- - -
354	7 8	45362	- - S
25463	8 9 S	24563	- - S
45362	8 9	524	- - -
34652	9 in and 3	35264	- - S
54263	8 9	43562	- - S
24365	8 9	543	- - -
434	7 8	354	- - -
324	7 8	23564	- - S
42563	8 9	42365	- - S
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1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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234567

572634	S I
435267	S 2
234756	- 5
432756	S 4
324756	4
243756	4
342756	S 4
653274	S 2
746325	- 2
537246	- I
735246	S 4
357246*	- 4
573246	- 4
375246	S 4
263475	S I
572346	S 2
725346	- 4
257346	- 4
752346	S 4
527346	- 4
275346†	- 4
632475	S I
326475	- 4
243567	S 5
342567	S 4
423567	- 4
234567	- 4

* Queens. † Whittingtons.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

The half-yearly meeting of this branch was held at Milnthorpe, and proved very successful. About thirty ringers were present from Ambleside, Brathay, Burton, Broughton-in-Furness, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Milnthorpe and Silverdale.

The new peal of six (tenor 10 cwt.) were raised about 2.30, and were kept going in various Minor methods till about 4 p.m., when the ringers adjourned for tea, after which the business meeting was held in the schoolroom.

The Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar of Crosthwaite, presided, and the annual meeting was fixed for Dalton-in-Furness in September, when it is expected there will be a new peal of eight available. It was also decided to hold two ringing meetings during the summer, the first at Broughton-in-Furness, on June 7th, and the second at Crosthwaite, on June 21st.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Pickering (Vicar of Milnthorpe) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. T. Heelis for presiding, was carried unanimously.

ST. MARY ABBOTTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On February 19th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. F. G. Symonds, J. R. Mackman, C. J. Dobbie, W. A. Garrard, W. G. Mathews, A. V. Selby, A. F. Harris, E. G. Stibbons, W. E. Garrard (conductor), H. G. Miles. On March 16th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman, C. H. Dobbie, F. G. Symonds, W. A. Garrard, A. E. Bradley, C. Charge, A. V. Selby, W. E. Garrard (conductor), A. F. Harris.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Thursday, March 13th, at St. Paul's Church, 1280 Bob Major, in 50 mins. W. Stevens, H. Crooke, H. Stevens, H. Cook, R. Mackrill, C. Hunt, F. Skevington, G. Iles (conductor).

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Palm Sunday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Jackson, G. Garnett, J. W. Holme, H. Holme, R. Wimpering, H. Palmer, W. W. Wolstencroft, E. Barton. This is the treble ringer's first attempt at Grandsire, and he hails from Mossley.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. R. Dore, H. J. Gray, E. J. Newell, W. Irons, V. Neale (first quarter-peal as conductor), A. E. Creasey, G. Gray, A. Akers.

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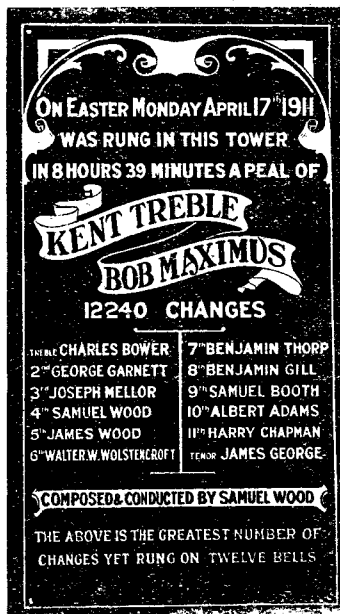
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1913.

A correspondent sends us the following:—

I recently read two paragraphs of considerable interest and value to two committees who have each the restoration and provision of a peal of twelve bells in hand, and herewith enclose them for publication in "THE BELL NEWS" with the hope that some one concerned in these undertakings may bring influence to bear in the right quarter. No more dignified public work could be conceived than the provision of a suitable peal of twelve bells for a future Cathedral town, and out of a fortune of almost £25,000 surely one large bell could be furnished with the name of the late Mayor Cramphorn placed on it.

"Estate of the value of £49,983 was left by Alderman Thomas Cramphorn, lately Mayor of Chelmsford.

"He left shares in Cramphorn, Ltd., for the benefit of the deserving poor in Chelmsford, and a half share in freeholds at Maldon and £500 to Clacton-on-Sea for public improvements or hospital or education purposes.

"There are a number of bequests to employees of the company, with pensions of 5s. a week for some, to commence at fifty. Half of the residue of his estate he left for the building of a town hall for Chelmsford, or in the carrying out works or improvements most likely to advance the dignity of his native town."

I had the pleasure of ringing with a Mr. Burbage in 1907, and if any of his family happen to be descendants of the Richard Burbage mentioned in the paragraph quoted below, perhaps they will assist with a word in support of a "memorial bell" to the famous Shakespearian actor. The authorities at Shoreditch are possessed of limited means, and a poor district for raising funds, therefore the London Shakespeare League might very well consider the provision of a bell with the name of "Richard Burbage" upon it.

"To arrange for a memorial to Richard Burbage, who died about 1618, and other Shakespearian actors buried in Shoreditch Church, a committee has been formed of the London Shakespeare League. Contributions may be sent to Lady Gomme, 20, Marlborough Place, St. John's Wood, N.W."

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOS. HENRY HAWKINS* .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS G. DEAL 2	FRANK I. HARRIS 6
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 3	GEORGE H. DAVNES 7
WILLIAM BEVEY 4	FREDERICK GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The Provinces.

PENDLETON—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH* Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5
HARRY WILSON 2	*WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT .. 6
HARRY WASHBROOK* 3	*SAMUEL GREENHALGH 7
JOHN POTTER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Division).

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED HACKETT Treble	GEORGE WITHERS 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
WILLIAM COLBY 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB 7
GEORGE N. COCKIN 4	M. HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by W. H. WEBB.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble	*GEORGE WALKER 7
WILLIAM SHORT 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
FREDERICK DICKINS 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
EDMUND J. HYLAND 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALF PADDON SMITH 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

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

*First peal on twelve bells.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN SINDEN Treble	WALTER FRANKS 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	WILLIAM J. THOMAS 6
FRANCIS A. KENNETT 3	GEORGE WATSON 7
PERCY CARTER* 4	HARRY DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

*First peal in the method.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Little Munden Society).

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

HENRY CARTER .. .. .Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS .. .. .4
FRED WILLIAMS .. .. .2	ALBERT CARTER .. .. .5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON .. .. .3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM J. BUTLER .. .. .Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. .. .5
A. VICTOR MORGAN .. .. .2	JOHN BUTLER .. .. .6
JOHN W. JONES .. .. .3	SIDNEY DAVE .. .. .7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN .. .. .4	FRED ATWELL .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by FRED ATWELL.

Rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Viscount Tredegar, Lord Lieutenant of the county (one of the noble 600 that rode in the Balaklava Charge), and who was interred that day at Bassaleg, near Newport.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST J. HUGHES* .. .. .Treble	SAMUEL COTTON .. .. .5
FRED H. DEXTER .. .. .2	R. HENRY BARHAM .. .. .6
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. .. .3	†ERNEST MORRIS .. .. .7
ARTHUR PETTITT .. .. .4	JOSEPH MORRIS .. .. .Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is rung for the first time, and contains the 6th its extent in 4th and 6th at alternate course-ends. Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation Service by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT .. .. .Treble	ERNEST PYE .. .. .5
BERTRAM PREWETT .. .. .2	RUBEN SANDERS .. .. .6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. .. .3	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. .. .7
ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .4	WILLIAM PYE .. .. .Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St Clements, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BASELEY .. .. .Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN .. .. .4
CHARLES SANDERS .. .. .2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. .. .5
JOHN HOUGH .. .. .3	DAVID L. COTTON .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by DAVID L. COTTON.

This peal was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who leaves with the best wishes of his fellow-ringers, for Canada on the 26th inst.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. JOHNSON'S VARIATION,

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .Treble	THOMAS MILLER .. .. .5
FREDERICK DICKENS .. .. .2	JAMES L. WELLS .. .. .6
JOHN NEAL .. .. .3	JAMES GEORGE .. .. .7
SAMUEL GROVE .. .. .4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ..Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES* .. .. .Treble	GEORGE HUGHES .. .. .5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT* .. .. .2	*ALBERT BLUNDELL .. .. .6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. .. .3	*JESSE SCREEN .. .. .7
ALFRED ROWLEY .. .. .4	*HORACE BELCHER .. .. .Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT*, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method. This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, without the 2nd a 6ths place bell.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS* .. .. .Treble	ALFRED DAVIES .. .. .5
VICTOR WHITE* .. .. .2	WILLIAM FISHER .. .. .6
JOHN BASS .. .. .3	GEORGE PIGOTT .. .. .7
WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .4	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. .Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn and Rochdale Branches.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS WILSON .. .. .Treble	*HERBERT DAVENPORT .. .. .5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. .. .2	WILLIAM MALLINSON .. .. .6
WILLIAM CRABTREE .. .. .3	WILLIAM E. WILSON .. .. .7
ALFRED BROOKS .. .. .4	JOHN WATSON .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

*First peal in the method.

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild).

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine and Kent. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. FINCH .. .. .Treble	THOMAS C. GOZZETT .. .. .4
ALFRED SOUTH .. .. .2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. .. .5
HAROLD FINCH .. .. .3	FRED CHALK .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred South,

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. in E.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
HARRY WASHEROOK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First in the method ever rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, and W. Wolstencroft is the only member of the local company.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Coventry, Worcester, London, Wells, Lichfield, Bristol, and Cambridge.

JAMES WALKY* Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	ERNEST TIGWELL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	DANIEL PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

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

MONNEWDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

HORACE BRIDGINGFIELD .. Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

The above peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wightman, of Creetingham, parents of the ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor, and grandparents of the ringer of the 3rd.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
Southern Branch.

On Monday, March 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 4
JOHN AKKHURST 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

Rang with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Rector of Charlwood, the Rev. E. M. Gibson, who was interred on the 1st inst.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SALREHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday evening, March 10th this energetic band added another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., to their credit; conducted by W. Franks, of Battle, who acting as coach to the band. J. Goodsell, E. Mills, H. Edwards (first quarter-peal), W. Cramp, T. Booth, W. Hoad, W. Franks, S. Goodsell. The above band, since taking up change-ringing seriously, have all accomplished their first quarter-peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9 1913, in Three Hours Twenty-seven and 1/2 Minutes,

AT 43, HEATH ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5555 CHANGES.

HUBERT EDEN 1-2	E. MAURICE ATEINS .. 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3-4	GEORGE N. PRICE 9-10
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN .. 5-6	FRANK L. MARTIN 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons. The conductor has called a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair of bells, comprising in all 77,955 changes in 44 hrs. and 26 mins., and is the first person to call a peal from each pair of bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PERWETT 1-2	WILLIAM PYE 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires—C. T. Coles and W. Hewett. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Grimes, mother of the ringer of 9-10.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Saturday, March 8th, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landing of Queen Alexandra on English soil, which took place at the Royal Terrace Pier in this parish, within easy distance of the church, 720 Plain Bob. H. Argent, G. Ambrose, P. Ashenden, J. Burles, H. Holden, F. Mitchell (conductor). Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Argent, G. Ambrose, G. Jones, H. Holden, J. Burles, F. Mitchell (conductor). P. Ashenden and H. Holden hail from Meopham. On Palm Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. G. Collins, H. Argent, F. Hayes, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). For evening service a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes) in six methods, viz.: Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, G. Collins, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor).

DEPTFORD, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1274 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. G. Bennington, W. H. Daynes, J. Law, H. E. White, F. W. Richardson, J. Crowder, E. B. Crowder (conductor), C. H. Manklin.

BOXLEY.—On Tuesday evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Sone, G. Foster, G. Burbridge, F. Sharp (conductor), G. Hadaway. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Pantony, W. Gosling, W. Hope, A. Baker, G. Pound, H. Sone (conductor). First 720 by 1 and 4. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Pantony, W. Gosling, W. Hope, A. Baker, W. Kilpatrick, G. Pound (conductor). First 720 by a local band for several years.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Palm Sunday, before and after Evensong, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, 450 and 287 Grandsire Caters, rung half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, who died the previous day. H. Hawkswood, H. Mitchell, E. Darrall, T. O'Connor, A. Little, H. Farlow, W. G. Hall, B. Clark, H. Knight (conductor), E. Mitchell.

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,—No one seems to have realised an serious objection to the presence of ladies in the belfry, and I can only suppose this to be because there is none to raise. "Plain Bob," in his letter of March 1st, makes the bald statement that ringers as a body do not welcome the advent of lady ringers and then says there are several reasons why this is so, each of which is sufficient, but does not advance a single one. Why does he hold them back? It puts one in mind of the schoolboy taunt, "I know, but I sha'n't tell you." If there are any reasons let us have them and be done with it. They can then be dealt with. The same writer, last week, says he intended to lay down and prove a series of propositions shewing why the presence of ladies in the belfry is undesired, but there again he stops—for lack of time. He, however, holds out a threat that at some time or the other he is going to take the matter up seriously, and then —! Even when he does take up the cudgels seriously he will not, he says, argue with the fathers, the husbands, the lovers of lady ringers, or with lady ringers themselves. But how will he know with whom he is arguing if they, like himself, write under a nom de plume. "Plain Bob" has, I fear, spoken before he was ready.

Our old friend Margetson waxes facetious over the name "Ladies Guild," and suggests that "Women's Guild" would have answered the purpose just as well. But, after all, what's in a name. The rest of his letter is pointless. If we are to exclude ladies from the belfry how can we allow them to take part in the more immediate services. In many places they form the major part of the choir, and in others the recognised choir is augmented by a number of ladies. This is surely a greater breach of the law laid down by St. Paul than ringing can be.

I know no reason whatever why our wives, our sisters, and our sweethearts should not take a string with us, any more than they should be excluded from the other organisations in a parish. We are quite willing to allow ladies to take the lion's share of the drudgery in connection with the various guilds, societies and committees belonging to the Church; why, then, should we debar them from membership of the ringing societies, and so prevent them from taking part in an exercise which we men look upon as a pleasure. It is a healthy recreation to us, then why not to our wives and sweethearts and sisters. The very fact that they are anxious to have a place in the belfry should be hailed with delight, as evidence that a great change has taken place in the conduct of ringers as a body. Not so very long ago there were happenings in our belfries to which we dare not introduce our lady friends, which even kept many men out; but these are things of the past, and will never return. Until some good reason is shewn to the contrary let us give those ladies who wish it a share in the pleasure we so much enjoy, and a helping hand in the attainment of their highest aims. Wishing the Ladies Guild every success,

Yours etc.,

TREBLE BOB.

SIR,—Why should the floors of our belfries be invaded by the female sex? Surely there are outlets enough for their surplus energy, and ways and means of obtaining

recreation other than the strenuous work of tower bell ringing. Men find it an arduous task to ring a heavy tenor through a peal, and it can be no less to those of the opposite sex: but I suppose they will confine their attentions to the lighter end. Women are admittedly less robust and less able to bear heavy work than are men, and they ought not to be encouraged in a task likely to put an undue strain on them. Why does woman seek to push herself in wherever man is to be found? It can only be their love of notoriety. But the novelty will soon wear off, and then exit the Ladies Guild. The place of a woman is in the home, not gallivanting about the country seeking notoriety at the end of a bell-rope. Women, young, middle-aged, or otherwise, require some recreation, but not of the sort we get in the belfry. It bodes ill for the coming generations that the women of the present day are setting themselves out to vie with men in almost everything. What will the homes of England be like when a generation or two of pleasure-seeking notoriety-loving women have had the bringing-up of her children. Will it make for a better England? I trow not.

Yours etc.

MAXIMUS.

SIR,—I have read your correspondence for the last few weeks, and I am disgusted to find men signing themselves "Plain Bob" and "Grandsire." and I think such men as these, who fire from behind a wall are not worthy of the space in your valuable paper, much less so when women are the enemy. Their views are very selfish. I have two daughters, whom I intend teaching the Art of Change-ringing, as I think it is a splendid exercise. Any young woman who is a ringer may have a cordial invitation to Lightcliffe, and I assure you all our band will welcome her. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are putting a new ring of eight bells into Northowram new church, and we are already instructing a band of young men for the same. I will give an invitation to any female ringer here for the opening of the bells, the date of which will appear in "THE BELL NEWS" a few months hence.

Yours etc.,

ALBERT JAGGER.

Whitehall Street,
Hepperholme, Halifax.
March 11th, 1913.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

*SIR,—Mr. Law James has one word for the arguments of those he happens to disagree with—they are arbitrary: his, presumably, are natural; theirs are based always on foolish fancies. his are grounded in eternal truth. But when one has had considerable experience of controversy with him (and who more than I), one speedily finds that when he tells you that your ideas are arbitrary it often means that he has not taken the trouble to understand your arguments, or that he does not happen to agree with your conclusions. Now Mr. James is a very clever man. I really do admire him in many ways, and I am not saying this to "damn with faint praise." But he has many and serious limitations, and the tragic part is that he does not know it. What Gladstone said of Macaulay, that "his mind was hermetically sealed against part of the truth" might almost be said of Mr. James. Especially this is true, that he—he that professes to work on scientific lines alone—cannot by any chance understand a piece of pure logic. I am sorry to have to deal faithfully with one that I have worked with for so many years, but in the interests of truth I must "smite him friendly." There is one thing of which, on his own confession, he knows little or nothing. That is the general laws that govern the extension of a method. He says that he does not think that they exist, which really means that he has not discovered any for

himself, and, consequently, does not believe anyone else has. I have given much thought for many years to the matter, and I wrote out the results, the thing running to several hundred pages of ms., and sent it to Mr. James. He says he does not agree with it. My dear sir, he never understood it; he never gave it a chance. He fell over himself, so to speak, in his eagerness to criticise it, and could scarce endure to read to the end of a sentence before he contradicted it. Incidentally I dealt with the extension of Superlative. I am not going to repeat the argument; it is too long and too complicated. But I will just mention two points on which any average ringer may decide for himself.

1. Superlative Major is derived from Cambridge Major. The problem of Superlative Royal is, therefore, to get a ten bell method from Cambridge Royal in the same way that Superlative on eight is got from Cambridge on eight. The answer is that it cannot be done.

2. The thirds place bell in Superlative Major and in Cambridge on all numbers hunts up, Treble Bob fashion, in front of the treble, lies under her, and hunts down after her. This bell takes a very important place in the construction of the method. In Shipway's and in Mr. James's versions she makes places. The man that can justify that can justify anything. Yours etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Blakesley, about thirty ringers being present from Cold Higham, Bradden, Lois Weedon, Easton Neston, Greens Norton, Weston Favell, Northampton, and the local tower. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Inn, and a short business meeting was afterwards held, with Mr. J. S. Constable in the chair, supported by Mr. Wilford (Secretary of the Central Northants. Association). A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. Slark. A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. H. Mentha, who was unable to attend, was carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and in the course of his remarks said he was very pleased to see that several belfries in the district were taking up the art of change-ringing, and making good progress with it. The vote was seconded by Mr. F. Hooper, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman, in reply, said he was much interested in bell ringing, and pleased to do what he could to assist ringers. He knew it was a rather difficult matter to keep a good band together in their belfry, but if only they would stick to their work he saw no reason why they should not have another bell put in to make the six. He could assure them that he would soon make a move in the matter if he saw there was a likelihood of a good band of ringers.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, and Stedman Doubles.

BETHNAL GREEN.—At the Parish Church of St. Matthew, on Sunday morning, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Hughes, W. Truss, W. Theobald, G. L. Joyce, T. Cranfield, J. Moule, R. Sanders, H. Torble (conductor).

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OBITUARY.

HARRY CUTTS (ROYSTON, YORKS.)

The death of the above named ringer took place on Sunday, March 9th, at the age of 54, after a painful and lingering illness. He leaves a family of two daughters and a number of grandchildren. The interment took place on Thursday, March 13th, at Royston Cemetery, the Burial Service being taken by the Vicar, who also added an address bearing on the character and life of deceased, chiefly in regard to his patience, industry, and great attachment to the Church, and his skill as a ringer. Muffled peals were rung by the local and other ringers. Harry Cutts was one whom all neighbouring ringers delighted to meet. He was deeply learned in the higher flights of Treble Bob Minor; always doing good, the whiles helping lame dogs over stiles.

WILLIAM J. BAKER (ROCHESTER, KENT).

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William J. Baker, a well-known ringer of Rochester. The sad event took place on Sunday morning, March 9th, at the age of fifty-six. Although he had been in poor health for several years, suffering from bronchitis and chest trouble, he only laid up just over a week. He was for more than thirty-eight years a ringer at St. Margaret's Church and the Cathedral, Rochester, his native city. Mr. Baker was a cooper by trade, and of a very cheerful disposition, but never married. As a ringer, he was very reliable, a good striker, and had a fine ear. Though he had not taken part in many peals, it was not for want of enthusiasm, but his health that prevented him. As far as we know, he only rang in eight peals as follows: Grandsire Triples 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 1; Treble Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 1. These Surprise peals were the first to be rung by the Kent County Association, of which he was a member from its institution. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The interment took place at St. Margaret's Cemetery on Saturday, March 15th. The first part of the service was taken in the Church, the Vicar of St. Margaret's (Rev. W. K. Wilson), officiating. He was followed to the grave by his four brothers, several relatives and friends; the ringers of St. Margaret's and others from the Cathedral and Gillingham Churches. In the evening, at the Church, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect.

May he rest in peace.

W. H.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND ST. PAUL'S.

Sir Francis Fox, addressing a body of engineering students at Manchester on "The saving of Winchester Cathedral," described the work done there, and incidentally remarked that a piece of the oak used in the foundations, in 1079, was sound and hard after all its centuries of burial in the earth or immersion in the water. He had presented it to Sir Alfred Hopkinson, Vice-Chancellor of the Manchester University, for the Museum. He also referred briefly to the danger which has threatened St. Paul's. The dome and the frame of the dome had sunk six inches, and in sinking the dome has torn itself away from the buttresses. There is a distinct movement, although there is no danger, still, if the authorities wished to preserve the building for future generations it must be brought to rest, which it is not at the present time.

The mother church of Stourbridge, St. Mary's, Oldswinford, has just had restored to her the old font which was used in the church for many centuries, and which disappeared, probably at the time the church was rebuilt in the early forties. For many years the font has been used as a flower vase in a Stourbridge garden, near to a rockery composed of the mutilated remains of the stone tracery from the windows of the old church.

Various internal improvements are in progress at St. Saviour's Church, Bristol, including a reredos, a wrought-iron screen in the chancel arch, and a sounding-board over the pulpit.

At Twywell Church a two-light window in the chancel has been filled with stained glass as a memorial. The subjects are "The three women at the Tomb" and "Our Lord's appearance to St. Mary Magdalene."

The Cathedral Church of St. Dunstan, at Charlottetown, in the diocese of Prince Edward Island, has been totally destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at 250,000 dollars. The cathedral took ten years to build.

At Windsor, on Tuesday, the bells of St. George's Chapel and the Parish Church were rung in celebration of the 65th birthday of Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll). A royal salute of 21 guns was fired at noon in the Long Walk.

A silk banner presented to the Vicar of St. Mark's, Peterborough (Rev. R. E. Roberts) by the congregation, to commemorate his recent marriage, has been dedicated by the assistant Bishop of Peterborough.

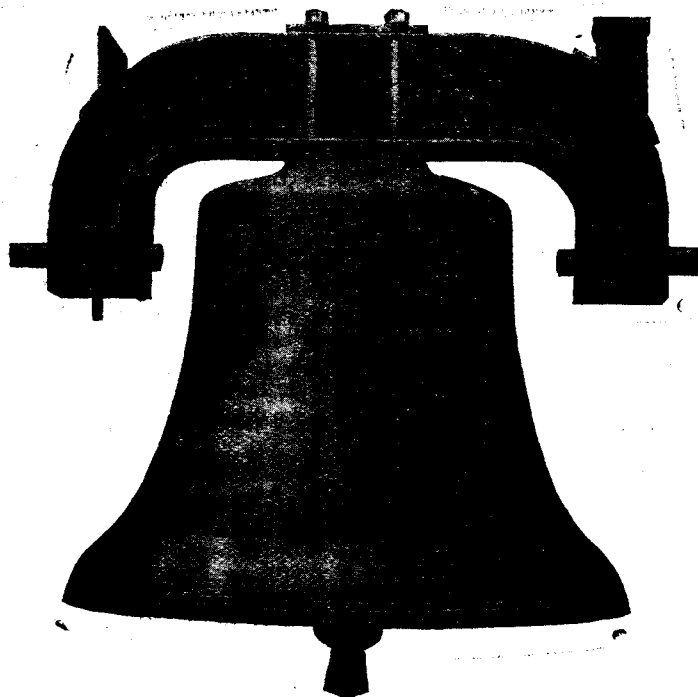
Dr. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, died suddenly on Saturday last. His peaceful death harmonised well with his gentle thoughtful, but strenuous life. His work will live after him, for it was as thorough as it was unostentatious, and always regardless of self. Those who knew him well knew also that when his devoted and much-loved wife died some two years ago, his earthly ties seemed broken; he never complained, and carried on his work and hers; but it is certain that the summons hence must have been very welcome to a tired though to the last active servant of the Lord. Dr. Legge, a son of the fourth Earl of Dartmouth, was born in 1839. Educated at Eton and Oxford, after a course of study at Lichfield Theological College he was ordained by the then Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Lonsdale). For many years he was in London, and in 1891 was nominated by Lord Salisbury to the Bishopric of Lichfield, in succession to Dr. MacLagan, translated to York. The interment took place on Thursday afternoon, in the Cathedral Close, Lichfield, among those present being the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th. A service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each with meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new President, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing; St. John the Baptist (10), from 2 p.m., and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.
Church Road, Heston.

C. T. COLES, } Hon. Secs.
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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.

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM, Dis. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available—St. Matthew's (10) and Rnsball (6), from 11 a.m. Rnsball tower—penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's Church at 4 Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General Meeting to follow.

15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

H. KNIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's, and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee Meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each), and General Meeting at 4 o'clock. The towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.

Cotgrave, Notts.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 23rd. Towers open at 2 p.m. St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), and St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of 6 earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) at 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday, to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. All ringers welcome. Meat tea 6d. each to members, others 1s. 4d. each.

"Duffield," St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church, at 1.45 prompt. General Meeting in the Forester's Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8); Oldswinford (8); and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the Branch Secretaries, and Reports obtained in the choir vestry, between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.

Bransford, Worcester.

J. R. NEWMAN, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 24th, at Epsom. Both towers—St. Martin's and Christ Church—will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's at 5 p.m. Business meeting after.

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CYRIL F. JOHNSON, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Easter Monday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea at Foster's Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after.

Fareham.

J. WHITTING, Dis. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells—St. Mary's (8), and All Saints (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea at Plumb's, Confectioner, 9d. each. Meeting in St. Mary's Room. Short service at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

F. T. COOKE, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—The Annual General Meeting will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday March 24th. Service with address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, will be held in St. James's Church at 3 p.m. Bells available—St. James's (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), Rongbam (6), Great Barton (6), Fornham St. Martin (6). Dinner, followed by usual business meeting will be held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.15 p.m., 1s. to members, 2s. to non-members.

T. R. DENNIS, General Secretary

33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

The Bedfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee Meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11. Dinner at All Hallows' Mission Room at 1. General Meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10), will be available except from 11 to 12, and from 5 to 6; and at St. Peter's (6) except from 3.30 to 5.30.

A. RUST, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. WATSON, Br. Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. Motions for the Agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

ALBERT E. REEVES, Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to welcome the new Vicar of Eccles on the above date.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton on Saturday, April 5th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. All intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 1st. Bells (6), 3 p.m.; Evesham, 10, Bengeworth, 6, available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.

J. HEMMING, Branch Secretary.

10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday April 5th. Committee Meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in Church at 7.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. A. Smith, 151, Newfield Terrace, High Street, Tunstall, not later than April 2nd, of how many intend to be present.

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

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEICESTER.

We are requested to state that the use of the smoke-room of "The Earl Grey," Ashwell Street, (opposite St. John-the-Divine), is reserved for members and friends throughout the day, with handbells and piano; and for a smoker for them in the evening.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on the occasion of a visit in state of Alderman Humpfrey and the Common Council of the Tower Ward of the City of London, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins. T. King, A. H. Palmer, C. T. Coles (conductor), E. E. Grimes, R. N. Ranham, J. A. Trollope, J. E. Davis, A. W. Grimes (conposer).

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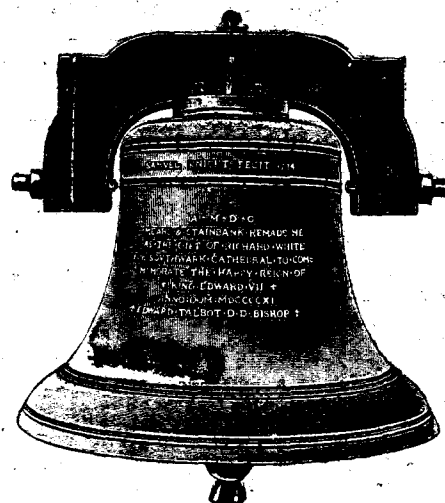
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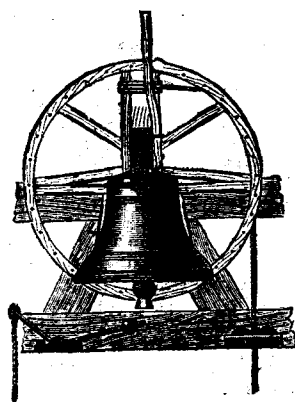
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DEAR MR. BOWELL,—

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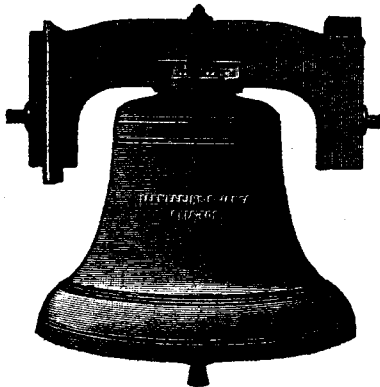
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Queen Victoria. The windows, which are
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-First Annual Meeting was held at Leicester on Easter Monday, and the elements seemed to suddenly reconsider their decision to spoil it, with the result that well over a hundred members were present. These members represented, one would think, every town and village in the four counties covered by the Association, as well as some outside their limits. Birmingham, London, Northamptonshire, Oakham, all sent a few ringers to swell the meeting. Excellent arrangements for ringing, and for the meeting and tea, had been made by Mr. T. H. Hardy, the local Hon.-Secretary, and two peals of ten (St. Margaret's and St. Martin's), and three of eight (St. John's, St. Mark's and St. Saviour's) were kept going more or less continuously from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first course of Bristol Surprise in the town, and possibly in the county, was rung on St. John's bells in the morning, and the other ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Major ranging from Plain and Treble Bob to London and Cambridge Surprise. A peal of Double Norwich attempted at Belgrave in the morning was lost after 2½ hours ringing.

The committee meeting, tea, and general meeting were all held at the High Cross Café, with the President, Sir Arthur Heywood, in the chair. He was supported by the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill, Messrs. W. C. Wakley, Hon.-Treasurer, W. E. White, Hon.-Secretary, W. W. Worthington, E. D. Taylor and others, 109 members and friends sitting down. Mr. J. W. Taylor, Vice-President, was unable to be present.

After the minutes of the last quarterly meeting had been signed, the Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet. Mr. Draper, in moving its adoption, regretted the fact that so few members had bought a report, the payment for which is the largest item in the expenditure, and also that so many subscriptions were still outstanding. The report was passed.

Sir Arthur Heywood, in his Presidential Address, referred briefly to the peals rung during 1912, especially congratulating Miss Sanders, of Burton-on-Trent, on being the first lady to ring a handbell peal for the Association. While he was glad of the fact that a record number of peals (172) had been rung last year, he yet was of opinion that the time had come when ringers, as a body, would have to seriously consider the question of peal-ringing. As Mr. Dawe had said, at the Johnson Memorial Dinner at Birmingham, it was quite likely that there would be a rise on the part of the public, especially brain-workers, against peal-ringing. Years ago, said the President, peals had been immensely popular with outsiders as well as with performers. To-day, however, there was a much larger proportion of head-workers than in former times, and although peals were greatly appreciated in the country, it was very different in the towns. It must be borne in mind that strong animadversions had been cast upon peal-ringing

as disturbing to the public peace, and that the hostile feeling was growing. Judges had strongly objected to bell-ringing because of the disturbance of their courts. Although this opposition might not be very much in evidence at the present time, yet it was making headway.

In these days, when any sort of Bill could get through Parliament, it was quite possible that an end might be put to peal-ringing. Hitherto ringers had prided themselves upon the large number of peals rung. Now, the question seemed to be rather, whether they should not go in for quality rather than quantity. It was tolerably certain that if peal-ringing continued at the present abnormal rate, some drastic steps would be taken against it. It was extremely important that they should not be selfish in the matter. Peals were rung for the ringers own pleasure. It was a delusion that they were rung for the benefit of the public, in fact, not enough ringing was done in some places for the public. Then there was a limit to peal-ringing. A really good peal rung well by a good band was very much better than several indifferent peals. Also, they should not ring peals for the sake of ringing, and with no particular object. Let them not put peal ringing on one side, but make the peals they did ring worthy, and be sure they were not acting unkindly to residents in the neighbourhood.

Another matter the Chairman touched upon was what the Rector of Birmingham had announced at the Henry Johnson Dinner, and that was that the whole of the band at St. Martin's had applied for admission to the C.E.M.S., and that he had received them all at a special service.

Now, ringers were a very respectable set of fellows, and a great deal of the credit for that fact was due to themselves. But as a body they were shocking bad Church-goers. Let them realize their position as Church officers, and make themselves really members of a Church which needed all their support. (Applause).

A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed in a felicitous speech by Mr. W. Shercliffe, who also moved that they be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. A. P. Wakley, and carried unanimously. The officers present briefly replied.

Thanks to the auditors and a request for continued services, was ably moved by Mr. W. Fox, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Leicester clergy for the use of the several peals of bells, the Rev. R. P. Farrow endorsed the President's remarks about Church-going, but said it had to be admitted that in many places the ringers were badly neglected by the incumbents. Mr. W. W. Worthington seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause, the Rev. F. R. C. Payne responding.

The Hon.-Secretary thanked the Leicester ringers for the arrangements they had made for the meeting, etc. This was seconded by Mr. Bartram, and carried.

One honorary member, and 26 ringing members were admitted.

The Committee recommended that the three quarterly meetings should be held at Oakham, Southwell and Long Eaton, and the recommendation was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. Worthington, seconded by Mr. Bartram,

A vote of thanks to the President proposed by Mr. J. S. Needham, closed the meeting.

In the evening a smoking concert was held at the "Earl Grey" Inn, and was graced by the presence of several ladies, including the Misses Wilson and Sanders, the latter of whom took part in some Bob Major on the handbells, while Miss Wilson acted as accompanist. Songs were given by Messrs. T. H. Hardy, C. Sanders, and others, and Mr. A. P. Wakley tapped a touch of Double Norwich, conducted by Mr. A. R. Oldham, on the piano.

Altogether it was one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings the M.C.A. has ever held.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, when a good muster of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Horringer, Lavenham, Rougham, Great Barton, Ely, Mildenhall, Long Stanton, Thetford, Newmarket, Henley (Suffolk), Fulbourn, Stowmarket, London, Royston, Ickleton, and the local ringers. Ringing started soon after 9 o'clock at Fornham St. Martin, where 720 of Kent was brought round. The fine peal of eight at St. Mary, Bury St. Edmunds, were set going soon after 11 a.m. to Grandsire, Bob Major, and other methods. Owing to services, ringing was stopped at St. Mary's at 12 p.m., and the fine peal of ten at the Norman Tower was then utilised till time for service, which was held at St. James' Church at 12.30 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Morton, curate of St. James', and a short and interesting address was given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, who took for his text Psalm cii, v. 5: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals."

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual dinner and meeting was held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.30 p.m., where the company numbering 67 sat down to an excellent repast. Those present included Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, in the chair, Rev. H. B. Woolley, Rev. W. C. Pearson, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, P. Webb, District Secretary, J. Taylor, E. Webb, F. C. Turner, A. Symonds, S. H. Symonds, H. A. Turner, W. B. Kempton, W. Doran, T. Fitzjohn, and others.

Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the President The Lord Bishop of Ely, Ven Archdeacon Hodges, Rev. R. F. Wilson, vicar of St. James, and Rev. T. Brocas Waters, St. Mary's. The minutes of the last annual meeting at Huntingdon were read and confirmed, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were then read and adopted, as follows:—

During the past year District Meetings were held at Ely, Barrington, Chatteris, Stapleford, Lavenham and Cottenham, all of which were well attended, with the exception of Barrington and Cottenham.

The Isle of Ely Archdeaconry has made steady progress, and it is pleasing to note that Sutton and Wilburton have rejoined, and we have promises of Haddenham this year. Messrs. A. E. Pilgrim and J. Vail have retired after many years of useful service, the latter owing to an unfortunate accident. Messrs. F. Rowlinson and A. J. Abrams have been elected to fill the vacancies as District Secretary and Committee-man respectively. There are still many towers unaffiliated, such as March, Wisbech

Soham, and others, and we hope they may be induced to join this year.

The Archdeaconry of Ely remains in much the same condition, and does not visibly expand. We regret that Over and Whittlesford have dropped out; let us hope this is only temporary. We welcome our old secretary, Rev. H. B. Woolley, back to Association life, and trust his stay will be long and successful. We cannot speak too highly of his excellent work at Longstanton.

As the result of his energies his church now possesses a splendid peal of eight. Two of the original peal of three have been recast, and five new bells added, at a cost of £300, the work being entrusted to the able firm of Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The bells were dedicated on Nov. 21st, and the first peal was rung on Dec. 12th, the vicar taking part, and ringing his first peal on his own bells. Unfortunately ringing for the present is at a standstill, owing to the cracking of the tenor. We condole with the vicar in his misfortune, and earnestly hope he will soon be provided with a new tenor. Bourn was visited during the summer, where there are abundant signs that the presence of a bellhanger is needed. The Fulbourn company has made great strides, and should, on present form, turn out a good Surprise band.

In the Sudbury Archdeaconry progress has been very marked. The consummate skill which has been shown by the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and the Lavenham company, in ringing both handbell and tower peals, has greatly improved the position of the Association. Lavenham and Rougham bells have been rehung by Messrs. Day, of Eye, and are now in a most satisfactory condition. Horringer bells have also received attention. Two new trebles by Messrs. Mears have been added, and the peal rehung by Messrs. Day, thus widening the scope of eight-bell towers. We regret that our late District Secretary, the Rev. E. J. Teasdale, has removed from the diocese, and we tender our heartiest thanks to him for his past services. The Rev. R. L. Gardiner has succeeded him, and there is every reason to expect the District to thrive in his capable hands.

The Hunts. Archdeaconry have suffered a severe loss by the death of the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, District Secretary, and Representative to the Central Council. We desire to record our keen appreciation of his long and faithful service to the Association. The Archdeaconry, though small, contains some energetic members. We commend Mr. C. D. Coleman, and his band on their plucky efforts to keep ringing alive in Hunts. The scarcity of tower bell practice is a great handicap to their progress, and if the fine peal of eight at St. Neots were rehung, they would render a still better account of themselves.

A form of service for use at our meetings has been drawn up in accordance with the Central Council's recommendation, and our President, the Lord Bishop of Ely, gave his sanction for its use on January 16th, 1913. We wish to express our thanks to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson for kindly drawing up the service, and our regret at his departure from the diocese. Our thanks are also due to the Vicar of Cottenham for kindly entertaining the Association at tea, when it met at his tower last October.

The financial position of the Association is in a very satisfactory state. The balance in hand this year is £16 9s. 6d. as compared with £12 4s. 9d. last year. All outstanding debts have been paid, and we start the year with a clean sheet. The honorary members of the Association contribute generously to its support: but there is a great lack of ringing members, the number of whom might well be doubled in the diocese.

Fifty-eight peals were rung during 1912, of these 26 were on handbells, and 32 on tower bells. The peals were in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; Kent Treble Bob Major 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major 4; Bob Major 14; Grandsire Triples 7; Stedman Triples 1; Minor 18; Doubles 3. Of the Minor peals 6 were in one method; 2 in two methods; 3 in three methods; 3 in four methods; 1 in five methods; and 3 in seven methods. The conductors have been—S. H. Symonds 15 peals; A. E. Moore 11; F. J. Levitt, G. D. Coleman, H. W. Foulger, 5 each; H. A. Turner 4; T. Fitzjohn, 3; F. Smith, B. D. Buttress 2 each; Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rev. H. Law James, W. D. James, H. Rawlings, F. G. Dewell, A. J. Abrams, and P. Webb 1 each. Congratulations to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. A. Symonds on having rung their 100 peals, and also to the Rev. W. C. Pearson who rang his 200th peal at Long Stanton. This splendid record of 58 peals is indeed a

welcome change after the small number that were contributed in 1911, and is only three short of the record 61 rung in 1903.

In conclusion we ask for the generous support and unselfish effort of every ringer in the diocese to do something to help the Association to maintain and increase its influence.

The following officers were elected to serve for this year: General Secretary, T. R. Dennis; Treasurer, F. C. Turner; District Secretaries: Sudbury Archdeaconry, Rev. R. L. Gardner; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; Hunts Archdeaconry, Rev. H. B. Woolley; Delegate to the Central Council for two years, T. R. Dennis; Auditor, W. B. Kempton. Before the election of the treasurer took place the chairman read a letter from Rev. K. H. Smith, announcing his intention of resigning the Treasurership owing to illhealth. Regret was universally expressed at his retirement after so many years of activity in Association work. The Chairman moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him for past services, which was carried with enthusiasm. An alteration of Rule 9 was proposed by P. Webb that three district meetings be held annually in each archdeaconry instead of one as at present. An amendment was proposed by H. A. Turner that the number be two, and on the amendment being voted upon it was carried by a large majority. New members from Cavendish, Southwold, Halesworth, Slough, Lavenham, Monks Eleigh, Rougham, Little and Great Waldingfield, Hadleigh, Bury St. Edmunds, and Fulbourn, numbering 17, were elected. Votes thanks to the vicars of St. James, St. Mary's, Rougham, Fornham St. Martin, and Great Barton then concluded one of the most successful meetings held in Bury St. Edmunds. Mr. W. B. Kempton collected on behalf of the

Longstanton tenor the sum of 13/1 at the doors, which was gratefully acknowledged by Rev. H. B. Woolley.

Ringling was carried on during the afternoon at the Norman Tower, and St. Mary's touches of Grandsire Caters, and Kent Royal being rung at the former, and Grandsire, Kent, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman at the latter tower.

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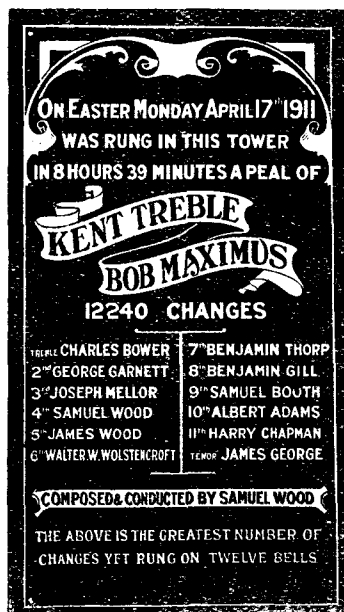
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1913.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The report presented by the Secretary, Mr. T. R. Dennis, at the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association on Easter Monday contains much to encourage, leavened by a little which, though not discouraging, is, at any rate, not just what it might be if every ringer in the Diocese joined the Association, kept his subscription paid up, and used all his efforts to promote the welfare of the Association. Like all other Associations that for the Ely Diocese was inaugurated for the purpose of promoting belfry reform; to obtain full recognition of the bellringers' office; to cultivate the Art of Change-ringing; and to provide instructors for those that require them. In order that it may accomplish all these things in the very best possible manner it is necessary that every member of every tower should become an active member of the Association. Those who are not with the Association are against it, in the sense that they are setting an example of holding back which others are too apt to follow; thus preventing the officials from doing many things they might otherwise do. Every member of a band who abstains from supporting his Association, and every band that holds aloof from affiliation with it is a weak link in the chain that should bind the whole body together, and helps to hinder the work. So long as there are unaffiliated towers within the area covered by an Association there is work to be done by the officers in getting them to affiliate which might be turned to account in other ways. As an instance here in the Ely Diocese there are many towers not affiliated. Naturally the officers and the members of the affiliated towers desire to see them affiliated, and some of them make efforts in this direction which would be unnecessary if all were in union. Then there is a loss to the Association in the shape of money coming in from subscriptions, and this again helps to curtail the work the Association might do. Then there is the loss of influence entailed by the gaps in the ranks. No army is able to do the work for which it is organised unless every unit is properly in touch with every other unit. In like manner no Association can do its best work in the most efficient manner unless all the towers in

its area are united together in one common bond of fellowship. May we impress on those towers still holding aloof from membership, not only in the Ely Association, but in others, the thought that by so doing they are hindering the senior body in its work. If this could only be thoroughly realised there would, we think, be fewer abstentions, and things would go all the more smoothly in consequence.

The Metropolis.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. SOUTHWARK. LONDON.

On Saturday March 15, 1913, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL
(ST. MARY OVERY).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES. Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lb. in B flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	ROBERT W. GREEN 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	FRANCIS E. DAWK 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4	THOS. GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 10
LOUIS ATTWATER 5	ALFRED B. PERK 11
ARTHUR D. BAKER 6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP 12

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWK.

Rung on the eve of the Conductor's 51st birthday, and the peal also commemorates the birthday of Mr. S. J. Jessop, who hails from Birmingham, and of Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Truss. The band wish to thank the Ven. Archdeacon Taylor for granting permission and Mr. T. Marsh for having everything in readiness.

The Provinces.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, []

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

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

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON .. 3
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
JOHN SANDERS 3	GEORGE GARRISON 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	THOMAS WELLS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Miss Margery F. Sampson was elected a member before starting, and it is the first peal on the bells in which a lady ringer has taken part. The ringers expressed their delight in ringing the peal.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS. PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, called differently.

HARRY PIGGINS Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH 4
HORACE BANHAM 2	*TOM SMART 5
STANLEY ANDREWS 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

*Proposed a member before starting. Rung with the bells fully muffled, it being Good Friday. This was the treble ringers first peal.

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

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN 5
HARRY KENDRICK 2	FRANK SHEPHERD 6
WALTER HAIR 3	W. W. WORTHINGTON 7
JOHN HOUGH 4	ALBERT W. WAGG* Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First attempt for a peal. Rung, at the request of the Rector, with the bells half muffled for evening service.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	REV. E. V. COX 6
FREDERICK DICHENS 2	REUBEN HALL 7
HORACE BELCHER 3	JESSE SCREEN 8
JAMES E. GROVES 4	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
JOSEPH WALKER 5	*THOMAS FIELDHOUSE Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES, and Conducted by THOS. H. REEVES

*First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Augustus Legge, Lord Bishop of Lichfield, and Patron of the above Society.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District.)

On Sunday, March 23 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
JAMES SPALDING 2	*WALTER KERRISON 5
JOHN O'NEILL 3	CHARLES MOSE Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival, and also as a birthday compliment to Miss Jane Lambert, mother of the conductor, who completed her 78th year on this day. *First peal of Kent.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTHAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STAINDROP (Durham).—On Sunday, March 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, a 720 of Bob Minor (20 bobs and 10 singles), in 27 mins. J. Watton, R. Leonard, W. Johnson, H. Shipp, D. Shipp (conductor), J. W. Shipp. Tenor 13 cwt. This is the first 720 for H. Shipp.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

The above is the 700th peal which I. G. Shade and W. Pye have rung together.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS JENNION 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS MURRAY 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
HENRY FYLES 4	EDWIN BREEZE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Jennion and Fyles were elected members previous to starting.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE C. COLLINS Treble	JACK BUELES 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMERSON 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in seven methods by G. Collins and G. Jones, and on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., Rector of the parish.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Halesworth Society).

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. Treble	*JOHN O'NEILL 5
ARTHUR H. TOOK* 2	*JAMES HOWARD 6
JOHN LARTER* 3	HARRY BARTON 7
WALTER LAST 4	*E. AUSTIN HEAD Tenor

Conducted by H. BARTON.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

UTTOKETER.—On Easter Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Richardson, E. Roberts, A. B. Cope (first quarter-peal), A. P. Cope, R. G. Lewis, H. Willisford, C. Smith (conductor), E. Green. Arranged for A. B. Cope, who was on a visit from London.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 5
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 2	GEORGE HALESWORTH 6
JOSEPH ATKIN 3	*JOHN BROTHWELL 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and J. Atkin.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Painswick Yonths).

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Five Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 7325 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM STAITE 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED WAITE 9
WILLIAM HALE 4	FRANK COLE 10
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	HUBERT HANKS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Taken from Shipway. Longest peal on the bells since 1858.

FLIXTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

JOSEPH MELLOR* Treble	*HARRY WASHBROOK 5
WM. HENRY IDLE 2	ROBERT DAVIES 6
WM. EDWARD RYDER 3	†RALPH WILLIAMS 7
DICK NEWTON 4	JAMES DREYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. IDLE.

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

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 19 cwt.

HAROLD A. SMITH* Treble	DICK ILIFFE 5
ERNEST S. COTTON* 2	THOMAS B. SMITH 6
ALFRED BALLARD† 3	FRED. STANFORTH 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN T. W. KILSBY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal †First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the Method on the bells. The Conductor has now called a peal in the Method from every bell Treble to 7th.

GOOLE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILBURN* Treble	*DAVID ENGLAND 5
ARTHUR W. JACKSON† 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
EDWARD PURDY 3	MARK TATE 7
CHARLES W. KING 4	JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

*First peal. †Elected a member of the Association before starting. This peal is the first as the outcome of the monthly district practices started ten months ago.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	WILLIAM STOWELL 10
ALBERT STOWELL 5	JOHN THOMAS 11
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A. E. Reeves's 150th peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

CHARLES BEECH* Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 7
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	RICHARD DUNN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, D.D.) *First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part.

MISS K. HOLIFIELD* .. Treble	G. HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5
H. HOLIFIELD 2	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. 6
W. H. J. HOLIFIELD 3	J. W. WILKINS 7
A. E. LOCK 4	G. CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s, viz.: one of Oxford Treble Bob, two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 4
FREDK. KILBORN 2	SAMUEL BORDITT 5
WALTER WILSON 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal in more than one method by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who belong to the local company.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT WALLWORK* .. Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ALFRED POTTER 6
HARRY CHAPMAN 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, JUN. .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.

HAGGERSTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At The George IV., Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6063 CHANGES.

BRETHAM PREWETT.. .. 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 7-8.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM PYE 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.Umpires—R. Sanders and E. E. Pike. The above is the longest
length of Stedman Cinques yet rung upon handbells.

CREWE.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, for service at Christ Church, 1272 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins. W. T. Holding, R. T. Holding, jun., J. H. Riding, H. G. Holding, W. F. Hartsborne, A. Crawley, G. H. Crawley, J. Dentith, R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor), R. D. Langford. Longest touch of Stedman Caters on the bells, and all the performers are local men.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for morning service at the parish church, 1092 Stedman Triples. H. Barton (conductor), F. C. Lambert, C. Moss, A. H. Took, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, J. Larter, J. Jolly.

CHEDISTON (Suffolk).—On Easter Sunday, for afternoon service, several 1208 of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. F. Peck, A. Riches, T. Crane (conductor), H. Pratt, L. Hammond, A. Head.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins. H. Whanslow (first quarter-peal in the method), J. Herbert, W. Honeybell, C. Collis, jun., G. W. Honeybell, T. Bolton, J. Kent, A. Jones (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Whanslow.

HULL.—On Good Friday, March 21st, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (with the bells half muffled) in 52 mins. F. Dale, G. Dowling, C. Jackson (conductor), W. Brown, J. Highfield, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain, F. Merrison. On Easter Day a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Dale, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson (conductor), G. M. Kilby (Willesden), D. Meadler, E. Cutsforth, G. T. Miller, J. Chamberlain. For evening service 521 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, C. Jackson, G. Dowling, M. Hedges, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, W. Brown, J. Chamberlain.

GRASSENDALE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 London Surprise. T. J. Morris, T. Jennion (first 720 in the method), G. R. Newton, E. Counce (first 720 in the method), J. Turner, J. Allen (conductor).

THE REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ON BELLS AND RINGING.

At the annual service of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, preaching from Psa. cl, 5, said the Psalm was a fit ending to the Book of Psalms. It was a call to praise God with song and jubilant rejoicing, with not only the human voice, but with musical instruments—wind instruments, stringed instruments, and instruments of percussion—drums and cymbals. To the latter, especially the cymbals, he likened our bells. The words of the text formed an appropriate invitation to an association of ringers, particularly at Easter time. Bells were the product of a very high form of art, and were a very complicated form of musical instrument. It was a very progressive art. The rediscovery of the principles of the old Belgian founders had led lately to great advances in the art of bell-founding, so much so that bells which satisfied the ear 20 years ago no longer did so. Ringing was a

progressive art, as might be seen by a comparison of the ringing papers of to-day with those of years ago, and noting the great increase in the number of peals rung. It was only right and natural that ringers should wish to perfect themselves in their art, and that to this end they should practice it to its utmost extent.

It appears that change-ringing is to the ringers what anthems and the higher kinds of music are to a good choir. This beautiful church reminds me of many happy hours which I have spent in it with the choir which was indeed worthy of the building. I can remember, I shall never forget, the beautiful rendering of the music of the Holy Eucharist, and also the anthems. People used sometimes to ask why we had so many anthems and such elaborate music. Well I always maintained that there were two reasons for it.

(1) That if you have a good choir who feel capable of learning and performing good music, you must keep them interested in their art by allowing them to exercise it.

(2) That music is an offering of praise to Almighty God, and as such should be the best that we can offer.

Now this brings me to my second point. My first is that we have met here to exercise an Art. My next is that it is an Art of the Church. It is inseparably connected with the Church, and could not exist apart from it. Ringers as well as choir singers are churchmen and church workers, and they have with them the privileges and the responsibilities of their position.

I remember hearing our dear Bishop Harrison preach at a village not far from here three or four years ago on the occasion of a choir festival. He told us that the choir of a church in Edinburgh were accustomed to practice an anthem once a year more carefully than any other. And when they had learned it they went into the church alone and sang it with closed doors, and never sang it again. It was an offering to Almighty God, to remind them in whose service all their music was rendered.

Now it seems to me that is the spirit in which we ringers should practise our art. In one way we are better placed for realising this than a Church choir. For this reason, that our Art appeals to a smaller circle. Does it not appear to us sometimes that the public at large are rather lacking in sympathy with what I may call the higher phases of our Art? and that they are no more pleased when we ring changes than they would be at rounds and call-changes or, anyhow that they are no more appreciative of a touch or peal of London or Bristol than one of Plain Bob or Grandsire. Well now, my brothers, will not this help us. We have a critic whom it is more worth our while to please than any other. One who has made bells and bell ringing a possibility, and who must have had these things in His mind when He created all things, and One too who is always present, present in every tower, at every practice, at the Sunday ringing. Whenever a peal is started or brought round, who notes all the care and patience and skill that is employed? Who knows every method that has been discovered, and probably a great many that have yet to be invented? An expert and a critic indeed! And surely it is an incentive to us to persevere with our Art, when we consider what satisfaction our efforts may give to Him, what honour our work, if done in the right spirit, may bring to God. "Laus Deo"; "Praise to God." This surely ought to be writ large over all the work we do in the belfry. What does our text say? "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." And then let us never forget what is the first object of the Church bell; to summon

to the worship of God. And those bells that we ring are calling us as well as others to that worship. The Master of the Oxford Guild in his report for the year 1912, has enumerated "some of our imperfections," which though primarily intended for the members of that Guild, will apply to ringers in general. He says: "There is in some quarters still too much justification for the reproach that we neglect the duty of worship." If this be so, let us see to it my brothers, that as far as we ourselves are concerned, this reproach is entirely taken away. Believe me that there is nothing so likely to alienate the sympathy of our fellow-churchmen than for this to be said; and on the other hand there is nothing which will commend our cause and our Art to those who do not understand or practice it, than the fact that we have a real love for our Church, and are consistent in our duties as Churchmen. Then indeed will come the "Golden Age" for which we hope and strive, that we may take our part worthily and acceptably in that great concert of praise to which the Psalmist has for centuries invited the worshippers of the true God. "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." "Let everything that hath breath; praise the Lord."

"Laus Deo."

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,—I sincerely trust "Plain Bob" has not classified me with the incurables—the fathers, husbands, and lovers of lady ringers—who, he informs us, "are beyond the pale of reason." Both he and "Treble Bob" evidently regard my former letter as meaningless.

A slight printer's error may partly account for it. I wrote: "From a secular point of view, I see no valid objection to the presence of ladies in the belfry." The compositor incautiously substituted the word "similar" for "secular." Surely my meaning is quite clear.

Of course, O valiant "Plain Bob," I am no expert in anything, much less in the Hebrew and Greek languages. I have yet to learn my native tongue. Were I an expert in languages or Campanology, there would, perhaps, be no room in my head for studies more useful. Why I mentioned St. Paul was to provoke a reply from those who know better than I whether such procedure as the introduction of women into the belfry had their sanction or not.

As I happen to be an elementary instructor of change-ringing, and find boys and girls eager to be at the bell-ropes' end, I have hitherto endeavoured to ascertain the opinion of others as to its expediency. I found little encouragement official or otherwise, and therefore I tell my female clients to apply to the "Ladies' Guild." At this the girls fix inquiring eyes upon me as though they wondered if "lady ringers" attended Court or not.

As to pseudonymous correspondence, I think it is only fair that when we use the egotistical pronoun "I," others should not be suspected of either our stupidity or cleverness. I notice no anonymous names by those who compose, conduct, or ring peals.

We are getting on, "Plain Bob," and we shall yet have

fun, for then you will write seriously. Here is a little fun or humour of my own. Should I gain permission to teach the fairies change-ringing, and there should be amongst them a young and pretty woman, who can say that Caliban would not fall in love with Miranda! Let Venus but pass the belfry's threshold, Science and Art are soon vanquished, though Campanology would be the least of her rivals.

At Lightcliff, where perhaps the bells are light as well as the cliffs, and the ascent easy, the fairies might progress well enough until Cupid discharged some of his arrows. But I am convinced the average Vulcan loves the women too well to encourage them in hurling his thunderbolts. Let us by all means welcome them where modesty and innocence adorn their charms and the environment protect their honour. If the belfry does this, then all may be well.

Yours, etc.,

Chigwell, Essex.

G. F. MARGETSON.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Trollope's second letter is only more amusing than his first; he has proceeded to "smite me friendly": it is friendly, I know that, for I know him, and it does not hurt a little bit, because poor man he is only buffeting the air. He says that there is one thing of which, on my own confession, I know little or nothing.

Now, Sir, Mr. Trollope sent me several hundred pages of MS. which proved to be his theory of the extension of methods; the logic was good, and very simple, quite easy to follow, but the premisses were false. I wrote criticisms on the side of the paper to show this, and now Mr. Trollope thinks that I did not understand his argument. I understood it perfectly well; he assumed that 2 and 2 makes 3, and proceeded to prove that 20 and 20 makes 30. The proof is quite correct, but unfortunately I happen to believe that 2 and 2 make 4.

I wrote to him and said, "you and I are engaged in exploring a method; the method is like a lake, and you are explaining the surface in your little boat. You have just about finished the surface, and so you have begun to build a theory; meantime I have explored the surface all over just as you are doing, and now I am down at the bottom in my diving-bell; when I have finished the bottom I shall examine every layer in between, and when I have got all the facts, I may be able to build a theory, but at present I cannot do so, and I cannot see the possibility of doing so, but I do know some facts which you have not found out, and for want of which your theory will not work."

Since I wrote to Mr. Trollope, several years ago, I have been deeper into the matter still, and I am prepared to prepare to prove that Shipway's Royal is Superlative, and that Superlative has nothing at all to do with Cambridge.

Yours, etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

TO OUR READERS.

In explanation of the blank page in this issue it was reserved for an advertisement the copy for which had not arrived when we went to Press.

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LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15th, a meeting of the Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, when upwards of 50 members attended from various parts of the diocese. In the afternoon many of the members, through the kind intervention of Mr. J. Martin, were given permission to visit and inspect the SS. Mauretania, prior to her sailing for New York. Afterwards a cold collation was partaken of, at the conclusion of which the business meeting was held. The Ven. Archdeacon presided, and gave the Guild a cordial invitation to Walton Rectory for the annual meeting, on June 7th. The Rev. Canon Howson also invited the Guild to meet at Woolton while its fine trees were in foliage. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Master of the Guild, moved that both invitations be gratefully accepted, and at the same time proposed the election of the Rector of Liverpool as a life member of the Guild. Mr. W. Bentham seconded and the members adopted the whole

proposition. Several new members were also elected. Mr. W. Short proposed that a congratulatory letter be sent to Dr. Cherry, a ringing member of the Guild, on his appointment as Lord Chancellor of Ireland. This was unanimously adopted, as was also a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells. A vote of thanks to Mr. W. Davies for having everything in readiness, and the excellent "go" of the bells, terminated a most successful meeting.

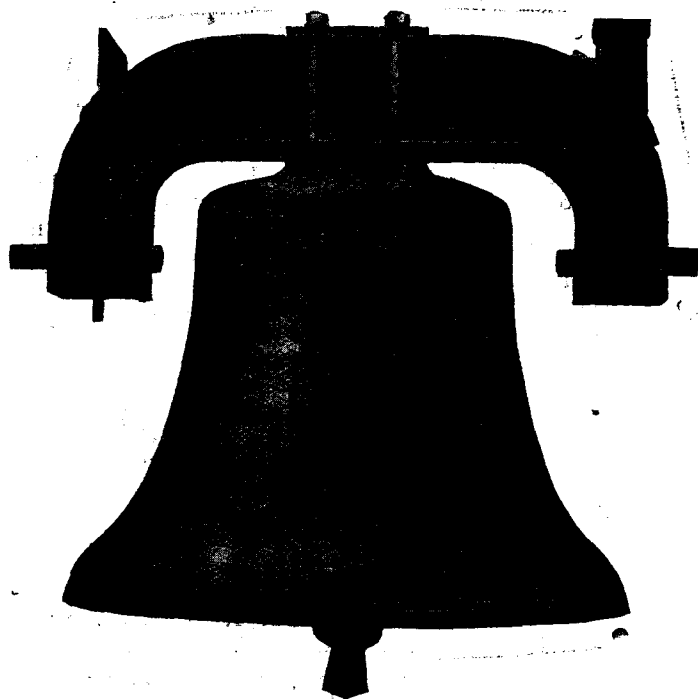
COALBROOKDALE (Shropshire).— On Good Friday, at Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, with the bells half muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, also 420, in 1 hr. H. Aston, W. Jones, H. Bailey, C. Watts, F. S. Downing, W. Lago, W. Saunders, J. Garbett. Composed by John Carter and conducted by W. Saunders. Mr. W. Morgan, late conductor to the local ringers, congratulated the band on the perfect way the bells were struck. F. S. Downing and H. G. Aston were each presented with a gold scarf pin with their initials and 1912 engraved on. The Rev. C. B. Crowe made the presentation on Easter Sunday afternoon.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 1st, 15th, and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 1st and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays, St. Magnus at 7.30. the others at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th. A service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each, with meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new President, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist (10), from 2 p.m., and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. M. Harvey, Vicar of Hillingdon.
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. **C. T. COLES,**
Church Road, Heston. **H. C. CHANDLER,** } Hon. Secs.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. **J. WATSON, Br. Sec.**
33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. Motions for the Agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.
5, Fatherson Road, Reading. **ALBERT E. REEVES, Secretary.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to welcome the new Vicar of Eccles on the above date.
W. W. WOISTENCROFT, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton on Saturday, April 5th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. All intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 1st. Bells (6), 3 p.m.; Evesham, 10, Bengeworth, 6, available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.
J. HEMMING, Branch Secretary.
10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tinsall on Saturday April 5th. Committee Meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in Church at 7.30 p.m. Please notify Mr. G. A. Smith, 151, Newfield Terrace, High Street, Tunstall, not later than April 2nd, of how many intend to be present.
REV. JOHN KEAY, } Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON,

The Lancashire Association.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at Christ Church, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.
J. H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.
31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.
J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.
13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

OBITUARY.

MR. CHARLES HOUNSLOW (OXFORD).

The death occurred on Sunday at his residence, 3, Iffley Road, of Mr. Charles Hounslow, widely known in Oxford as an expert change-ringer and conductor of peals. The deceased, who was 81 years of age, commenced his career as a change-ringer when a young man, and through a period of over 30 years he has taken an active part in the

advancement of the science of change-ringing in Oxford and the surrounding district. He was a member of the Oxford ~~Diocesan~~ Guild (of which he was the treasurer), and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He has conducted peals in various methods at New College, Magdalen, and Christ Church Cathedral, of which there are records in the respective towers and for a considerable period he was the only ringer in Oxford capable of conducting a peal. It was largely owing to his influence and love of the art that change-ringing continued to flourish in Oxford through the period preceding the establishment of the Diocesan Guild, when but for the exertions of a few enthusiasts in the art, of whom Charles Hounslow was the leading spirit, it must have died out.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, at the SS. Mary and John churchyard, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathetic followers. The Rev. C. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild, officiated at the graveside, and following the funeral service, Messrs. Freeborn, A. Fox, T. Payne (Oxford), and F. Hopwood, and J. E. Heard (Reading), rang in an impressive manner, a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells over the grave. There were numerous wreaths and floral tributes.

Amongst those present were Councillor Symonds, Messrs. F. Newell (Reading), G. Holifield, jun. and sen. (Appleton), F. Castle, T. A. Strange (steward), W. Jeffrey, A. Fox, C. Hester, G. A. King, ~~V. Bennett~~, V. Bennett (secretary), J. Howes, F. Webb, J. Wakelin, E. A. Rivers, and F. Smith.

On the evening of the funeral a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, which unfortunately came to grief. Following this a short touch was successfully brought round, and the usual whole peal and stand was rung by the following members of the Oxford Society: W. A. Smith, V. Bennett, F. Hopgood, S. Hounslow, A. Fox, T. Payne, J. Hester, W. Stone, W. C. Hedges, G. A. King and T. A. Strange. Conducted by W. J. Smith.

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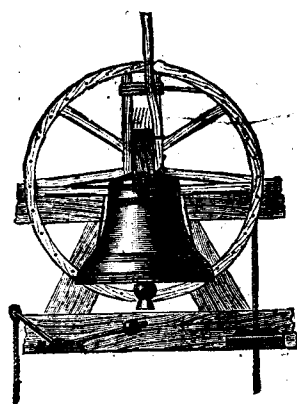
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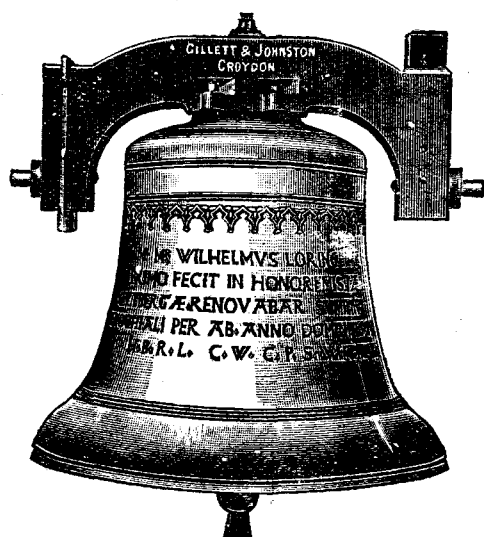
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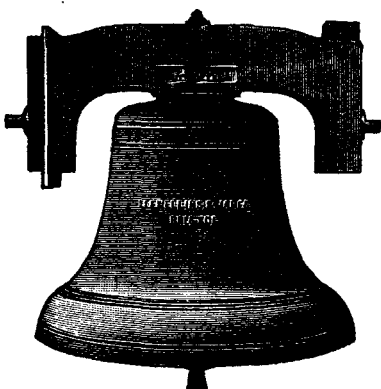
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The chapel at Buckingham Palace, where Princess Mary was confirmed on Sunday, is so small that it was impossible for any but members of the Royal Family and the principal officers of the Household to be present. It is furnished rather barely but has a good altar cloth, presented by Queen Victoria. The windows, which are of stained glass, are memorials to members of the Royal Family.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on Saturday last, and a large and thoroughly representative body of members augmented by some few visitors, attended. The bells of St. John's (10) and St. Andrew's (8) were open during the afternoon, and touches in various methods were rung at each tower. The usual service was held, the Rev. C. M. Harvey (vicar of St. John's) officiating. It opened with the hymn "We love the place, O God," while the lesson, Num. x, was read by the Rev. J. A. Livingstone. The Rev. C. M. Harvey based his address on the words "I know thee by name," Exodus xxxiii, 17, dwelling on the fact that God knew them each one intimately, their hopes and aspirations, their capabilities and responsibilities, and expected them to do whatever they were able to do. He also emphasised the need of each member of a band paying care and attention to his individual part, so that the whole might be efficient, failure on the part of one nullifying the efforts of the rest. In concluding the preacher urged the proper use of the head, hand and heart, so as to render their very best to the worship of God. The service concluded with the special hymn.

After the service tea was excellently served in the school,

THE BUSINESS MEETING

following. The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne) presided, and others present included Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler (joint hon. secs.), A. T. King, Rev. Preb. C. M. Harvey, Rev. F. O. Sutton, Rev. H. M. Boswell, and Rev. J. A. Livingstone.

Mr. Coles, in giving an outline of the annual report, said there had been an increase of 70 in the number of peals rung. Fourteen members had rung their first peal, as against 17 in the previous 15 months. New bands had been formed at St. Giles-in-the-Field, Clerkenwell, Acton and West Ealing, whilst the Pinner band had withdrawn from membership in the Association. The total number of members was 696, an increase of 71 during the year. The balance sheet showed total receipts as £37 18s., including a balance brought forward of £19 13s. 3d. The balance carried forward amounted to £20 3s. 10d. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The election of four new members was confirmed, and three others were enrolled.

The Chairman proposed Mr. A. T. King as president in the place of the Rev. H. G. Bird, whom they were very sorry to lose. Mr. King was well known to them, and they could not have a better president.

Mr. Lucas seconded, and the proposition was carried with applause.

Mr. King, in taking the chair, pointed out that he lived at Southsea, and would not undertake to attend all their meetings, but would attend the important ones. He wished to nominate two vice-presidents, one for each district—Mr. Milne for the North and East District and Mr. J. B. Hesse for the South and West District. Mr.

Bird was amongst them, and there was the feeling that he was succeeding a man who did a very great deal for them in a very unostentatious way. During his connection with the Association he had always found their late president most ready and sympathetic; he had great zeal for the welfare of everyone, and he thought he exercised, in his own quiet way, an influence upon the Association which would be lasting. Mr. Bird's successor, Rev. F. O. Sutton, was present. He came from Newdigate, where there were six bells, so he would know something about ringers and ringing. It would be exceedingly nice to have amongst them one who would certainly be in sympathy with them as ringers.

Mr. Coles seconded the nomination, which was carried.

The following officers were appointed for the year:—Master, Mr. W. Pye; hon treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; joint hon. secs., Mr. H. C. Chandler and Mr. C. T. Coles; auditors, Mr. J. E. Miller and Mr. W. Pickworth.

An announcement was made re the cup Messrs. Warner proposed presenting to the Association that came out on top of the analysis, and a resolution was adopted to the effect that while recognising the generosity of the donors the Association would refuse to accept the cup even though they might become entitled to it.

For the next annual meeting Fulham and St. Margaret's, Westminster, were suggested.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar, the organist, the choir, the caterers, and all who had assisted in any way in the enthusiastic and happy welcome accorded the Association.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

May I remind all whom it may concern that time is on the wing, and that when these lines appear in print there will be left but *one brief week* before Notices of Motion, Reports of Committees, and other matter in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Council should be in my hands, the last day for the receipt of these being Saturday, April 12th, as duly notified in the Preliminary Notice published in these columns in the first two or three weeks of the year?

Of 40 affiliated Associations, at the moment of writing only 21 have paid affiliation fees. I earnestly request Hon. Secretaries of the remaining ones to forward the desired Postal Orders as soon as they can possibly do so.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Fretherne, Stonehouse,
Gloucestershire.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, March, 30th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 37 mins. R. Fosdike. W. H. Daynes, J. Law, H. E. White, A. G. Bennington, T. Easterby, F. W. Richardson (conductor), E. B. Crowder.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,

The Northern Branch was this year visited on the occasion of the Annual Meeting, it being held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th; and the weather being good, and the welcome most hearty, combined to make it a decided success. Members began to arrive early, and the bells at St. Thomas, Stourbridge, and Oldswinford were soon in demand.

The usual service was held in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Stanhope Newland, who also gave an excellent address. The General Meeting was then held in the Foresters' Hall at 2.30, the Vicar presiding. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, apologies were received from the President (the Dean of Worcester), the Rev. Canon Claughton, the Rev. J. F. Hastings (Clerical Secretary), Mr. E. J. Dowler (Northern Branch Secretary), and others. A recommendation from the Central Committee, was laid before the meeting, to the effect that "A Belfry Repairs Fund be started with a grant of £10 from the General Fund, and that interest on the Savings Bank Account, and a sum equal to Life Members subscriptions be added, and that grants be made at the discretion of the Central Committee for bell repairs."

After discussion this was put to the vote, and was carried with some slight opposition. It was then decided that the branch officers be recommended to arrange two or three ringing meetings, independent of the quarterly meetings; the place, date, and methods to be advertised in the ringing papers. The annual peal was arranged to be rung at Stourbridge, conducted by Mr. R. Matthews. When the place for the next Annual Meeting came to be discussed, it was unanimously decided to return to Worcester next year, and by the remarks that were made, it will, apparently, be some years before it is held anywhere else.

The new members elected included the Revs. Canon Southwell, J. T. Conan Davies (Lye), and T. Robinson (Grimley), as hon. members; also the ringers at Cradley, Grimley, and Redditch. As it had been decided that obituary notices should be published in the Annual Report, the Secretary asked that all particulars should be sent him; at the same time he called attention to the fact that mistakes occasionally occurred in the ringing papers, and that such mistakes were liable to be entered in the Peal Book, unless he was advised of the alterations required.

Some discussion took place as to the advisability of an umpire being present during peals on handbells, but this was deferred until the next meeting. No change was made in any of the officers, the President, Vice-Presidents, Master, Clerical and General Secretaries, Treasurer and Auditors all being re-elected: the Rev. Canon Southwell being added to the Vice-Presidents. The meeting then closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, to the incumbents of Oldswinford, Lye, and Wollaston, for the use of their bells, and to Mr. G. H. Pagett for making all the arrangements so satisfactorily.

After so much discussion, tea, which was served in the same room, came as a most welcome change, and full justice was done to an excellent repast, partly contributed by the members of the St. Thomas' Church Council. Everyone was pleased to see present Mr. W. Rock Small, of Tipton, and at the conclusion of the tea, a hearty vote of congratulation was, with much acclamation, accorded him and his wife on the celebration of their golden wedding.

The issue of a new certificate was in the hands of the Central Committee, and during the evening two excellent designs, by members of the Association, were considered, and the one sent in by Mr. J. Pigott, of Smethwick, was eventually chosen, and will be printed in black and white.

During the evening ringing was the main consideration, and the various bells available were visited; those at Lye, tenor 3½ cwt., and treble 60 lbs., were found by those not used to them, to be most difficult to ring, owing to their lightness. The "go" of those at St. Thomas' showed a marked improvement, and those responsible are to be congratulated.

In conclusion attention should be drawn to the fact that last year was a record in the history of this Association, both in number of members, financially, and in the number of peals rung. In fact the reports of the last two or three years show conclusively that the formation of the three branches, has been, in all ways, of very great assistance in promoting the objects of this Association.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT FINEDON.

The famous old pile, yclept ye Parish Church of Finedon, was visited on Saturday last by the above Association. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson held a high opinion of Finedon old bells, on which he had called more than once his historic "Four-part of Thurstans"; but had he lived until now that opinion would have been enhanced by the present peal which hangs in the grey old tower. Some fifteen months ago the old ring of eight bells was condemned as unfit and unsafe to be rung, and seeing that on the last occasion of a peal being rung two strong men were requisitioned to ring the tenor the fiat was not by any means premature. Tenders were invited, and eventually Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the work of recasting five of the old eight harmonically tuning and rehanging the whole peal in the most approved style of iron frame. The rehanging might have been done much sooner had not the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings stepped in, with well meant but totally erroneous ideas, and attempted to influence the local authorities. With the advent of the present vicar (Rev. J. Greaves, M.A., late of St. Peter's, Leicester) the bell question was taken up vigorously and brought to a successful conclusion.

For the opening, on Saturday, about 50 members turned up, despite the miserable weather, and the new ring, with its mellow tenor of 22 cwt., in D, rolled out its music in various methods, as suited the capabilities of the different companies. The towers represented were Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Northampton, Wellingborough, Leicester Bedford, Kettering, Desborough and Easton-Neston.

At four o'clock the Vicar gave a shortened evensong in the quaint old edifice, when those assembled discovered they had in him an ideal "Ringers' Parson." Discoursing on the voice of the bells, the reverend gentleman compared the muezzin in the East to the duty of bell ringers. *Inter alia* he said:—"While travelling among the Mohammedans what impressed me most was that at eight, twelve, four and at sunset, every day the crier would ascend the steeple or minaret of the mosque, and call the people to prayer to Allah, when everyone within sound would immediately kneel and repeat their petition to God, no matter what other duty engaged them at the moment. How lax and yet how zealous Christians might be when they too

heard the muezzin—or its counterpart—the church bell.”

After the service the following rang a course of Bristol Surprise:—W. Rogers, 1; J. Houghton, 2; W. German, 3; D. Nicholls, 4; H. Horn, 5; A. Tyler, 6; W. Perkins, 7; W. Willson, 8. Adjourning to the Schoolroom, the company sat down to tea, the Vicar in the chair, supported by Rev. Owen curate, Dr. Burland, Miss Steel, of Bedford, Mr. Slarke, of Easton Neston, Mr. Meadows, Mr. William Willson, of Leicester and Mr. Walter Perkins, local Hon. Secretary. At the subsequent speech making Mr. Nicholls of Kettering, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy, and congratulated them on their new acquisition to the church. Mr. W. Willson was called upon, and in seconding the vote, described the advantages of modern bell hanging and tuning as compared to the old style, and on being questioned as to the merits or otherwise of “chiming” as against “ringing” the bells, Mr. Willson explained how by the former, the axles were only worn on the under aide, with the result they ultimately became oval or egg-shaped instead of round and caused the bell to jump or roll. The vote was carried by acclamation and in replying, the chairman humorously declared his intention not only to go in for ringing himself but to try and “convert” his brethren of the cloth to the ringers view of things.

After tea the tower was again visited, when the first course of London Surprise on the bells was rung by:—A. Smeathers, 1; W. Rogers, 2; E. Chapman, 3; H. Horn, 4; J. Ward, 5; W. Willson, 6; J. Houghton, 7; W. Perkins, 8; followed by a course of Old Cambridge Surprise by:—A. Martin (Higham), 1; W. Rogers (Northampton), 2; Miss E. Steele (Bedford) 3; W. Perkins

Irthlingboro' 4; R. Turner (Kettering), 5; E. Chapman (Kettering), 6; W. Willson, 7; W. Sawtoot, 8. The bells were kept going till 9 p.m. when the company filled the smoke-room of “Ye Bell” Inn, where Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung on the handbells until the hand of time warned those who lived afar, to undertake a four mile walk to Wellingboro' Junction.

LONG STANTON TENOR.

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. THE FUND COMPLETE.

Received with thanks:—E. B. J., £4 14s.; W. P., 5s.; A. N. J. W., 2s. 6d.; H. C., 2s. 6d.; Four Bristol Ringers, (H. J. W., J. G., W. A. C., W. K., 1s. each) 4s.; Shipley Parish Church Ringers, 5s. Total received, £35 19s.

The Vicar and Churchwardens take this opportunity of again thanking all those ringers and friends who have so kindly and generously helped them with this fund. The bell has been sent off to the Foundry, and is expected back towards the end of the month. The slight excess of the amount received over the sum appealed for (£35) will be used for an inscription on the waist of the bell and for incidental expenses.

WROTHAM.—On Monday, March 31st, at St. George's Church, on the occasion of the funeral of Lord Wolseley, the whole pull and stand and a 720 Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. F. Simmonds, G. Barham, W. Taylor, P. Denn, R. Goodbourn (conductor), F. Baker, F. Terry, J. Seal. 7-6-8 cover.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting held on 6th March, 1913.

ORDINARY BRANCH—The number of policies issued during the year was 59,854, assuring the sum of £5,586,153, and producing a new annual premium income of £346,592. The premiums received during the year were £4,826,991, being an increase of £14,725 over the year 1911. In addition, £5,893 was received in premiums under the new Sickness Insurance Tables issued during the year. The claims of the year amounted to £3,626,469. The number of deaths was 8,872. The number of endowment assurances matured was 21,981, the premium income of which was £125,991.

The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 901,838. **INDUSTRIAL BRANCH**.—The premiums received during the year were £7,792,562, being an increase of £161,154. The claims of the year amounted to £3,070,271, including £324,797 bonus additions. The number of claims and surrenders, including 5,282 endowment assurances matured, was 382,734. The number of free policies granted during the year to those policyholders of five years' standing and upwards, who desired to discontinue their payments, was 155,582, the number in force being 1,809,171. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 52,296.

The total number of policies in force in this Branch at the end of the year was 19,140,743; their average duration exceeds twelve and a half years.

The assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the balance sheet, after deducting the amount written off securities, are £84,571,932, being an increase of £3,332,250 over those of 1911.

In the Ordinary Branch a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 16s. per cent. on the original sums assured has again been added to all classes of participating policies issued since the year 1876.

In the Industrial Branch a bonus addition will be made to the sums assured on all policies of over five years' duration which become

claims either by death or maturity of endowment from the 7th of March, 1913, to the 5th of March, 1914, both dates inclusive, as follows:—

PREMIUMS PAID FOR.	BONUS ADDITION TO SUMS ASSURED.
5 years and less than 10 years ..	£5 per cent.
10 " " " " 15 " ..	£10 " "
15 " " " " 20 " ..	£15 " "
20 " " " " 25 " ..	£20 " "
25 " " " " 30 " ..	£25 " "
30 " " " " 40 " ..	£30 " "
40 " " " " 50 " ..	£40 " "
50 " " " " 60 " ..	£50 " "
60 " and upwards ..	£60 " "

The rate of bonus declared for last year has thus been maintained; and in the case of policies on which 25 and less than 30 years premiums have been paid, and those on which premiums for 60 years and upwards have been paid, an increased bonus of £5 per cent. and £10 per cent. respectively will be distributed.

The Company took a leading part in forming Approved Societies under the National Insurance Act, 1911—Six Societies were founded, viz., for Men, Women, Domestic Servants, Laundresses, Miners, and Agricultural and Rural Workers.

These Prudential Approved Societies have received a large accession of members, and as they will be administered in connection with the Prudential Assurance Company, the Directors regard their future growth and welfare with every confidence.

Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1912.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS—continued.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholders' capital	1,000,000	0	0	Investments (continued)—			
Life assurance fund—				British Government Securities	2,064,117	0	2
Ordinary Branch	£44,504,184	0	10	Bank of England Stock	152,902	18	7
Sickness insurance fund	5,214	4	2	Municipal & county securities, United Kingdom ..	1,697,680	15	0
Life assurance fund—				Indian and Colonial Government securities ..	5,276,673	9	3
Industrial Branch	37,207,842	16	7	Colonial provincial securities	1,239,939	4	0
	81,717,241	1	7	Indian and Colonial municipal securities ..	3,164,095	6	4
Investments reserve funds	1,500,000	0	0	Foreign Government securities	3,913,507	8	0
Claims under life policies intimated and in course of payment	165,530	18	8	Foreign provincial securities	485,063	10	4
Claims under sickness policies intimated and in course of payment	11	17	11	Foreign municipal securities	2,824,238	15	10
Annuities due and unpaid	2,633	12	8	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks and gold and sterling bonds—Home and Foreign	17,311,308	1	1
Balance of bonus under life policies reserved for distribution	186,514	18	5	Railway and other preference & guaranteed stocks and shares	3,401,439	7	0
	£84,571,932	9	3	Railway and other ordinary stocks and shares ..	3,000,908	7	5
ASSETS.				Rent charges	494,177	4	5
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom ..	8,332,349	15	10	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties ..	4,653,780	4	0
Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom ..	Nil			Leasehold ground rents	8,668	9	10
Loans on parochial and other public rates	14,339,172	6	4	House property	3,953,662	11	6
Loans on Life interests	1,145,538	14	11	Life interests	34,626	14	6
Loans on Reversions	90,661	13	0	Reversions	1,565,585	9	3
Loans on Stocks and shares	337,385	2	0	Agents' balances	6,706	14	2
Loans on Company's policies within their surrender values	3,241,694	14	4	Outstanding premiums	620,586	11	5
Loans on Personal security	Nil			Outstanding interests and rents	79,762	11	3
Loans to Educational institutions secured on income, etc.	47,729	7	9	Interest, dividends and rents accrued but not payable	668,151	15	5
Investments—				Bills receivable	Nil		
Deposits with the High Court (£24,400 2½ per cent. Consolidated stock)	18,300	0	0	Cash—On deposit	20,000	0	0
Carried forward	£27,552,831	14	2	In hand and on current accounts	303,404	10	1
				Balance of amount due from Approved Societies ..	72,113	16	3
					£84,571,932	9	3

The values of the Stock Exchange securities are determined, under the regulations of the Company, by the Directors. These values have been compared with the middle market prices on 31st December, 1912, due allowance being made for accrued interest, and the difference is more than provided for by the investments reserve funds.

We certify that in our belief the Assets set forth in the Balance Sheet are in the aggregate fully of the value stated therein less the investments reserve funds taken into account. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

A. C. THOMPSON, General Manager.
J. BURN, Actuary.

D. W. STABLE,
J. SMART, } Joint Secretaries.

THOS. C. DEWEY, Chairman.
W. J. LANCASTER,
W. EDGAR HORNE, } Directors.

We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required and in our opinion such accounts are correct and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

PHILIP SECRETAN, } Auditors.
W. H. NICHOLLS, }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1912, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1912
19th February, 1913.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS AND Co., Chartered Accountants.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association on Monday in Easter Week was held at Epsom. The 40 members who took advantage of using the two eight bell rings of St. Martin and Christ Church which the Vicars and Churchwardens kindly placed at their disposal, were well rewarded, the "go" of the latter, a light ring, being much appreciated, though both towers have been the scene of many peals scored to the credit of the Association.

Possibly a dread of Epsom Salts, (or a wholesome fear of "the Turf"?) rendered the meeting an unusually small one; those who were absent, missed much, for we had what to this Association is a welcome rarity, the privilege of being addressed by a "ringing parson," the Rev. W. D. Bainbridge-Bell, and his quiet earnest words of encouragement in our office as "preachers," with his reasoned adjuration to practise what we preach had the "ring" about it of sincerity and sanctified common sense and came with weight from one who in his earlier years had done yeoman service in the cause at Micheldever.

He subsequently conducted the business of the meeting which followed the tea, and his courteous yet firm and impartial chairmanship were warmly appreciated as was evidenced by the plaudits which accompanied the vote of thanks.

The cash account showing a decided increase to the balance in hand, owing largely to economy in the matter of teas, was read, and adopted together with the Committee report on the year 1912, in which the following points were noted:—The creation of the Office of Master and the popular installation therein of Dr. A. B. Carpenter; the formation of the Southern District with its accretion of 53 members; the election of 27 other new members, making the total membership 396 as against 333 in 1911; the ringing of 36 peals as against 20 in 1911 with congratulations to Messrs. J. A. Lambert and J. Hoyle on their 100 peals each for the Association; the institution of monthly combined practices; the labour expended by Mr. Beams in the unique and beautifully kept record of the Association Peals; the urging of a fuller attendance at the Corporate Services before the Quarterly Meetings—and a plea for a good understanding between each Incumbent and his ringers—as well as for a good feeling and fellowship amongst the ringers.

Votes of thanks were unanimously carried to the Vicars, Churchwardens, and Steeple Keepers of the two Churches, and to the Organist of St. Martin's, for their respective good offices bestowed this day on behalf of the Association in this branch of the work of "Christ's Church Militant here in earth."

FOR SALE.—Set of 19 Handbells by Warner, London. All sound and in good condition.—E. DEXTER, Shortwood Villa, Staines.

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.

BELL RINGING AS A PUBLIC DISTURBANCE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In reading the account of the Annual Meeting of the Midland Counties Association in your issue of March 29th, I was surprised that the President, Sir Arthur Heywood, gave such a grave warning on peal ringing and its effect on the public, especially the brain workers. Whilst one admits that head workers are more numerous to-day than in former times, particularly in the towns, I cannot see that this constitutes a prejudice against bell ringing.

If you take a large town, what kind of noises do you find that are distinctly irritating to the mind and nerves? There are to be found electrical trams, motors and motor omnibuses, the shrieking whistles of trains, etc., etc.; further, all these noises are to be heard all day long whilst the brain workers are following their vocations.

The President in his address mentions "Judges and the disturbance in their Courts." May I point out that the Judge and the brain worker are both subject to the same noises in a town. It is very seldom that bell ringing is indulged in during the day, as ringers nearly all have to work for their living so that practice as a rule can only be had once a week, and once a week can hardly be said to disturb the public peace. If the public have a hostile feeling towards bell-ringing on Sundays, then it needs no words of mine to explain the cause of their aversion. Writing from my own experience, I can say that I have never found bell ringing interfere with my head work by which I have to earn my living, but I can affirm it has always been a distinct stimulant to me, just as a military band stimulates fatigued soldiers after a heavy field day.

With regard to practice, one sometimes feels in practising the higher methods we do not always remember that there is a good deal of rough ringing to be gone through, and this to my mind should be the only real grievance the public might have against us.

Birmingham.

Yours, etc.,

P. R. CHESTER.

AN EXPLANATION WANTED.

SIR,—The date touch of Grandsire Triples which appeared in your last issue, seems to me to contain some other than the Grandsire principle and I certainly think it should be explained, seeing that the Treble is made a working bell.

Leyland, Hersham,

Walton-on-Thames.

April 1st, 1913.

Yours faithfully,

W. SHEPHERD.

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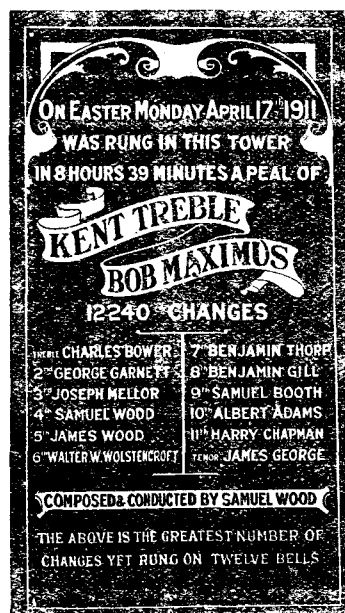
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1913.

THE meeting of the Peterborough and District Association at Huntingdon on Easter Monday seems to have caused some dissatisfaction among members of the Ely Diocesan Association, perhaps with good reason. It is scarcely doing the right thing when an association fixes a meeting in the area covered by another, at any rate without first of all intimating to the officials of the occupying association their intention of doing so, thus affording an opportunity of raising an objection if it were desired. To say the least it is decidedly discourteous. Another aspect in which it may be viewed is that the meeting was held with the object of ultimately annexing the tower, and from what we gather from communications that have reached us this is the view some of the members of the Ely Association take of it. Looking at it from this standpoint they naturally are inclined to resent the intrusion. We believe we are right in saying that the Ely Association has previously lost ground as the result of the action of another body, and further that its borders are threatened in still another direction. All these happenings are a serious matter to a small association, and while we concede to everyone the right to go forward, we would commend to them the injunction to do to others as they would be done by.

THE Prudential Assurance Company's report for 1912, the sixty-fourth issued by the Company, states that in the Ordinary Branch the number of policies issued during the year was 59,854, assuring the sum of £5,586,153, and producing a new annual premium income of £346,592. The premiums received during the year were £4,826,993, being an increase of £14,725 over the year 1911. In the Industrial Branch the premiums received during the year were £7,792,562, being an increase of £161,154. The claims of the year amounted to £3,070,271, including £324,797 bonus additions. The number of claims and surrenders, including 5,282 endowment assurances matured, was 382,734. The number of free policies which became claims during the year was 52,296. The total number of policies in force in this branch at the end of the year was 19,140,743; their average duration exceeds twelve and a

half years. The assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the balance-sheet, after deducting the amount written off securities, are £84,571,932, being an increase of £3,332,250 over those of 1911. In the Ordinary Branch the surplus shown is £1,901,315, including the sum of £348,965 brought forward from last year. Out of this surplus the directors have added £350,000 to the Investments Reserve Fund, which, after deducting the £350,000 written off value of securities, stands as at December 31, 1912, at £850,000. In the Industrial Branch the surplus shown is £1,841,698, including the sum of £507,295 brought forward from last year. Out of this surplus the directors have added £350,000 to the Investments Reserve Fund, which, after deducting the £350,000 written off value of securities, stands as at December 31, 1912, at £650,000. The total surplus of the two branches, as shown by the valuation, is thus £3,743,013.

WE have received an intimation that the methods to be rung in the second annual competition promoted by Capt. Gleu Kidston, of Gwinyfid Park, Three Cocks, Breconshire, are 120 of Grandsire Doubles and 120 of Canterbury Pleasure. The competition will probably be held on Empire Day.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	CHARLES F. WHITE 5
HAROLD BURTON 2	JAMES HDNT 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for the Festival of Easter, after meeting short for Treble Ten.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS* 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JOSEPH LAW Treble	THOMAS HY. HAWKINS 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON* 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON* 4	FREDK. H. GOOGE* Tenor

Conducted by GEO. H. DAYNES.

*First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Hy. Hawkins.

The Provinces.**PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, March 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,***A PEAL OF PLAIN EOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**
Being seven 720s.

WILLIAM SMITH	Treble	GEORGE FINCH	4
LESTER GRAY	2	ROBERT MILES	5
HENRY PUTTOCK	3	WILLIAM REEVE	Tenor

Conducted by H. PUTTOCK.

REIGATE, SURREY.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours Six and ½ Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MAGDALENE,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.**

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lb. in E flat.

HENRY F. EWINS	Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	FRANCIS E. DAWE	7
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES*	3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	8
ROBERT W. GREEN	4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	9
DAVID WRIGHT	5	GEORGE F. HOAD	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

*First peal on ten bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION, Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	6
FREDK. G. BURDEN	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
ROBERT J. DAWE	4	ARCHIBALD ALLEN	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SHREWSBURY.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL GROVE	Treble	*ALBERT LITTLE	6
THOMAS J. BRATTON	2	THOMAS MILLER	7
JAMES E. GROVES	3	JESSE SCREEM	8
JAMES H. SERPHEED	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
ERNEST C. ALLAWAY	5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is No. 1 of this No. (5017) from Mr. J. Carter's Circuit. It is forty-nine years since a peal was rung on these bells, and 102 years since a peal was rung on the ten. It is also the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in the county.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

N. J. PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE	5
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	2	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	6
CHARLES W. PLAYER	3	CHARLES TRIBE	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ALBERT BLACKMAN	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**
Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
ERNEST E. LANHAM	2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
GEORGE WHITING	4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEO. WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

EGHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART, Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	6
JOHN HOWES	3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	7
CHARLES J. HAMELIN	4	JAMES N. FROSELL	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

(The St. Nicholas' Guild).

*On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.**

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

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Fiftieth peal as conductor on St. Nicholas' bells.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION*On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART, Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	*EDWIN LAMBERT	6
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	3	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	7
ROBERT J. DAWE	4	CHARLES TRIBE	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY*	Treble	WILLIAM SMITH	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT	6
HARRY WHITTLE	3	WILLIAM TRIGG	7
WILLIAM GOSLING, SEN.	4	JOHN OLDHAM	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal away from the treble. The ringer of the 5th is 86 years of age, and hails from Mansfield. Rung as wedding compliments to Arthur Robbins and Sarah Anne Pervin, and Thomas Marshall and Clara Yates, both of this parish.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANOBs.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN EMERY Treble	ALFRED WOODROW 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 3	FERRIS SHEPHERD, SEN. 7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW 4	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

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

Arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Plymouth, and was elected a member before starting,

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble	FREDERICK WEBB 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
FRANK WEBB 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN* 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Chas. Hounslow, of Oxford

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER* Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 6
ALBERT LITTLE 2	ALFRED DAVIES 7
JOHN BASS 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
GEORGE PIGOTT 5	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman Caters with a working bell. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The above was rung after meeting short for Bob Maximus. No. 12 on broadsheet.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANOBs.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

CHARLES CHURCH* Treble	*GEORGE FLEMING 5
ALBERT FLEMING* 2	*GEORGE BENNETT 6
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 3	*GEORGE FARNISH 7
SIDNEY W. PILGRIM* 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS, and Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

*First peal in this method.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On Easter Monday, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 4200 through a rope breaking. G. A. Wightman, E. Latham, G. Whiting, W. Wightman, W. Burgess, J. Creasey, A. S. Wightman, G. Wightman (conductor).

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

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Cheshunt Society).

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lb. in E.

DAVID TUCKER Treble	HENRY CORNWALL 5
GEORGE ANDREWS 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
GEORGE MAXIM 3	HORACE SIMMONS 7
FRANK JELF 4	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

First peal by a local band, and rung at the first attempt. This is the conductor's 120th peal.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR BLYTH 4
GEORGE BAILEY 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ARTHUR BAILEY 3	LEONARD E. LAST Tenor

Conducted by L. E. LAST.

W. Clover hails from Thornham Magna; L. Last from Wickham Skeith; the rest belong to the local company.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch).

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. JAMES Treble	FRANK BOERHAM 5
J. H. R. FREEBORN* 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JOHN EVANS 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
REGINALD BROUGH* 2	FRANK I. HAIRIS 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by N. J. FITSTOW, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM 5
THOMAS CHINERY 2	FRED. INCH 6
WALTER P. GRIDLEY 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
G. BERNARD WARD 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by J. J. BEIERLEY, and Conducted by S. EVANS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Arthur Symonds ... Treble	William Dent 5
Stedman H. Symonds .. 2	William Fayers... .. 6
Wm. R. John Poulson .. 3	Thomas W. Garrard ... 7
George Lambert 4	Thomas Pryke Tenor

Composed by E. Wightman, and
Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

First peal in the method by all except the treble man, and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method in the Sudbury Archdeaconry by all residents. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

SPROUGHTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1913, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, and Plain Bob; and two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. Cook... .. Treble	F. Rolfe 4
C. Mee... .. 2	E. Rivers 5
H. Mee... .. 3	H. G. Welham ... Tenor

Conducted by F. Rolfe.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth District.)

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being four 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Lionel Hammond ... Treble	John O'Neill 4
Fredk. C. Lambert ... 2	Arthur H. Took 5
E. Austin Head 3	Herbert Pratt Tenor

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., who was leaving for Stradbroke Vicarage on the following Monday. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Miss L. Lambert, the conductor's wife and eldest daughter.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Heaviley,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON... .. Treble	REV. ARTHUR T. BRESTON .. 6
WILLIAM JACKSON 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
HIRAM MEAKIN 3	GEORGE D. WARRENTON .. 8
HAROLD JACKSON... .. 4	RICHARD NEWTON... .. 9
WILLIAM LOWERY 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

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

This peal is the first of a series of farewell peals arranged for Richard Newton, who is shortly leaving the district for Boston, U.S.A.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk)—On Easter Sunday morning, for the 8 o'clock service, a date touch of Minor, consisting of Treble Bob, College Exercise, Woodbine and Kent. C. Nunn, E. Youngs, L. Last, A. J. Berry, W. Clover, W. Rose (conductor).

Handbell Peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

A. Ely 1-2	H. Turner 5-6
W. Kemp 3-4	J. Hunt 7-8

Composed by A. T. King, and Conducted by H. Turner.

Umpire—W. Goodship. This is J. Hunt's first peal on handbells. Rung as a parting compliment with good wishes, to W. Kemp, who is leaving Bury St. Edmunds for Lexden, Colchester.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting was held at Colchester on Easter Monday, members attending from about 17 towers. Tea followed by meeting, was held in the Parish Room adjoining St. Peters, upwards of 50 being present, presided over by the Bishop of Colchester, the Vicar, Rev. C. Triffitt-Ward, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Secretary, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), also being present.

Ten ringing members were elected. Harwich and Coggeshall were suggested as being suitable places for the next meeting, the majority favouring the latter.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), next explained the position of the Association with regard to the proposal to give a new treble bell (of twelve) to Chelmsford, the original suggestion being by voluntary subscriptions, while others favor giving the bell from the funds of the Association. After some discussion, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting strongly disapproves of providing a new treble bell for Chelmsford out of the funds of the Association, but recommends the Association to give the bell, and raise the amount required by voluntary subscriptions."

The meeting closed, with votes of thanks to the Bishop of Colchester for presiding, and to the Vicars of St. Peter's and All Saints for the use of the bells. Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge.

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

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

CHAPTER V.

PROOF OF MINOR METHODS.

Whether we have a special leaning towards our numerous six bell friends, or are guided by our admiration for Cambridge Minor with its unique powers of extension as far as Maximus, we know not, but we feel very strongly that we shall not be wrong if, before launching into the proof of Major, we take a passing glance at Minor proofs generally.

The fact that we joined the late Jasper Snowdon in ringing a falsely constructed method amongst the seven selected for our first Minor 5040, may be another impelling cause; if so, let us proceed, for we are not ashamed to review what may honestly be termed our then youthful ignorance.

Yorkshire Court Minor had been put together for us by no less an authority than the late Henry Hubbard. He had first arranged it for Major and had then thrown it into Minor form.

Annexed are the figures of a treble lead, with the *in* and *out* natures of their rows suffixed. The prefixed letters are referred to later:—

YORKSHIRE COURT MINOR.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	in
A	2	1	4	3	6	5	out
	2	4	1	3	5	6	out
B	4	2	3	1	6	5	in
	2	4	3	6	1	5	in
C	4	2	6	3	5	1	out
c	4	6	2	5	3	1	out
	6	4	5	2	1	3	in
b	6	5	4	1	2	3	in
	5	6	1	4	3	2	out
a	5	1	6	3	4	2	out
	1	5	3	6	2	4	in
	1	5	6	3	4	2	in

For a thorough insight into *In* and *Out* of Course we must refer our readers to "Treble Bob," Part I, but it will suffice for the moment if we lay down two simple rules connected with six bells.

When three pairs of bells are changed, as in the "go off" of Plain Bob, or Cambridge, the nature of the row is altered, hence rounds being *in*, the "go off" row becomes *out*. But when two pairs only change, as in the second row of Plain Bob and Cambridge, the nature of the row remains the same, be such *in* or *out*, hence in this case the row being *out* remains *out*, and so on. This simple knowledge will enable the reader to check our accuracy in the foregoing treble lead.

The capital and small letters are attached to rows that correspond with one another, thus A and a point out the two rows with the treble in second's, up and down; similarly, B and b, those with her in fourth's; and C and c, those with her in sixth's.

Now, if these places are examined, they will be found to be of the same nature, i.e., A and a, *out*; B and b, *in*; and C and c, *out*. Hence there is a manifest danger of the rows with the treble in the same (up and down) place coming from some lead-end other than 123456. That is to say—

A	may occur at a, from	?
or a	may occur at A, from	?
B	may occur at b, from	?
or b	may occur at B, from	?
C	may occur at c, from	?
or c	may occur at C, from	?

We can easily complete this table by exercising a little patience in transposition, and for the benefit of the student we propose to show how this is carried out in detail.

We take it for granted that our readers, however youthful, know how to re-arrange a row by transposition, and only require to be told the required order or scale in the particular case. For example in re-arranging such a row as 156342, to obtain the next lead-end of Plain Bob, we transpose by 135264 as a scale (the first lead-end of that method). To do this we select from our row the figures that take rank, first, third, fifth, second,

sixth, in the original row, and write them down in a new row, below, thus:—

156342 (by transposing scale 135264)
becomes 164523

So far so good, as we think everyone will understand that our new row is the next following lead-end of Plain Bob.

The step we now want the student to be clear about is the following, let us term it the backward transposition by distribution (in contradistinction to transposition by *selection*), and we propose to use it at once on the selected rows of Yorkshire Court.

Reverting to our incomplete table, our first item is A (214365, see the figures) may occur at a, (a being 516342). Write down the row A, see below, leaving space above it for a new row of figures. This upper row will be the F. L. E. (False Lead-End), which acts against the lead-end 123456, and this is what we want to find. Now the row a, in the given treble lead, has come from rounds, and it (a) is to be taken as our transposing scale to guide us in distributing A so that we may find what it (A) would come from, supposing it to occur at a. Repeating the scale of a, 516342 to ourselves, we look at the first figure, in order of rank, in A, and move it to fifth's in our new upper line; then the next in rank we move to first's, the next in rank to sixth's; the next to third's; the next to fourth's, and the last of the row to second's. The new upper line is now complete, and the whole stands thus:—

New F.L.E. equals 153624 (by scale 516342 a.)

Original row A, 214365 (1).

Now this F.L.E. must not occur as a backstroke lead-end as long as 123456 appears as one, or internal falseness will occur at a.

[The student will do well to follow us, when transposing by distribution, by throwing, as we have done, the result into an upper line, as it will then appear to occupy a prior position; leaving the usual space below for a line transposed by selection in the ordinary way, as something that follows after.]

Next—see table—find the F.L.E. when a occurs at A: as before, write down on a lower line, the row a, and, noting that rounds became 214365 at A, use this latter for our distributing scale. Repeating this scale to ourselves we take the first in rank of "a," and move it to second's; the next in rank to first's; the next to fourth's; and the three next to third's, sixth's, and fifth's. This done, we find we have—

New F.L.E. 153624 (by scale 214365, A).

Original row a, 516342 (2).

This is the same F.L.E. as before, and it is quite satisfactory, being the handstroke of the lead-end.

Proceeding, we take the row B, and noting that b is represented by 654123, we use b for our scale, and distributing our row B as before we get—

New F.L.E. equals 165324 (by scale 654123, b).

Original row B, 423165 (3).

Pretending not to notice this most unsatisfactory F.L.E., differing as it does from the others (the first two) let us complete our table and learn the worst.

Our next item on the table makes us write down b, and using B, 423165 as our scale, we get by transposition by distribution the following:—

New F.L.E. equals 154632 (by scale 423165, B).

Original row b, 654123 (4).

Again a very unsatisfactory F.L.E., but, proceeding:—

We next write down c, and using C 462531, as our scale we get—

New F.L.E. equals 165432 (by scale 462531, c).

Original row c, 426351 (5).

Now, for the last item in our table, write down c, and using C 426351 for our scale we get—

New F.L.E. 165432 (by scale 426351, c).

Original row c 462531 (6)

(To be continued.)

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for morning service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. W. Evans conductor, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, S. Watkins, G. Hardwick, E. Jones. For evening service 1008 in the same method, with C. Powell standing in. On Friday, March 14th, at the hour of the interment of the late Viscount Tredegar, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), E. Jones. For the evening service on Sunday, March 16th, with the bells half muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins., the same ringers taking part. On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Evans, W. Hargest, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, S. Watkins, G. Hardwick (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), C. Powell. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples, the same ringers taking part. On Easter Sun evening, after service at Llandifeilog Church, 720 Bob Minor. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, C. Powell, W. Hargest, W. Evans (conductor). Afterwards 720 Grandsire Minor, the ringers standing as before.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Friday, March 21st, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples. L. Osborne, N. Cox, R. Bishop, Miss E. Goodship, A. Bailey, H. Osborne, A. W. Osborne (conductor), A. Durman. Also 168 in the same method. E. Pulker, G. Goodship, L. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship, C. Higgs, H. Osborne, A. W. Osborne (conductor) A. Durman. Also 144 in the same method. E. Pulker, L. Osborne, R. Bishop, Miss E. Goodship, A. W. Osborn (conductor), A. Bailey, F. Griffin, N. Cox. Rung for evening service, with the bells half muffled.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, a touch each of Kent Treble Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. E. F. Poppy, E. Youngs, G. Moss, G. Day, T. Turner, F. Brunning, F. Day, H. Moss. Conducted by E. F. Poppy. G. Moss hails from Ipswich: E. Youngs from Thornham.

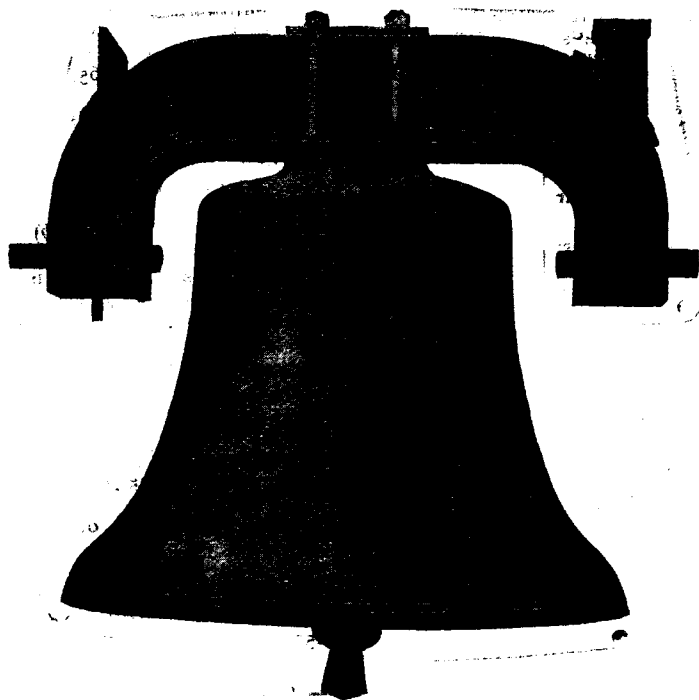
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 15th, and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 the others at 8 p.m.
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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY).—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at "The Citizen," Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.
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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. Motions for the Agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.

3, Fatherson Road, Reading. ALBERT E. REEVES, Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to welcome the new Vicar of Eccles on the above date.

W. W. WOLSTECROFT, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton on Saturday, April 5th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. Bells (6), 3 p.m.; Evesham, 10, Bengeworth, 6, available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.

J. HAMMING, Branch Secretary.
10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday April 5th. Committee Meeting at 5 o'clock. Tea at 6 p.m. Service in Church at 7.30 p.m.

REV. JOHN REAV, Hon. Secs.
J. JOHNSON.

The Lancashire Association.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at Christ Church, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.
J. H. HAYDOCK, Branch Sec.
31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available from 3 to 9 o'clock. Business at 6 o'clock.
F. BLOOD, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.
J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.
13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, April 12th, at 4.30.
REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } Hon. Secs.
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to
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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.
WILLIAM WATTS, District Sec.
Mont House Cotiage, Stansted R.S.O., Essex.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting was held at Walsall on Easter Monday. The number of members in attendance was comparatively small, otherwise the meeting was successful. The bells at St. Matthew's, Walsall, and St. Michael's, Rushall, were made good use of during the day.

Tea was provided in the Masonic Hall, followed by the general meeting. Mr. S. Reeves was elected to the chair. Alter letters of apology for non-attendance, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, the report and balance-sheet were presented. The record number of 55 peals have been rung, and the accounts show a balance in hand of £22. The officers were re-elected, and the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley, as one of the Committee. Three honorary and 19 performing members were enrolled. After some discussion it was decided that the annual meeting be held in June, to prevent clashing with meetings of neighbouring Associations. The quarterly meetings are to be held at Stafford, Penn, Handsworth, and Wednesbury. Cycle runs will be arranged for missionary work to towers otherwise difficult to get to, Norton Canes being the place fixed for April. The customary votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

THE ALL SAINTS, FULHAM, SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on March 29th. During the past year five peals have been rung on handbells; two of Bob Royal, one of Grandsire Caters, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Bob Major, all conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd. Only two failures have to be recorded. The presence of the Vicar at tea, kindly provided by him, was much appreciated. Courses of Treble Ten, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, and Double Norwich concluded a very enjoyable evening.

CHELSEA.—On March 30th, at St. Luke's Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. J. Barber, W. Dean, G. Watkin, A. Newman, H. Burton, F. A. Smith, E. Reeve, W. Essery, H. Mance (conductor), F. Gibbard.

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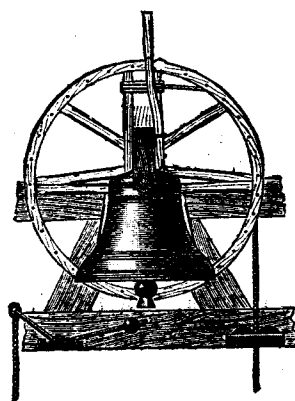
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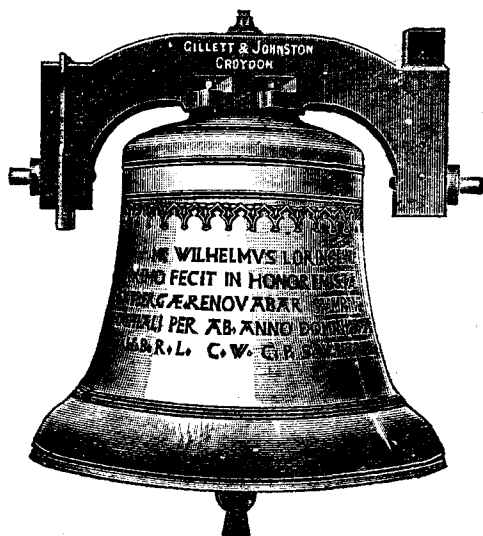
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TOM GOMER, }

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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) run 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 bear 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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Foundry band. The lecture will com-
mence at 8.30 p.m. to-day, Saturday, and
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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT ST. ALBANS.

CANON LORD WILLIAM CECIL ON THE HISTORY OF BELLS.

The annual festival of the Hertford County Association took place at St. Albans and was well attended.

At 5 o'clock evensong was said in the choir of the Cathedral, the clergy officiating being the Dean of St. Albans, Canons Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, G. H. P. Glossop, and T. L. Papillon, and the Rev. E. H. Evans.

The preacher was Canon Lord William Cecil, who gave an interesting and instructive discourse upon bell-ringing. He asked if they had ever wondered why our forefathers put the bells into the towers. No doubt first of all there was one reason. If they went to certain parts of France they would find the towers standing away from the churches, and in those towers one bell, or at most two. These bells were put there to warn people of danger, and the tower was at once a look-out tower and a defensive tower. The doors of these towers were twenty or thirty feet up, and must be approached by a ladder. These towers had always someone watching at the top, and when he saw an enemy coming, the bell was rung and then at the sound of the bell all those at work in the fields would repair to the tower, and if, perchance, the foe was too strong to deal with, after all they could go into the tower and pull up the ladder. There they were safe, and then the bell could be rung with a clashing sound, or to use an old phrase, "made to swear," so that the noise of it would reach right across hill and dale till the next tower heard it, and the next bell was rung out, and soon the whole countryside would hear the bell. These towers were originally defensive, and the bell was part of the system of defence. But after a while the tower got joined on to the church, as now was nearly universal in England, and from that moment the tower ceased to have any defensive value. To-day the architecture of our churches, including the bells, was to remind people of higher things. Enlarging upon some of the purposes for which the bells are rung, the preacher alluded to the occasions when they rang merrily for the marriage day. Then they bespoke the high ideals of marriage. At this present time, when people were advocating the principles of the stockyard instead of the beautiful laws of Christian marriage, how we needed to remember the holy character of marriage; that it was not merely an earthly state, but something holy and beautiful. The bells of our churches were intended to preach a sermon to the whole of the parish for which they served, and their message was carried further than it could be carried by any human tongue. The ringers, therefore, were doing a very serious part of the Church's work, and this was a fact they should take care to remember. It was an old story, and he hoped an untrue one to-day, that bellringing and the public house were closely connected. Bellringers should be examples of Christian life; they should remember that they touched holy things, and that they themselves, therefore, should be holy. A good band of ringers was a centre of good

fellowship and of Church feeling, and should be a centre of holy life.

The annual meeting took place after an appetising tea, served by Messrs. Slaters, in the Abbey Institute, under the presidency of the Dean of St. Albans, who, on behalf of the President (the Rev. A. G. Langdon, of Great Munden), who was unavoidably absent, extended a hearty welcome to all present, observing that the gathering was almost a record.

The Hon. Secretary's report was, as usual, both voluminous and interesting, giving an epitome of notable campanological performances in the county since last Easter. This was the twenty-eighth annual report, and the past year was, according to Mr. Cartmel, as regards the quality and variety of peals rung, second to none in the annals of the Association. The year commenced with a record peal of Bristol Surprise at Knebworth, consisting of 12,160 changes, and although this record had since been surpassed by another band, in which Hertfordshire members figured prominently, yet the Knebworth peal stood out as the third longest length of Surprise ever rung, and the longest peal rung in the method without parting the tenors. Congratulations were offered to the band and its conductor, Mr. G. N. Price, upon their accomplishment. Speaking of ringing generally, the year 1912 had been an extraordinary one for peal ringing, including some of remarkable lengths, and furtherance of the Art, and the Hertford County Association had had a share in it. During the year a Ladies' Guild of Ringers had been successfully launched, with Miss Parker, a member of the Association, as general secretary and hon. treasurer. "There seems," observed the Hon. Secretary, "at the present time a feminine weakness for hammers among the ladies, hence the more enterprising and well-ordered ladies of England have decided to practice legitimate methods upon the bells of our steeples in preference to less harmonious tactics"—(laughter). Reference was next made to the losses sustained by the Association by the death of members—the Rev. W. D. W. Dudley, of St. Albans, Mr. C. Castle, of Baldock, and Mr. Pettit, who had rendered much service to change-ringing in Hertfordshire. The formation of a new band at Tring was welcomed, and a satisfactory record of progress was given with regard to various bands in the county, including Cheshunt, St. Michael's (St. Albans), the Cathedral Society, Bushey, Oxhey, and Barley. During the year 65 peals were rung—51 upon tower bells and 14 on handbells. During the year 130 members had taken part in Association peals, and the peals had been rung in 27 church steeples, with 24 different conductors. The time occupied in ringing was 192 hours 8 minutes, the services of 444 ringers being requisitioned. Many had scored their first peal, whilst others had obtained their first in higher methods. Reports of the district secretaries were incorporated in the report, which concluded with an expression of thanks on the part of the Hon. Secretary to the auditors and district hon. secretaries, to the incumbents of churches for granting the use of the bells, and to the hon. members for their financial assistance.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham), presented the balance-sheet, which showed that the year opened with a balance in hand of £9 os. 6d. The subscriptions from ringing members amounted to £14 16s., and those from the honorary members £4 10s., making a total income of £28 10s., while the balance at the close of the year was £3 13s. 3d. The Hon. Treasurer announced, amidst applause, that the reserve fund now stood, at £20 6s. 8d.

The balance-sheet was adopted, on the motion of Canon Papillon, who spoke of the advance of bellringing in Hertfordshire, and said he was glad they had now at St. Albans Cathedral a band who could ring Superlative.

Mr. E. P. Debenham moved the election of the Dean of St. Albans as President of the Association for the ensuing year, observing that the Association, which had been in existence since October 29th, 1884, was started at the Deanery, under the presidency of the Dean, who had taken a keen and active interest in the organisation ever since, and for a great many years had presided at their annual festival, and had presided over their annual meetings year after year.

Mr. Kentish (Hatfield), seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Dean of St. Albans, when acknowledging his election, said the Association had well justified the hopes expressed for its future when it was formed at his home. Nothing could have been more satisfactory than what they had heard from the Hon. Secretary's report, "I am not a bellringer in the technical sense of the word," proceeded the Dean, "but it is true I have rung a great many 'belles' in my time; but they are neither so large as your bells, nor do I ever strike them. In fact I endeavour, as far as I can, to see that they shall act as harmoniously as may be in the life I have just started them upon. That method of 'ringing' is entirely different from what you take up. It requires sometimes a certain amount of skill, and sometimes a certain amount of patience, but still I do not attempt to vie with you, and I feel it is an additional honour you have paid me in asking me to occupy the chair as your President." Incidentally the Dean remarked that he had preached at the annual festival on thirteen occasions.

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected Hon. Treasurer; Mr. G. W. Cartmel as Hon. Secretary; and Mr. B. Prewett as Hon. Auditor; and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to Canon Lord William Cecil for his sermon, and to the Rectors and Vicars of St. Albans for the use of their belfries.

The following were elected ringing members: The Rev. E. W. G. Kemp, Dr. Fisher, and Messrs. A. Hill, A. H. Walker (King's Langley), Messrs. T. Castle and H. J. Thompson (Baldock), Messrs. T. Quick and H. E. Whitbread (St. Albans Cathedral), Messrs. G. Pratt and G. Johnson (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), Mr. W. Jeffs (St. Michael's, St. Albans), Mr. Benjamin Patmore (Great Munden), Mr. Thomas Newman (Hoddesdon), Mr. W. K. North (Braughing) Mr. A. Day (Harpenden), Mr. R. Roffey and Mr. Burlington (Barnet), the Rev. C. B. Low and Messrs. H. G. Blackmore, and H. Price (Cheshunt), and Miss Sarah Johnson (Edmonton).

In the little church of East Dean, Sussex, are three bells which gave Horsfield, the county historian, the opportunity for a joke. "There are three bells," he writes, "and, of discord is harmony not understood, truly harmonious ones." One of them bears a Latin inscription:—"Surely no bell beneath the sky can send forth better sounds than I."

DEDICATION AT TWYFORD, BERKS.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, recently cast and hung a new peal of eight bells in the new tower of the Parish Church, in the village of Twyford, the tower having been added, together with many other improvements, during the incumbency of the present Vicar, the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth. The bells are hung in an iron frame on steel girders, in the style for which the Whitechapel firm is so justly celebrated. The tone is excellent, and the "go" lacks nothing. An apparatus for "silent" ringing has also been fixed, and the ringing chamber has been panelled with oak, and the upper part finished with white enamel.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells, and their weights:—

Treble.—"To the honour and glory of God most High. This peal of bells was placed in the Parish Church of Twyford, in Berkshire, in the year of our Lord, 1913." Weight—3 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

2.—"May God bless all whom we do call." Weight—6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

3.—"In memory of father, mother, sisters and brothers, and in gratitude for many mercies, this bell was given by Mary Hedges." Weight—5 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs.

4.—"Hear my prayer, O God." Weight—5 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.

5.—"Now at length our bells are mounted
In their holy place on high;
Ever to fulfil their mission,

Midway 'twixt the earth and sky." Weight—6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

6.—"Glory to God in the highest." Weight—7 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

7.—"In memory of Henry Vevey and Patience, his wife. This bell was given by their children, grand-children, and great grand-children." Weight—9 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

Tenor.—"To commemorate the Coronation of King George V. This bell was given by many parishioners. God save the King." Weight—12 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

The dedication was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks, who was accompanied by the Vicar, together with the Revs. G. H. Waller (curate), G. F. Coleridge (Rural Dean), C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. Payne Crawford (Sonning), E. E. Broome (Hurst), S. P. Macartney (Ruscombe), G. F. Williams (Remenham), T. H. Wrenford (Littlewick), W. Vicars (Bear Wood), H. S. Acworth (Chobham), G. W. Williams, W. Henley and W. McFarlane. The dedication took place during Evensong on Tuesday in Easter week, the first lesson being read by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the second by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, after which the clergy and choir proceeded to the Baptistery, under the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said.

As the choir and clergy returned to the chancel a few leads of Grandsire Triples were rung by F. Dentry (Twyford, conductor), S. Paice (All Saints, Wokingham), A. E. Reeves (St. Mary's Reading), L. Russell (Sonning), H. Bungay (Binfield), W. Newell (St. Laurence, Reading), G. Martin (All Saints, Maidenhead), W. Fuller (Wargrave). Each of these was presented with an appropriate souvenir, in the shape of a medallion made of the same metal as the bells, the donor being Mr. W. H. Verey, churchwarden.

The hymn "Unchanging God, Who livest," was sung, the Archdeacon gave an address, followed by the hymn "At the name of Jesus," during which the offertory was taken. This amounted to between £8 and £9, and the Vicar announced that this would be given to the Bishop of Oxford's Fund, the money for the bells and ringing chamber having already been subscribed.

After the service, the bells were kept going to a late

hour. The following methods were rung; Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. Ringers to the number of nearly 50 were present from Hurst, Wargrave, Sonning, Reading, Maidenhead, Slough, Windsor, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Binfield, Swindon, London, Hughenden, Wokingham, and other places.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Leeds on Easter Monday. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted in the morning, but unfortunately was lost half-way, but a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Shipley. The business meeting was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, the President being in the chair, supported by members from Bolton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley, Shipley, Mirfield, Pudsey, and Queensbury, and the local company. After the election of officers, when Mr. F. Hopwood was appointed to succeed Mr. F. Cundale in the office of Secretary, the balance-sheet was read and passed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. F. Woodhead, and seconded by Mr. W. Joyce. The President replied, and put forward a new scheme for meetings for the coming year. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the local company, was moved by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. H. Lindsay, and carried, Mr. F. Woodhead responding.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held at Bangor on Easter Monday, and was well attended. A short service was held in St. David's Church, the sermon being preached by the Dean of Bangor.

The business meeting was held in St. David's school-room, and the following towers were represented: Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Wrexham, Gresford, Hawarden, Buckley, Ruthin, Dolgelly, and Chester.

A resolution proposed by the Dean of Bangor, and ably seconded by Mr. W. H. Evans, of Portmadoc, against the proposals of the Government to disestablish the Welsh Church, was unanimously carried. Copies of the resolution are to be forwarded to the twelve Welsh M.P.'s.

The annual report of the hon. secretary showed that seven peals had been rung during the year. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Two new members were elected, and all the officers were re-elected unanimously with thanks for past services.

Touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung during the day, the successful proceedings closing with tea kindly provided by the genial President, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor, to whom a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Rowlands, was carried with loud cheers.

The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Portmadoc in September, and the annual meeting at Gresford next Easter.

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

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

CHAPTER V.—*Concluded.*

Our complete table now stands thus:—

A	comes at	a	from	F.L.E.	153624	(1)
a	"	"	A	"	"	153624 (2)
B	"	"	b	"	"	165324 (3)
b	"	"	B	"	"	154632 (4)
c	"	"	C	"	"	165432 (5)
C	"	"	c	"	"	165432 (6)

Noting that we have four different False Lead Ends (F.L.E.), let us theorise for a moment ere we go further.

The learner, in endeavouring to think out for himself the subject of false lead ends, in Minor, will probably arrive at some such conclusion as the following:—

That, since the 720 changes are ones and all required in the Minor extent, there can be no lead ends left to act as false ones; for the Minor problem is quite different from the Major with its possible 40320 rows, a few only, comparatively, being required for a peal on eight.

This is quite correct, but there is in Minor just one false lead-end to spare for every true one, which fact we may arrive at as follows: Taking a plain lead method like Yorkshire Court, we find that 60 lead-ends are required for the 720: again we know that there are, counting both the *ins* and *outs*, 120 rows with the treble at the lead, so it comes to this, that, remembering both the leads (hand and backstroke) the handstrokes can act as false lead-ends, and thus each of the 60 backstroke lead-ends can be matched against the other 60 handstrokes as antagonistic ones, that is, each true lead-end can have one corresponding false one.

But looking back to Yorkshire Court we find each true lead end asking, for its own special protection, for no less than four false ones, a state of affairs utterly impossible; hence our example is hopelessly and disappointingly false. The student should experiment with the various F.L.E. and see how they turn the rows out.

Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, first pointed out the falseness of this particular lopsided Minor arrangement, and he gave it as his opinion that no Minor method can afford to introduce places that are not equally symmetrical in each half lead. Manifestly this is the case.

SURPRISE MINOR.

Having given this somewhat long dissertation on the possible internal falseness of Plain Methods in Minor, we now turn to Treble Bob Methods, which include our special friends the members of the Surprise family. Fortunately we can, in Minor, now deal briefly with the matter. For if the student will take the closing handstroke lead, and using it as a backstroke lead end, proceed to re-write the same treble lead, he will find that he has obtained the original, row for row, only written backwards, from foot to head. He will then find that each hand stroke lead forms the false lead end for its own special treble lead. That is to say, in Cambridge, 153624 is the false lead end antagonistic to 123456, and so on. It follows, of course, that as our Surprise examples have both the treble lead rows *in course*, any exhaustive examination for their truth must include both of them throughout the touch or extent—the *out of course* rows, with the treble at the lead, falling at the dodging leads of the treble.

In Minor methods generally, the following points require attention in order to secure a true extent:—

The plain lead must—in order to avoid internal falseness—repeat itself, row for row, backwards, when written out from its own handstroke lead.

Its lead end must be one of Plain Bob, which will then, without further examination, repeat itself five times for a correct plain course.

It should lend itself to be correctly called with the tenor, either behind without the 5th, or in and out without her; or in some such equivalent way.

No Surprise method can have a single change introduced in any part of its treble lead; a few years ago this last would have

been an unnecessary note, but we have had introduced to us lately a horrid curiosity of this sort under No. 42, to be found on page 41 of the so called "Legitimate Methods" pamphlet.

Dealing with this new horror, we read in the preface that "Superlative Minor, notwithstanding its glaring faults, is also included, with a view of showing that reverse Cambridge is not Superlative. It is however not worth ringing, inasmuch as, in common with all Double Treble Bob methods, it will not produce the extent of the changes."

What all this means, and by what process of proof this latter statement was arrived at is a puzzle to us, as in spite of it all this most unworthy and illegitimate example will run to the extent!

As some of our readers may not have this pamphlet at hand, the figures of a half-lead are annexed.

SUPERLATIVE.

123456

214365

124356

213465

231456

324165

321465

234156

324516

235461

325416

234561

325461

Lead End.

132546

135264

The figures are interesting, because genuine examples of what we have termed "Stagnation Bob," the prize movement taking place when the treble dodges in 3-4; we believe this to be unique in the history of change-ringing. Our conclusion is that this chapter, after all, is not uncalled for, as we modestly thought when half way through it.

Again in regard to these remarks on Minor Methods, should any one think that lopsided Minors are now abandoned, and this dissertation therefore more or less useless, our reply would be that in Major the problem remains, as there Yorkshire Court, etc., hold their own, and our six-bell students have a distinct interest in knowing the why and wherefore of their limitations, which after all form a very fascinating part of our Art, and one which ought never to be lost sight of.

(To be continued.)

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe, H. Cornwell (conductor), G. Maxim, H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. G. Rowe. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. After evening service another quarter-peal, conducted by H. Cornwell. This is the fifteenth quarter-peal rung by the Society. On Thursday, April 3rd, for practice, several courses of Stedman Triples. F. Jelf, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, H. Cornwell, W. Saban, G. Radley, H. Simmons, D. Tucker. W. Saban and G. Radley belong to Broxbourne; the rest to the local band.

In connection with the re-hanging of St. Germans Church bells, it has been decided to add two new ones to complete the full peal of eight. One of the new bells has been subscribed for by parishioners and other friends to commemorate the work of Canon Westmacott as Vicar of the parish for the past twenty-two years.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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	M	B	W	H
23456				
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64523		x		-
56423				-
45623				-
36524	-			-
53624				-
65324				-
65243		x		-
26543				-
52643				-
36245	-			-
23645				-
62345				-
62453		x		-
46253				-
24653				-
36452	-			-
43652				-
35426		x		-
42356			-	-
54326			-	-
32546			-	-
43526			-	-
52436			-	-
45236			-	-
24536			-	-
53246			-	-
25346			-	-
34256			-	-
23456			-	-

This composition has thirty courses, and is thought to be the first yet published having the 6th bell home at the last twelve course ends.

5184.

	M	B	W	H
23456				
64352	-			-
64523		x		-
64235		x		-
26435				-
63254		x		-
63542		x		-
56342				-
56423		x		-
56234		x		-
25634				-
62534				-
62345		x		-
36245				-

Continued—

	M	B	W	H
36452		x		-
43652				-
43526		x		-
52436			-	-
45236			-	-
24536			-	-
53246			-	-
25346			-	-
32546			-	-
54326			-	-
35426			-	-
42356			-	-
34256			-	-
23456			-	-

This composition has the 4th and 5th bells reversed at course-ends in 5-6, and is the first published with this quality having the 6th bell home at the last twelve course-ends.

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5280.

	M	W	H
23456			
64352	-		-
25346	-	-	-
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35426			-
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5280.

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64352	-		-
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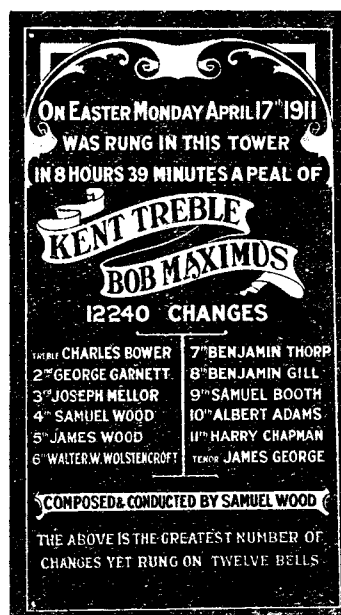
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1913.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT.

Straws show the direction of the wind, and the complaint dealt with in the following letter is another proof of the growing antagonism to Bell-ringing which exists, and which it is as well not to ignore.

Writing in the "Bedford Times" of April 4th, "A College Youth" writes:—"I notice in the report of the vestry meeting at Sharnbrook, the Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the bell-ringers for their services (which are voluntary) during the year. Mr. Stileman-Gibbard complained that they rang at such times as Christmas Eve (at midnight), New Year's Eve (at midnight), and Easter Sunday morning (at six o'clock). He said people wanted to sleep at those times, and the ringers ought to be in bed then.

Ring the bells at the seasons seems to annoy Mr. Gibbard. I would like to ask Mr. Gibbard what is the main object of the bells? The object of the bells is to call people to Divine Service, irrespective of time. On Easter Sunday morning most Church people (and chapel) attend the early services, and I think they are grateful to the ringers for reminding them. Those who do not wish to get up so early, I feel sure can sleep in spite of bells ringing in the distance. After a hard day's work it would take more than distant bells to awaken me. With regard to Christmas, is not this a time for rejoicing? and have not bells from time immortal been rung on this joyous occasion to commemorate the birth of Christ? Could any music be chosen better than the music of bells? Bell-ringers tell us there is no music to be compared with the music of bells. One might gather from Mr. Gibbard's remarks that bellringing is a low sort of game, and not worthy of appreciation. I would like to point out to him that some of the bellringers of these Isles are men of the finest intellect. Among them are to be found the Lord Chief Justice of England, the Attorney-General for Ireland, and numerous clergymen, lawyers, etc.—all intelligent men, who would never give their time and brains to an unworthy cause. A well-known ringing clergyman in an article said it was more difficult for him to master bell-ringing than it was to gain his B.A.

The Attorney-General for Ireland, at the Birmingham bell-ringers' dinner, said:—"Change-ringing is the highest and most intellectual form of amusement I am acquainted with." I may say to Mr. Gibbard that the science and art of campanology is recognised by all true Churchmen and Churchworkers, as a most useful branch of Church work. It is a study which is more brainy than billiards, more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, and more glorious than golf."

We are in full accord with all that "A College Youth" says, and quote his letter in order to draw attention to the complaint.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS,
5280 CHANGES. Tenor 36½ cwt. in C.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ROBERT SANDERS 8
BERTRAM PERWITT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 10
ISAAC G. SHADE 5	ERNEST PYE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and tenor.

The Provinces.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5171 CHANGES.
Tenor 37½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	JOSEPH E. KEEN 8
JOHN FLINT 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Mr. John Holman hails from Sheffield; John Flint from Bolsover; and both were elected members of the above Association before starting.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS R. PRECIVAL* .. Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	JOHN FLINT 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

First peal on the new bells. *First attempt to ring a peal.

POTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins. H. Whanslaw, T. Bolton, W. Honeyball, G. W. Honeyball, C. Collis, jun., A. Hubbard, B. Morris (first quarter-peal in the method), A. Jones. Composed and conducted by A. Hubbard. Rung on the occasion of a wedding.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Reading Branch).

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY SIMONDS Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
WILLIAM PRICE† 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6
HUBERT HATTO 3	HENRY SMITH 7
CHARLES STONE 4	ERNEST MENDAY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ERNEST MENDAY.

†First peal of Cambridge.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

JOHN ALLEN Treble	EDWARD CADNCE 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Allen.

PLYMOUTH.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES.

WALTER H. MARSH Treble	FRANK W. HOCKADAY 6
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	GEORGE R. STROUD 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	WILLIAM FORD 8
WARREN H. HORNBUCK 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9
REGINALD A. H. DORSON 5	FRANCIS W. POSE Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES

This is the first peal in the method in the county, by all the band, and by the Guild.

DOVKR, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Mary's Society).

On Wednesday, April 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS Treble	HERBERT C. SAYWELL 5
WILLIAM J. SHEAFF 2	PERCY GIBBS 6
ARTHUR H. ROBERTS 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
RICHARD H. STEVENS 4	WALTER CORTEEN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Messrs. W. Sheaff and P. Gibbs were elected members of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s, differently called.

JOHN JUTSON Treble	*OSWALD RICHARDSON 4
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN 5
ISAAC P. BENNETT 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells. The 3rd, 4th and tenor are the original bells put in by Penn in 1721. The above was rung on the 18th anniversary of Mr. T. Vaughan's wedding day.

BRISTOL

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

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

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
WILLIAM H. WHERETT* 2	*HENRY B. BRET 6
WILLIAM J. PROBERT* 3	ISAAC LONG 7
GEORGE A. RADNIDGE* 4	*JOHN G. HALE Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. G. E. Lockey, Vicar's warden for many years of St. Matthew's Church, Members of the St. Matthew's Guild,

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	PETER NUTTALL Tenor

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

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lb.

PERCIVAL J. BROOKS* Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE 4
LUKE VERRALL† 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS 3	JAMES MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. E. Ancombe to Miss S. J. Gurr, which happy event took place at Isfield Parish Church on the 26th ult. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Brooks.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIREAL BRANCH).

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUGHES* Treble	†JOHN GREASLEY 5
EDWARD W. DUTTON† 2	*HENRY WILLIAMS 6
DAVID HUGHES 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
JAMES R. GRIFFEN† 4	*ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. †First peal away from the tenor. Although the bells were opened more than twenty-five years ago, this is the first peal on them by a local band.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Monday, April 7th, at St. Saviour's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. C. Adams, C. Hughes, G. W. Cooper, H. Rumens, W. J. Cooper, G. B. Lucas (conductor). And 419 Grandsire Triples. S. E. Townsend, H. Rumens (conductor), C. Hughes, J. C. Adams, H. J. Cantor, G. W. Cooper, G. B. Lucas, O. L. Twist. The above touches were rung as a farewell to Mr. S. E. Townsend, who is leaving Walthamstow.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-score, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lb.

HORACE W. SHARMAN Treble	PERCY J. LENTON 3
GEORGE HOLLAND 2	ALBERT E. WYKES 4
ROBERT G. BLACK .. Tenor.	

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

The tenor ringer is a member of the local band; the rest belong to the Cransley company.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART,

LEONARD BUNNING* Treble	G. H. HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 5
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	FREDK. WEBB 6
J. W. WILKINS 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 7
G. H. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 4	GEORGE A. KING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

*First peal. Rang on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Barbara Freeborn, of Clifton Hampden, Oxon., to Mr. Eustace Sharpley Meddings, of Lee, Blackheath.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN 6
JAMES JONES 2	JOHN NEAL 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CARTER 4	JAMES L. WELLS 9
EDMUND J. HYLAND 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

First peal of Stedman Caters by ringer of the 3rd. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This composition is No. 3 on Carter's Broadsheet.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDK. J. MYNARD Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM JACQUES 6
FRANK BOSWELL* 3	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7
BERNARD FISHER* 4	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

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

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Sunday, April 6th, for Even-song, 1306 Stedman Caters, the first quarter on 12 by a local company. G. F. Williams, R. Coles, A. F. Ashman, W. Phipps, G. White, F. K. Biggs, E. Markham, F. Hayes (conductor), J. Gransbury, S. T. Goodchild, B. Page, C. Smith.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	*LEWIS GOODENOUGH 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN* 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
FREDERICK BRINKLOW 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

*First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON* .. 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells (aged 16). This was Mr. Tucker's 100th peal for the Guild, and rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble	EDWIN STRINGER 5
GEORGE PARSONS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
GEORGE CHAPLIN* 3	BERTAM G. LEBDHAM 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4	BRO. P. FIGARD, O.S.B. .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Mr. Chaplin hails from Tamworth, and it is his first peal of Stedman. The band wish to thank Mr. B. W. Witchell for kindly making arrangements, and regret it was not convenient for him to call them the peal, owing to another engagement.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSE.

The two Baileys hail from Rickingham; the rest belong to the local company.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM.—On Sunday afternoon, April 6th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (1913 changes), in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Wright, S. M. Butterworth, A. Clegg, S. Stott (conductor), C. Marsland, A. Waites, J. H. Bastow, H. E. Fielding, I. Schofield, J. Garlick. Composed by Charles Jackson, of Hull, and Conducted by Samuel Stott. Rang for the Men's Service. A. Clegg and I. Schofield belong to Glodwick; the rest to the local band.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK DREYSHIRE .. 5
WALTER C. HUNT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
HARRY WASHBROOK 3	PERCY DREYSHIRE 7
GEORGE E. TURNER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

Handbell Peal.

ENFIELD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park,

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

JOHN THOMAS 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER* 3-4	WILEY J. HAZELL .. 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire—James Parker. *First peal in the method with a pair of working bells.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James's Society).

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

WALTER RADLEY 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE .. 5-6
FREDK. G. DEWELL .. 3-4	CHARLES WOODCOCK .. 7-8

Composed by G. Cross, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire—Harry Moore.

VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 8, 1913, in Two Hours,

AT "SOUTHCLIFF,"

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CYRIL G. PETCHEV* .. 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 3-4
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire—Miss N. Williamson. *First peal. This is believed to be the first handbell peal in the island.

BRETORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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HARRY MIDDLETON 2	†JAMES ADDIS 5
FREDK. JOHNSON 3	†FRANK MOSS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK MOSS,

*First peal. †First peal in the method, and as conductor.

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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.

AN EXPLANATION GIVEN.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In reference to the letter of Mr. W. Sheppard, published in your last issue, asking for an explanation of the date touch of Grandsire Triples you kindly inserted for me the previous week, I might say that the go-off is supposed to be the third change of a treble lead, the third being substituted for the treble, which is a plain hunt bell throughout, the Grandsire method being strictly followed from the first time she leaves the lead; the only departure is when 5-6 lie still in the first change of the touch. I might also add that through a printer's error, the second change should have been 2415376 instead of 2413576 as printed.

Yours, etc.

GEO. FREEBREY.

33, Grayling Street, Derby, April 7th, 1913.

ALLEGED FALSE QUARTER-PEAL.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in your issue of March 22nd of "THE BELL NEWS," composed by A. S. Miller, of London, is hopelessly false. The eleventh single is worked as a bob; also towards the end commencing when 6 and 7 come home, repeats line for line.

Certain it is that Mr. Miller's thoughts were not of Grandsire Triples at the time of its composition.

Yours, etc.

A. J. CHAMBERLAIN.

Easthorpe. Southwell, April 6th, 1913.

MITCHAM.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. S. Foster, J. D. Drewett, D. W. Drewett, B. Morris, A. Calver, J. A. Lambert, W. H. Joiner (conductor), F. Tilley.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Salehurst branch of this Association held their annual outing on Easter Monday, Waldron being the place selected. An early start being the order, a two horse brake left "The George" hotel, Battle, at 7 a.m., conveying Messrs. Franks and Thomas, of the Battle Society, Robertsbridge to pick up the Salehurst men. A crisp morning ride brought them to Burwash, the first "refreshing" place, Waldron being reached at 11.30. The bells were soon raised—a nice light ring of eight, going like tops. A touch of Grandsire Triples was tapped off, to ring in the bride, there being a local wedding, after which the bells were set going until 2.30, the time of departure.

Dallington, the next ringing place, was reached at 4.30. Here can be found a splendid ring of six, which could easily be made to tell a better tale by the way of method ringing. Several 120s were tapped off. At 6 o'clock the ringers repaired to "The Swan" inn, where a good tea had been provided by Host Cornford.

In the evening a "smoker," previously arranged by Mr. York, and presided over by Mr. Peploe, churchwarden, was held. Mr. Simmons was at the piano. The toast of the evening was "The Salehurst and Battle Societies."

Mr. Booth, responding on behalf of the Salehurst band, urged—as a native of Dallington—without delay the necessity of the Dallington band becoming affiliated to the Sussex County Association, without which they could scarcely ever hope to make progress, or to make the ringing of such a nature that would arrest the attention of the younger men, who were constantly coming and going. It had been said that they could get on if they had a leader like himself, but he would remind them that his knowledge was due to Mr. Franks, who had acted as instructor to the Salehurst band, since joining the Association.

Mr. Franks, in responding on behalf of the Battle Society, said he endorsed every word Mr. Booth had said. He knew quite well there was a kind of feeling existing sometimes after a meeting when the ringing had been of a very poor nature, which held out little or no inducement for fresh bands to join; but he would remind his hearers that it was a mistake to take a view of this kind, seeing it was not a selection of "crack" ringers got together to exhibit their skill before a few locals, but that a number of men had elected to get together for the benefit of one another, and to help forward those who were prepared to attempt a course or even a touch of something that opportunity affords, local or otherwise. That he believed was one of the objects of the Association. In conclusion he looked forward with the greatest confidence to seeing the Dallington band affiliated to the Sussex County Association.

Mr. Booth proposed "The Chair," and Mr. Peploe replying, brought a pleasant evening to a close. The visitors then left for home. The members taking part were: Mr. Booth (Captain), E. Mills, W. Hoad, F. Morgan, J. Goodsell, C. Creasey, Peacock, etc.

The ringers wish, through the medium of "BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A., Rector of Waldron, and the Rector of Dallington for the use of their bells.

PRESENTATION AT MITCHAM.

At the conclusion of the weekly practice of the Mitcham Society of change-ringers on Wednesday, March 26th, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, a most interesting event took place, the members presenting J. D. Drewett, Esq.,

C.C., the treasurer and steeplekeeper of the society, with a handsome black marble inkstand, suitably inscribed, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by his brother ringers, and a mark of appreciation of the many kindnesses shown towards them.

The presentation was made by Mr. Chas. Dean, late Secretary of the Surrey Association, who expressed the great regard and friendship felt by the members for Mr. Drewett.

Mr. Drewett, in a most feeling reply, thanked the members for the unexpected pleasure. He would treasure the gift as long as he lived. What he had done had been a labour of love, and, as his father before him, would always have the true interests of the ringers at heart, and their proper recognition as Church workers.

Mr. Drewett has been connected with the Mitcham tower for the past thirty year, his late father being a ringer in the same tower over sixty years ago.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Huntingdon, a goodly number attending to take advantage of the splendid welcome offered by the incumbent, the Rev. —. Gardner.

The following towers were represented: Peterborough (St. John's), Ramsey, Whittlesea, Chatteris, St. Neots, Eynesbury, Raunds, and the local company. A short service took place in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rev. —. Gardner, and an excellent address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Vesey, which was very instructive, and greatly appreciated. After service a business meeting took place in the Archdeaconry Library, the chair being taken by the Rector; Whittlesea being the next place of meeting, on Whit Monday.

A vote of thanks was then accorded the Rector for the use of St. Mary's and All Saints bells, which concluded the business.

The bells were hept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Salle on Easter Monday. The newly restored and augmented ring of eight at the Parish Church, and the ring of six at Whitwell, were at the disposal of members throughout the day, and were largely used. The Rector of Salle (the Rev. H. C. O. Lanchester) presided at the dinner and meeting, supported by the Rev. W. A. Partridge, Mr. T. P. Humphrey (churchwarden of Salle), Mr. A. Coleman, Messrs. G. Moy and W. Howson (district secretaries), C. E. Borrett (Secretary), and representatives from many towers in the neighbourhood—a total company of fifty-five.

The Chairman gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors to his magnificent church and bells, and also invited the whole company to the Rectory to tea. The Secretary voiced the thanks of the members for the kind hospitality and assistance shown to the Association by the Rector and people of Salle, and the business part of the meeting ended with the election of new members.

The meeting was of a most enjoyable character, and should prove of benefit to the new company lately formed in the parish.

THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

Nearly 60 members attended the last quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district of this Guild, at Fareham. The members present represented Brading, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth, Swanmore, Titchfield, Upham, Wickham and Winchester, while visitors also attended from Greenwich and Oatlands Park. These kept the bells going during the afternoon, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire being rung. The Vicar (Rev. —, Jarbat) conducted service in the Parish Church, after which tea was partaken of at the Tea Rooms. This part of the proceedings over, a move was made to the Parish Hall, for the business meeting. This was presided over by Mr. A. T. King, supported by Mr. J. Whiting (the district secretary), Mr. E. J. Harding (representative) and Mr. Thornton (Greenwich). New members having been elected, Mr. King gave some interesting details of the work of allotting points for peals. Regret was expressed at the

absence, through illness, of the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), and votes of thanks were accorded Mr. King for presiding, the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and the officers for their services. The tower was afterwards visited, and touches of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples rung.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On March 10th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1913 changes). S. Wharton. C. Powell, J. Hale, A. Parr, J. L. Hammond, J. Rutter, A. Smith, E. Hampson. Composed by C. Jackson, and conducted by J. Rutter.

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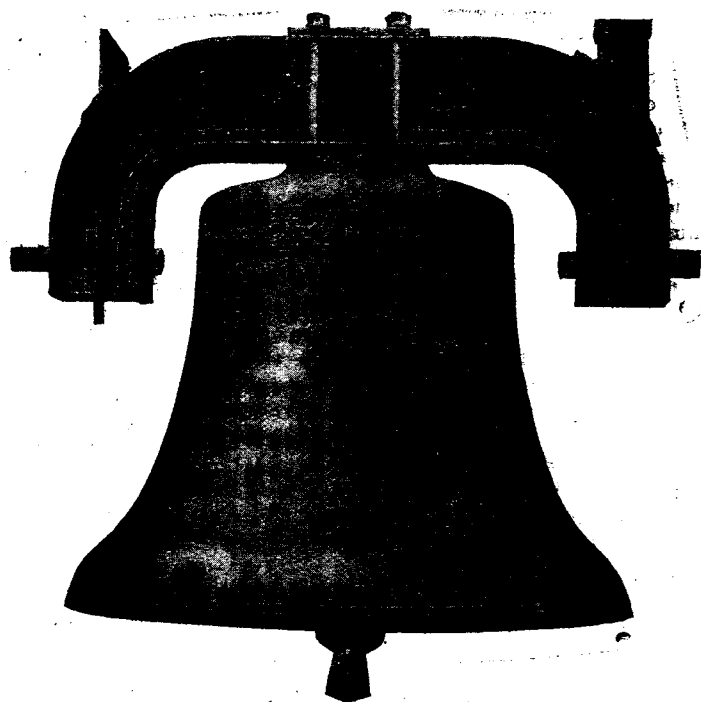
PERTH.—On Sunday evening, March 16th, as a token of respect for the late Captain Scott and his brave comrades, a short touch of Grandsire Triples (half muffled). A. O'Keefe, H. Joyce, W. Townsend, A. Parker, A. Tostiven, W. Hodgson, J. Gardiner (Instructor), A. Phillips.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 13th, and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 the others at 8 p.m.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY).—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.
86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY).—The quarterly meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at "The Citizen," Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in The Meeson Hall at 5.30 at 8d. per head to those who let me know by the 24th inst. There will be no practice at St. Martin's on the 12th inst.

3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends invited.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.
J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.
13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, April 12th. at 4.30.

REV. CONNOP L. PRICE, M.A. } Hon. Secs.
JOHN J. JONES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to
WALTER HUGHES, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 5.30.

WILLIAM WATTS, District Sec.
Mont House Cottage, Stansted R.S.O., Essex.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. Time of service and meeting will be published next week.

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

The Warwickshire Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, April 26th.

Bells (8), available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members let me know by April 21st.

Shottery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A. Vicar of Coseley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 23rd. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are now due at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present for tea, please send me word not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting.

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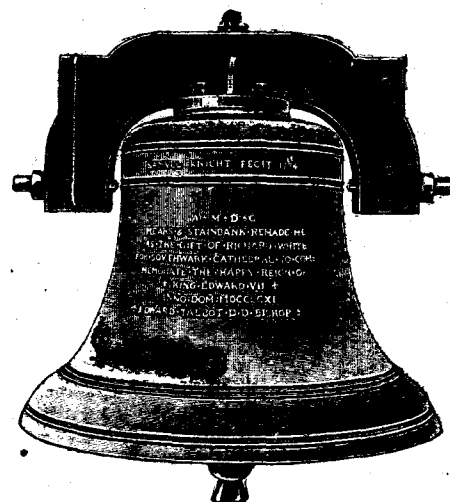
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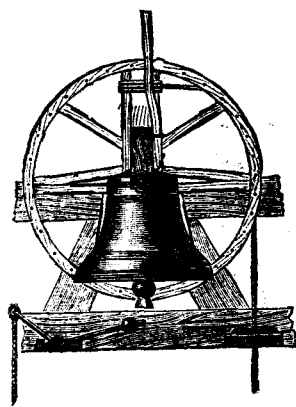
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The Fund for the restoration of Shore-ditch bells is to be helped by a lecture on "Church Bells" by Mr. J. Sudell, Master of the St. Matthew's (Clapton) band. During an interval a selection on handbells will be given by the Spitalfields Foundry band. The lecture will commence at 8.30 p.m. to-day, Saturday, and charges for admission are 1s., 6d. and 3d.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL-RINGERS' ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1912.

NOTE.

The following is the Report usually appended to the Analysis of Peals. This year, owing to the exceptional circumstances detailed in these Reports, the Committee are of opinion that the Analysis itself should be withheld until after the meeting of the Council, to whose consideration they think that it should be submitted prior to its publication.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

The questions which have presented themselves to the Analysis Committee for solution this year, have been of considerable number and magnitude, and we venture to hope that in the matter of points for Peals, which was relegated to us at the last meeting of the Council, we have arrived at a workable result, if it cannot be looked upon as perfect.

The subject is so intricate that the result is hardly likely to be accepted at once by every member of the Exercise: but we can assure any who may be disposed to criticise the details of our work, that we have spared no amount of labour since the last meeting of the Council, and have used every means at our disposal to arrive at a fair solution of a very difficult question, in which absolute mathematical accuracy is unattainable.

We feel strongly that any arrangement come to must be imperfect, as one of the most important factors in arriving at the real value of a Peal, the personal equation, has of necessity to be ignored. To give an illustration: A peal of Bob Minor was rung on January 20th, in which we learn that it was the first peal by the first five ringers, and the first as conductor by the ringer of the tenor. Again on May 11th we notice a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was the first peal by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, first as conductor by the ringer of the 6th, and first peal by the local band. On December 28th a peal of Bob Minor was the first peal by five of the band, and first peal with a bob bell by the other, while it was the conductor's first as conductor, and the first on the bells by the local band.

Such performances as these (and other instances might be given), are relatively of greater value really than peals in more intricate methods rung by bands of experienced ringers, who have, perhaps, been ringing one or more peals every week for a long period. But it is obviously impossible to take such circumstances into account. Points seem to be necessary as a means of comparison, though we wish that some other method of comparing the results of the Analysis could be found. We have accordingly endeavoured to apportion them as fairly as the circumstances will permit.

The steps taken, and the results arrived at with regard to points for "Peals," and for "Performances" on six and five bells are presented separately. It only remains for us to say that the adjustment of the two scales, and the finding of a common denominator has been a matter of

considerable difficulty. We trust that in all the circumstances the efforts we have made will meet with the approval of the Council and the Exercise at large. We can only say that we have done our best in a very difficult matter.

The Scale for Minor Methods adopted last year gave 7 points for seven 720s of Plain Bob, possibly the same 720 rung seven times, while 7 points is the time-honoured allowance for a peal of Grandsire Triples. This is obviously unfair. We have, therefore, been compelled to adjust the standard of comparison either by marking *up* peals on 7 bells and upwards, or by marking *down* those on 6 bells. Having regard to the fact that by ringing more than one Minor Method, the points very easily rise above the value of a peal of Grandsire Triples, we have come to the conclusion that the latter is the best solution of the difficulty. This is dealt with more fully in the separate Report on the Points for Minor and Doubles.

We have been in much uncertainty how to deal with Minor performances consisting of touches of less than 720 changes. One peal of "spliced" 720s was withdrawn because one 720 turned out to be false. In the case of the performances we are speaking of, no 720 at all was rung, and many changes must have been altogether omitted. While, therefore, we feel that these collections of touches in many different methods are great achievements, we do not consider ourselves justified in allotting to them the full number of points.

Two peals of Minor have in the past year been *tapped* upon handbells; but as they were not *rung*, the bells were not "retained in hand," we are of opinion that the Council would not wish them to be included in the Analysis. They were certainly marvellous, and merit a word of notice, but, if they were to be included, we could hardly omit peals tapped upon the piano or dulcimer, and it is clear that a line must be drawn somewhere. We are not at all certain that it would not even be better to place the handbell peals in a separate Analysis.

The reports of peals sent to the Ringing Papers seem to have been more carefully written. The errors needing correction are fewer this year, in spite of the enormously increased number of peals which the Analysis shows. May we once more urge upon those who send reports of peals to examine them carefully when printed, and ask to have any errors corrected at once? This would save the Committee much time and labour in compiling the Analysis.

The numbers of those who rung their first peals on tower bells, are curiously similar to those of last year. First peals were 609 in 1912, against 604 in 1911. First peals away from the tenor number 13, the same as last year, and the first with a bob bell are 70 against 74 the year before. Those who rang their first peal as conductor are 89, as against 83. "First peal on the bells were 79, since restoration, 27; since addition, 11; and "first by local band," 15.

Birthday peals show a large increase, totalling 248. Wedding peals numbered 80, including peals for six "golden weddings." Muffled peals were 95, including two

on Good Friday, and 8 in commemoration of the Titanic disaster. There were 49 "Farewell" peals, and 21 of "Welcome." 79 were rung for Anniversaries, Dedications, etc., and 20 on Royal birthdays and other public occasions. Quarterly Association peals were 14. Members of the C.E.M.S. rang 4 peals, Friendly Societies 2, while Clergy, Police, Market Gardeners and the Ladies rang one each. One peal was rung to commemorate the opening of a drinking fountain, and another as a compliment to the Churchwardens for providing a new set of bell-ropes. We can imagine many other bands of ringers ready to pay a similar compliment, if only the circumstances admitted of it. We also notice one peal in which a blind ringer took part, two were rung by 8 Georges, one by 10 Williams, and one by 12 Johns.

Saints' Days and other Church Festivals were more noticed last year, 52 peals being recorded as rung on these occasions. Possibly other peals were rung for Festivals, as we notice, for instance, that 16 peals were rung on Janunry 6th, but in only two cases was the Festival of the Epiphany mentioned. Sfx peals were rung for Harvest Thanksgivings, and 3 muffled on December 31st for the departure of the Old Year, together with 17 others on that day.

Young ringers are still, we are glad to see, coming on. We find them as young as 11. In one peal the ages of four of the ringers were 12, 13, 15, and 16, while in another the ages varied from 12 to 17, giving an average of 15. On the other hand we find four of 70 and upwards, and one of 86! May he be spared to ring more peals yet!

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REPORT ON PEAL VALUES.

Your Committee have given careful attention to the work bequeathed to them by the late Committee on Peal Values, fully sensible of the difficulties inseparable from any scheme of Method Classification calculated to give general satisfaction. Whether we have succeeded or failed, we must leave to others to determine. For our own part, we can say that we have bestowed an immense amount of care and labour on the subject; and that, but for the valuable help we have received from many ringers of eminence, we should have found the work almost beyond our powers. Even now we must ask for the indulgent criticism of the Exercise in respect of the anomalies which still remain. We shall be willing at all times to receive and weigh carefully any suggestions for improvement which may reach us. We would urge, however, that any who wish to criticise should give real thought to the whole subject, and not simply raise objections because they think that some particular pet method of theirs has not received the consideration they think is due to it. If a fair trial be given to the results we have arrived at so far, we believe that they will be found workable.

In the first place, we were left to frame a Table of Values according to the amended formula $\frac{V.N^3}{2}$ which we have found

of great service as showing in a symmetrical form the limits within which our choice of values lay; subject, of course, to such slight adjustment as the practical experience of some of us in the intricacies of ringing suggested.

In the next place we have endeavoured to arrange a Classification of Methods from the point of view of a practical ringer; and we believe the classification we have agreed on to be a sound one. It is here, however, that anomalies may be expected to creep in. For whatever classification may be attempted, so as to allow for a moderate graduation of difficulty, there will always be found some methods contracting themselves (so to

speak) out of any classification that the wit of man can devise; for even a Plain Method may be invented as difficult to ring as any Surprise Method. Such, however, are exceptions, and with these we must be permitted to deal exceptionally.

The following is the classification we have arrived at:—

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

CLASS I. Plain Methods—Comprising all Single Methods with the work on one side of the Treble only, with or without a bell in the hunt—Canterbury—College Single, Darlaston, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Union Triples—with the reverse methods.

CLASS II. Alliance—Methods with the Treble having an "Alliance Hunt," i.e. a combination of dodging and plain hunt.

CLASS III. Treble Bob—All Methods, not otherwise classified, with the Treble a dodging hunt:—Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Violet, London Treble, Bob, &c.

CLASS IV. Double Plain—All methods with the Treble a plain hunt, and the same method work on each side of the Treble:—Double Bob, Double Grandsire, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, &c.

CLASS V. Compound Plain—All Methods with different method work on each side of the Treble:—St. Clements, Hereward.

CLASS VI. Stedman, &c.—Odd bell and even bell Methods, in which all the bells work alike:—Erin, Stedman, ston, Duffield Forward, Handsworth, Original, Shipway.

CLASS VII.—Double Surprise—Surprise Methods (i.e. Treble Bob Methods with a place at every cross section) with the places all made right, and the same method work on each side of the Treble, i.e. Double:—Superlative, Oxford, New Cumberland, Norfolk.

CLASS VIII. Compound Surprise—Surprise Methods with all the places made right, and the same with different method work on each side of the Treble:—Cambridge, New Cambridge, Gloucester, Yorkshire.

CLASS IX. Double Surprise—Surprise Methods with the places made (places wrong) both right and wrong, and the same method work on each side of the Treble, i.e. Double:—Bristol, Peterborough.

CLASS X. Surprise Methods with the places made Compound Surprise—both right and wrong, and with different (places wrong) method work on each side of the treble:—London Surprise, Cumberland Delight, Stepney Surprise Royal.

Methods specially assigned—Little Bob to Class III. Waterloo Reverse Major to Class VI.

POINT VALUES FOR THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS	Triples Major Caters Royal Cinques Maximus					
	7	8	10	12	13	15
I						
II		12		16		18
III		12		16		18
IV	12	16	18	22	26	30
V		16		22		30
VI	24	24	28	30	32	36
VII		33		40		55
VIII		30		40		55
IX		48		60		72
X		50		63		76

The foregoing Schedule applies to peals of 5,000 changes. Peals having over 7,000 to 10,000 changes count as two peals; those having over 10,000 to 12,000 changes count as three peals; and so on for every additional 2,000 changes. This mode of reckoning, however, is not applicable to long peals in Minor Methods, the new scale providing already for the length of a peal, by giving additional points for each complete 720 rung.

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POINTS FOR PEALS ON 5 AND 6 BELLS.

It will be within the recollection of the Council that, at their last meeting, held at the Church House, Westminster, on the 28th of May, 1912, the Peal Values Committee submitted a scale of points for peals of Minor, the working out of which scale was left to us as members of the Analysis Committee, and to us we

relegated at the same time the duty of formulating a scale of points for peals on the higher numbers of bells, and the adjustment of the two scales.

In the scale of points for peals of Minor thus bequeathed to us, Minor Methods were divided into four classes, viz., Plain, Treble Bob, Broken Lead and Surprise. The Council, in the "Collection of Legitimate Methods" issued under their authority, accepted the definition of "Treble Bob" methods as those "having no places made at a cross section," and "Surprise" methods as those "having places made at all cross sections." The first, second and fourth of these classes, therefore, presented no difficulty. With regard, however, to "Broken Lead" methods, we have learnt that they are methods without a slow hunt bell in the front for the whole period between the full leads of the treble, and all the "Delight" methods in the Collection fall into this class. But there are other methods rung, which are not included in the Collection—Woodbine and Duke of York for instance—are 4th's place Delight methods, but they have a slow hunt bell, and are not "Treble Bob" nor "Broken Lead." To make the work in front between the treble's full leads the only criterion of difficulty seems to us unreasonable, and, in methods in which second's place is made at the treble's full lead, although the lead may be "broken," the bell making second's place may be in front for a longer time than in the case of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. In Duke of Norfolk, *e.g.*, there is a bell in front for 16 whole pulls; in Old Oxford Modernised there is a bell in front for 16 whole pulls, and a bell behind for 20 whole pulls.

With regard to "Surprise" methods, there are several called Surprise which, according to the accepted definition, have no right to the name. Huddersfield is "Treble Bob" only, Coventry, Worcester, Chichester, Bristol, Lichfield, Ely and Chelsea are all Third's Place Delight Methods.

Under these circumstances we have invited a number of conductors, experienced in Minor methods, to help us in dividing these methods into four classes, according to their practical

difficulty.

That invitation has been very heartily responded to. There-
plies have, in most cases, shown that those who were consulted have given very careful thought and much labour to the question, and we wish to give those gentlemen very sincere thanks for the very valuable material which has been placed at our disposal.

There was, of course, no little diversity of opinion. One method was placed in all four classes, and nine were placed in three classes. But, in every case but one, at least one class had only one supporter. As opinions were given on all the methods in the Collection and on a large number of others outside it, there was a greater agreement than might have been expected. The personal equation enters very largely into the question of difficulty, and a method, which seems perfectly simple to one, presents much difficulty to another. Those, again, who have not had much experience of the more intricate methods, are naturally inclined to rate methods of moderate difficulty too highly.

There must be a good deal of difference between the easiest and most difficult method of each class, but this cannot be helped, if the number of classes is to be restricted to four, and we do not think that more than four are necessary or advisable.

We have accordingly made a division into four classes, which we hope may find general acceptance.

We were next faced with the difficulty of combining the scale of points for Doubles and Minor with the scale for peals on higher numbers. Taking the points for a peal of Grandsire Triples to be 7, Bob Major 8, and Treble Bob Major 12, we find that, according to the last scale, a peal of Bob Minor (possibly the same 720 rung seven times) will receive the same number of points as a peal of Grandsire Triples; while if one 720 of Treble Bob takes the place of one of Plain Bob, the points are one more than for a peal of Bob Major; and seven 720s of

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Treble Bob (possibly, again, the same 720 repeated) receives two more points than a peal of Treble Bob Major. This obviously requires adjustment, and it has been a matter of no small difficulty. But we think, after much consideration, that the scale we have drawn up should commend itself to ringers of Minor methods as fair and reasonable.

We propose to give to a peal of Doubles 3 points, with one point added for each two methods rung.

To a peal of Minor 5 points, to which shall be added—

- 1 point for each 720 of Class II,
- 2 points for each 720 of Class III,
- 3 points for each 720 of Class IV,

together with 1 point for every additional method of Classes I and II, and two points for every additional method of Classes III and IV, provided that complete 720s are rung, either in one or more methods.

A peal of seven methods of Class IV would thus be valued at $5 + 21 + 12 = 38$.

Four 720s in one method Class II, and three in one method Class I would receive $5 + 2 + 4 + 6 + 2 + 8 = 27$. True 720s containing methods of more than one class to be considered as belonging to the method of the highest class.

In consequence of the difficulty of combining the scale for peals with the scale for Minor adopted by the Council in 1912, we have decided to present the Analysis this year with the Societies arranged in alphabetical order, giving the totals for Triples, etc., and for Minor and Doubles separately.

MINOR METHODS ARRANGED IN FOUR CLASSES.

CLASS I. Plain Methods. Original, 1 Plain Bob, 2 Double Bob, 3 Oxford, 4 Double Oxford, 5 Hereward, 6 Reverse Hereward, 7 St. Clements, 12 Canterbury Pleasure, 13 Fulbeck, 14—, 15—, 16—, 17—, 24 Court, 26 College Single

Treble Bob Methods. 1 Oxford, 2 Sandal, 3 Duke of Norfolk, 4 Burton, 5 Rochester or London Treble Bob, 6 Morning Star or Cumberland Exercise, 7 London Scholars' Pleasure, 8 Islington or College Exercise, 9—, 10—, 11—, 12 Cambridge Treble Bob, 13 Kent, 14 Killamarsh, 15 Sandiacre, Violet, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Arnold's Victory.

Fourth's Place Delights. Woodbine, Oxford Delight or Merchant's Return or Rasper, Duke of York, City Delight.

Third's Place Delight. College Treble Bob.

Surprise. None.

CLASS II. Plain Methods. 18—, 19 Roydon, 20—, 21—, 22, 23 Brentford Single, 25 Double Court, 27—.

Treble Bob Methods. 18 Kingston, 19 Norbury.

Fourth's Place Delights. 10—, 11 Braintree, 12 Wragby, 13 Willesden, 16 Neasden, 17 Old Oxford Modernised, 18—, 19—, 20 College Bob IV, 21 Norwich or Bocking, 24—, 25—, 26—, 27 Sutton, 28—.

Third's Place Delights. 1—, 2—, 11—, 12—, 13 Kent Delight 25 Evening Star, 26 Coventry, 27—, 28—, 29—, 35 Ely, 36 Queen Victoria, 37—, 38 Cambridge, Worcester, Lichfield, Bristol.

Surprise. 18—, 26 Westminster, 27 Annable's London, 28 Nether-seale, 29 Norwich.

CLASS III. Plain Methods. 8 St. Lawrence, 9 Stedman Slow Course, 10 Frodsham, 11 Stepney.

Treble Bob Methods. 16—, 17—, 20—, 21—, 22—, 23—, 24—.

Fourth's Place Delights. 1—, 2—, 3—, 4—, 5 Canterbury, 6—, 7—, 8 Southwark, 9—, 14 Hull, 15—, 22—, 23—.

Third's Place Delights. 3—, 4—, 5—, 6—, 7—, 8—, 9—, 10—, 14—, 15—, 20—, 21—, 22—, 23—, 24—, 30—, 31—, 32—, 33—, 34 Dundin, 39 Tulip.

Surprise. 10—, 11 Sandiacre, 12—, 19 Bacup, 20—, 21—, 22 Lancashire, 23 Lightfoot, 24 Stamford, 25 Wearmouth, 34 Berwick, 35 Beverley, 37 Ipswich, 38 Primrose, 39 Cambridge, 40 Hull, 41 Bourne.

CLASS IV. Plain Methods. None. **Treble Bob Methods.** None. **Fourth's Place Delights.** None.

Third's Place Delights. 16—, 17—, 18—, 19 Chelsea.

Surprise. 1 Munden, 2 Alnwick, 3 Canterbury, 4 Morpeth, 5 Newcastle, 6 Chester, 7 Whitley, 8 Northumberland, 9 Carlisle, 13—, 14 London, 15 Wells, 16 Lincoln, 17 Newcastle, 30 Hexham, 31 Salford, 32 York, 33 Durham, 36 Norfolk.

Reverse Methods in the same Class as Direct.

The numbers refer to the Council's Collection.

"Illegitimate" or Irregular Methods which have appeared in three or more peals in 1912 are named. All others to be placed in Class I.

Conductors who send reports of peals of Minor to the papers are earnestly requested to state the class to which the methods belong, and also to be careful in naming the methods.

London appears from time to time without any intimation as to whether London Treble Bob or London Surprise is meant. Again

there are Canterbury Pleasure, Canterbury Delight and Canterbury Surprise, and we find the name Canterbury alone, without any further description, so that we have to guess which of the three methods was rung.

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THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

It was a great disappointment to those who journeyed to Caerphilly on Saturday last, especially those who had never heard this ring of bells, to find, on their arrival for the Quarterly Meeting, that the bells were not to be rung. A most distressing case had just occurred to one living close to the Church—a man dropping suddenly dead and whose family took the keenest interest in the Church. The Rector explained that he had but just left the house and the wife, who also suffers from heart disease, was in a dangerous state of health, and said, it would be most inhuman for the bells to be ringing merrily under the circumstances.

There was a splendid attendance for a Quarterly meeting. The business commenced at 4.15, the Rector, the Rev. Connop L. Price presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read as correct and signed and the statement of accounts, with a short report as printed, was presented.

The instructors' reports were next taken as to instruction given at Llantrisant and Rhymney.

A discussion followed as to monthly ringing practices being arranged, and it was eventually decided that each tower should make its own arrangements.

New members were elected and subscriptions paid in. The place for the next Glamorgan Quarterly meeting was discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. S. Dawe, seconder C. M. W. Biss, it was unanimously carried that the meeting should be held at Pendoylan.

A discussion followed on the bricking-up of the louvres of Caerphilly Tower. At present these bells are not available for peal ringing, but the Rector promised that something should be done to remedy the evil.

The Hon. Sec. states that he had received a letter from the Conductor of Caldicot Tower, stating that the ring of eight there were not to be rung again until the bells were rehung and that steps were being taken to collect subscriptions for the purpose.

The next Quarterly meeting is to be held at Marshfield (Mon) and it is hoped that the re-hanging of Peterstone bells (which also comes under the Vicar of Marshfield) will be done before the meeting takes place.

The Rector then very kindly invited every one present to tea at the Rectory, where Mrs. Price had everything waiting. At the conclusion of the tea the Rector announced that the Vicar of Llanbradach had very kindly wired to say that the members could have with pleasure the use of his bells. Being only two miles away the offer was gladly accepted and we were soon off there and the bells set going. Various methods were rung during the evening.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER VI.

THE PROOF OF THE SURPRISE PEALS.

BY JASPER W. SNOWDON, Past Presidents of the
Revised by WM. SNOWDON, Yorkshire Association.

As undoubtedly the most interesting feats that have been recorded in these methods, which, on account of their intricacy

require more than ordinary practice and attention, are the peals that have been rung in the Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise Variations of Treble Bob, the systems of proof that have been adopted for these different variations will necessarily be of interest. I therefore now propose to investigate these variations, with a view to pointing out the most simple of the different methods of proof with which I am acquainted, and will, in the first place, proceed with Superlative Surprise Major, a treble lead of which is annexed:

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

Treble	A	12345678	in
		21436587	in
1-2 up	B	12463578	out
		21645387	out
3-4 up	C	26143578	in
		62415387	in
	D	26145837	out
		62418573	out
5-6 up	E	26481537	in
		62845173	in
	F	68241537	out
		86425173	out
7-8 up	G	68245713	in
		86427531	in
	H	68472513	out
		86745231	out
7-8 down	G	68472531	in
		86745213	in
	H	68754231	out
		86572413	out
5-6 down	E	68752143	in
		86571234	in
	F	85672143	out
		58761234	out
3-4 down	C	85716243	in
		58172634	in
	D	85712364	out
		58173246	out
1-2 down	A	51872364	in
		15783246	in
	B	51738264	out
		15372846	out
		15738264	in

In this lead the nature of the course of each row, whether *in* or *out*, is marked, because, as explained in Part I. of my treatise on "Treble Bob," it will now be necessary to compare the different rows, and find out where it is possible for false rows to be produced within the leads. In dealing with Kent Treble Bob I showed that, on account of its extreme evenness of construction, the rows which were liable to repeat in that variation were found in sets of four. That is, if a row in one of the dodging places *going up* was reproduced in another lead, *coming down*, then all four rows would be found repeating. In Superlative Surprise, however, only two of the rows in the positions of 1-2; 3-4; and 5-6 repeat if one of them is reproduced; and this causes four proof-scales or false rows to appear against each of these dodging places. But in 7-8, on account of a bell lying behind with the treble, together with a pair of bells dodging together in front, the rows are reproduced in a different manner, since, if the *in course* row, G, *going up*, is reproduced at g *coming down*, then, correspondingly, the row g *coming down* is also reproduced at G *going up*. This causes two false rows only to appear against the position of the treble in 7-8.

As in the case of Kent Treble Bob, I now place before my readers a table in which the different rows of a lead are arranged, and their possible reproductions noted; together with the treble lead-ends from which these reproductions would come. The use of the letters which are affixed to certain of the rows will now be understood, and it may be pointed out that a

pair of letters, such as A, a, represent rows of the same nature, whether *in* or *out*, throughout the lead and tables.

Position of Treble	Rows taken from the first lead	Possible reproductions	Proof scales
	12345678		
1-2	up A	21436587	in A at a from 16572834
	B	21645387	out B at b " 13472865
	down a	51872364	in a at A " 15783246
	b	51738264	out b at B " 15238746
3-4	up C	62415387	in C at c " 13782546
	D	62418573	out D at d " 18532746
	down c	85716243	in C at c " 15276834
	d	85712364	out d at D " 15473862
5-6	up E	62845173	in E at e " 15374682
	F	86425173	out F at f " 15376428
	down e	68752143	in e at E " 18352647
	f	85672143	out f at F " 17362548
7-8	up G	86427531	in G at g " 17345826
	down g	68472531	in H at h " 17345826
	up H	86745231	out g at G " 12354876
	down h	68754231	out h at H " 12354876

The "Proof Scale" rows in the last column of the above table are the lead-ends which will bring, in their interior changes, rows the same as those to be found in a lead from 2345678, and, therefore, when the tenors are parted these rows will have to be used against every lead-end of the peal, as further explained in Treble Bob, Part I.

If, however, the lead-ends of the plain course are transposed by these proof rows, there can then be discovered not only the lead-ends, but the proof-scale rows such only as need be used against them when the tenors are kept together.

This is done in the following table:—

Treble	False	Lead (H)	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh
1-2	A at a	2345678	6572834	5738264	8674523	4263857	3527486	7856342	6487735
	B at b	3472865	5783246	2865473	5428367	8354726	4783652	3647285	7236548
	a at A	5783246	5783246	7365428	6728354	2654783	5283647	8547236	4836572
	b at B	5238746	5238746	8647532	4236875	3572468	7865324	6428733	2354687
3-4	C at c	3782546	7645832	6458324	6238475	2574368	5863724	8427653	4356287
	D at d	8532746	4875632	8762354	3682753	7324568	6753824	2687433	5246387
	c at C	5276834	8562473	4825367	4825367	3458726	7384652	6743285	2637548
	d at D	5473862	8367425	4726358	4726358	3652784	7285643	6548237	2834576
5-6	E at e	5374682	8763245	627538	4627538	3156874	7582463	6845327	2437956
	F at f	5376428	8762354	4625783	4625783	3256647	7584326	6843572	2437865
	e at E	8326647	478236	3648572	3648572	7234865	6573428	2867384	5426783
	f at F	7362548	6725834	2658473	2658473	5284367	8543726	4837652	3476285
7-8	G at g	7345826	6738452	2674385	2674385	5263748	8527634	4856273	3482567
	H at h	2354876	5783462	8647325	8647325	4236758	3572684	7865243	6428537

The six underlined rows in the above table show the only positions in which reproductions can occur when the tenors are

kept together, and the old-fashioned method of proof was to arrange tables, either from the lead or course-ends, for extracting the actual rows, and comparing them with one another. For instance the row corresponding to that marked h in the treble lead of this variation, previously given, would have to be extracted from the second's lead of each of the courses, for comparison with the row marked b, from the third lead of each course; and in like manner the other rows at which repetitions might occur, would have to be extracted and compared.

I will, however, show how the course-end proof can be applied to this variation.

(To be continued.)

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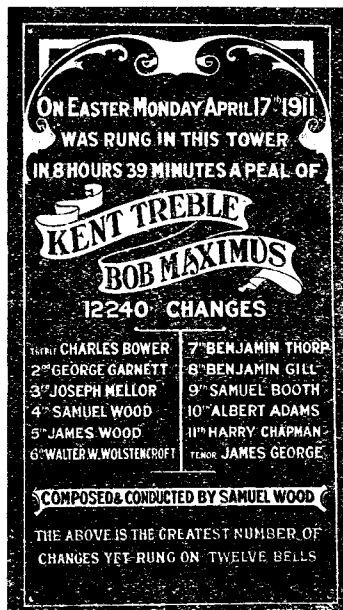
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1913.

READERS will note the instalment of "The Surprise Methods," by Mr. Snowden, has been unavoidably run over three pages. This unusual and somewhat inconvenient arrangement is necessitated by the presence of the three tables, which had to appear unbroken, otherwise their utility would be destroyed.

Coming events cast their shadows before, and the report of the Peals Analysis Committee to the Central Council, which appears in this issue, is a reminder that Whitsuntide and the Annual Meeting are upon us. The Analysis will be published after the meeting, instead of before, as has been done hitherto.

The Metropolis.

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

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT RILEY	Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES	5
JOSEPH BARRY	2	THOMAS KING	6
ROBERT W. GREEN	3	JAMES HUNT	7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

First peal of Major by the ringer of the treble.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5600 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HERBERT G. FENN	Treble	CALEB FENN	5
ALFRED B. PRICK	2	ERNESTER ANDREWS	6
ALBERT C. HARDY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
THOMAS FAULKNER	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by THOS. FAULKNER.

A "birthday honour" for the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR HUGHES*	Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
WILBY J. HAZELL*	2	JOHN H. BENSTED*	7
ALBERT A. HUGHES	3	HENRY J. MAYNARD	8
GEORGE PAICE*	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
JOHN H. B. HESSE	5	ALFRED CHAPMAN	Tenor

Composed by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN., and
Conducted by FRED C. MAYNARD.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the composer.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON	Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE	5
THOMAS CRANFIELD	2	HAROLD W. CLARK	6
REUBEN SANDERS	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	7
ISAAC G. SEADE	4	DALRY HODGSON	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

The Provinces.

SHIFNAL.—THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Thursday, March 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A. SHUER	Treble	C. PICKER	5
E. BAKER	2	J. BRADNEY	6
E. W. HYDE*	3	P. BAKER	7
G. HAYCOX	4	W. FELTON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by E. W. HYDE.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Lichfield, who died on March 15th, 1913.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.—THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

TOM GEORGE BARTLETT	Treble	EDMUND SARGENT	5
ARTHUR W. SEARLE	2	EDWIN SHEPHERD	6
CHARLES CARTER	3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON	7
ALFRED MONKLEY	4	GEORGE BETTS	Tenor

Conducted by A. W. SEARLE.

First peal on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PHILIP J. ALLFREY	Treble	ALBERT HARMAN	8
ALBERT D. STONE	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	4	KEITH HART	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by KEITH HART.
Arranged for Messrs. G. Williams and C. T. Coles.

HURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,**At the Church of St. Nicholas,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITE* Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
HARRY BUNGAY 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT* .. 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

*First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD H. STEVENS .. Treble	HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. 4
WILLIAM J. SHEAFF 2	PERCY GIBBS 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

These bells are cast in steel, and are rather difficult to control, there being a long pull, and no rope guides. There is only one previous 5040 recorded on them, that taking place on June 6th, 1888, nearly 25 years ago. The peal on Monday was rung on the 65th birthday of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

BUSHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,**At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH .. Treble	*WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWITT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD* .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. 7
THOMAS R. SCOTT 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by FRANCIS A. SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS JENNION .. Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
HENRY FYLES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
ALBERT E. GRACE* .. 4	GEORGE HISLOP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**At the Church of St. Giles,***A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PARKER .. Treble	EDMUND GARRETT 4
ALFRED BATEMAN 2	WILLIAM BATEMAN 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	JOHN L. BATEMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

First peal as conductor, and first peal on the new bells. Rung as a farewell peal to E. H. Parry, Esq., who has been churchwarden at Stoke Poges for 30 years, and is leaving the place; also as a farewell to E. Garbett, who is leaving Stoke Poges for Seaford.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 9, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. HUDSON† .. Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. 4
E. D. TONE† 2	†G. C. TERRY 5
J. J. TONE 3	*M. T. TONE Tenor

Conducted by M. T. TONE.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. Rung on Confirmation Day, and also in honour of No. 5 having been elected churchwarden.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**At the Church of St. Andrew,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,**
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM T. MILLER .. 2	*WILLIAM TROBARD 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN DALE 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the 18,027 Stedman Caters.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clements, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD .. Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
HERBERT HURDMAN .. 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

This is the first peal on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS VERRY .. Treble	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5
JOHN CARTER 2	THOMAS J. BRATTON .. 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS .. 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 4	STEPHEN DANBY Tenor

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

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Bowdon and Stockport Branch).

*On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble	TOM WILDE 5
JOSEPH GODDARD 2	BENJAMIN GODDARD .. 6
JOHN HARROP 3	THOMAS BRADDOCK .. 7
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE Treble	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 5
THOMAS FOSTER 2	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 6
JOHN MCWILTON 3	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 7
JOSEPH WOODS 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Henry James Steff, who had been a ringer at the above Church for about 30 years, and who died on April 9th, and was buried on the 12th at the above Church.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD HORTIN* Treble	*BERT HORTON 5
EDWARD J. STAFFORD 2	EDGAR T. SMITH 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 7
CHARLES TYLER† 4	JOHN C. ADAMS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

*First peal of Major †First peal of Major with a bob bell. J. C. Adams and E. J. Stafford hail from Bloxwich; E. Marlow, G. Tyler and B. Horton from Wood Green; E. T. Smith from Walsall; E. Hortin and C. Wallater belong to the local band.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

OSIE E. ALLEN Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ARTHUR S. PETTIT 2	FREDK. H. DEXTER 7
J. LEONARD COLLIER 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4	JOSIAH MORRIS 9
RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Bartram, and is the first in the method on the bells. The ringers would like this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bartram for their kindness in entertaining them to tea after the peal.

LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Gloucester Branch).

On Sunday, April 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JOSEPH PUGH* Treble	*WALTER YEEND 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	*CHARLES W. DYSON 5
EX-SERGEANT J. WILLIAMS .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

*First peal of Minor First peal of Minor on the bells. After the peal the band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. C. W. Dyson.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

ERNEST BOYLIN* Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT .. 5
J. HERBERT BENFIELD .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM H. KEYS† 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	†WILLIAM DOWLER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method away from the treble. The band wish to thank Mr. H. Grosvenor for the use of the bells.

Handbell Peal.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. John-the-Divine Society).

On Sunday, April 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of William Willson, jun., Chepstow Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	EDWARD NOEMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. First peal with an inside pair of bells by the ringer of 5-6. Umpire—W. Sydney Shelton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held on Saturday week at Minchinhampton. Members were welcomed at the tower by the local band, and the bells were set going at once, and kept going in various methods. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the rector, the Rev. F. D. Bateman, and the Rev. J. F. O. Lewis. Tea was provided by the Rector, for which and the use of the bells he was heartily thanked. The usual business meeting followed, at which three new members were elected. Horsley was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, in June, while the intervening monthly meetings will be held at Bisley and Avening.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, 16th April, at St. Andrew's Church, 360 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, A. Head, F. C. Lambert (conductor), T. L. Wilson, W. Kerrison, J. O'Neill and H. Pratt.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR 1912.

SIR,—Will you please allow me the use of your columns to correct an error in the composition of a peal published in the above report. On page 102 appears a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 5,088 changes, the calling of the eleventh course of which should read ^{M. B. W. H.}
- 2 2, producing 36245.

I should be glad if members will correct the same.

Yours etc.,

49, Wood Street,

Walthamstow.

C. T. COLES,

Joint Hon. Sec.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD MEETING.

Sir,—Will you allow me through your columns to call the attention of members of this Guild to the alteration in the place for the Quarterly meeting. Erdington having already been advertised, there might be some confusion. We are now unable to have the use of the bells there on the 26th inst, and so Canon Barnard has kindly given us a welcome to Sutton Coldfield instead. All other arrangements will be as usual.

Yours etc.,

C. CAREW COX,

Hon. Sec.

A CORRECTION.

In our report of Twyford dedication, last week, the weight of the 2nd bell was given as 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs., it should have been 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

ST. LEONARD'S, HERRINGER.

Monday, April 7th, was a red-letter day in the ringing annals of the pretty village of Herringer. Two trebles, the gift of their eight surviving children, have been added, to complete the octave, in memory of the Rev. Lord and Lady Arthur Charles Hervey. The Rev. Lord Arthur Hervey was for some years Rector of Herringer. Subsequently being appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells. The tenor has also been recast. In September of last year restoration work was commenced at the church, towards the cost collections were made in the district, handsome donations being given by Members of the Bristol Family. For years the tower has been in a bad state of repair, having a large crack reaching from top to bottom, which has now been remedied. The tower was taken down as far as the bells and rebuilt, the west door filled in and the crack worked up, new slate roof put on the church, new south parapet and other work. The exterior now presents a fine appearance. Inside a new heating apparatus has been installed.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Cornish & Gaymer, of North Walsham and the bell-hanging work by Messrs. G. Day & Sons, of Eye, Suffolk. The new upper bell frame contains the 3rd and 4th. The tower frame, made in 1818, has been bolted and strengthened with new oak beams underneath, the bells have been tuned upon the most modern principle, quarter turned, and rehung with all new fittings. The following are the inscriptions on the new bells, and their weights:—

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The bells were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Sudbury (the Rev. George Hodges), Canon Residentiary of Ely Cathedral, and formerly Vicar of St. James' Church, Bury St. Edmunds. The service was largely attended, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Lord Manners Hervey), and commenced with the singing of the hymn, “We love the place, O God,” followed by the special Psalms xxix., cxxii., and cl. The lessons were read by the Rector. The Ven. Archdeacon was the preacher.

THE LATE ARTHUR JACOB.

For the benefit of the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob, a very successful concert was recently given by the Hornsey Parish Church choir, under the presidency of Dr. Hare and the Rev. Bernard Spink (Rector). The concert was under the able direction of Mr. Amyas Hare, and the result of the effort was a net balance of £11, which sum has been handed to Mrs. Jacob by Mr. J. Wood, the Secretary of the Choir Committee.

This sum together with the sum of £11 2s. (collected by the Hornsey Ringing Guild, and handed to Mrs. Jacob by Mr. Howell, and acknowledged in this paper), brings up the total to £22 2s. 0d.

GLADWICK (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 46 mins. J. Knight, A. Clegg, E. Geary, F. Crossland, J. W. Taylor, F. Stott, J. Lees, I. Schofield. Tenor 8½ cwt. Composed by J. Price, and Conducted by I. Schofield. Rung on a visit of the Territorials attending service at the above Church. The ringer of the 6th is a member of Oldham Parish Church Band

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35462	-	-	I	-	-
45263	-	-	-	-	-
32564	-	-	-	-	-
53264	-	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-	-
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53246	-	-	-
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A correspondent writes:—"The first of Mr. Dench's peals of Cambridge Maximus given in last week's "Bell News" is false, as by omitting the bob w in second course the bells would come round."

HALESWORTH RINGERS AT STRADBROKE.**PRESENTATION TO A COMRADE.**

On Monday the Halesworth Band, at the invitation of their late Rector, the Rev. R. A. Upcher, visited Stradbroke and spent a good time in the belfry, at the festive board, and other ways. Arriving shortly after one o'clock they were welcomed by the Rector, Mrs. and Miss Upcher, and Mrs. Shackleton, the Stradbroke ringers also joining in the welcome. Dinner was kindly provided at the "Queen's Head" Hotel, by Mr. Upcher, who presided. He was supported by the ladies named, and by Messrs. Salter and Cole (churchwardens) Bayles (verger), H. Barton (Southwold), F. C. Lambert, A. H. Took, J. O'Neill, J. Larter (Halesworth), W. Kerrison and W. Kemp (Wissett), E. Poppy (Eye), R. Ruth (Wingfield), and the full strength of the Stradbroke company. The usual toasts were honoured and the Chairman expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet the ringers of the two parishes. He also hoped

the Stradbroke men would join the Diocesan Association, and welcomed Mr. Poppy's offer to come over and help them in the art of change ringing. During the proceedings on behalf of the Halesworth Company he asked Mr. H. Barton to accept a set of gold sleeve-links and studs, as a little acknowledgment of the help and assistance he had shewn to them during his stay at Southwold. They were all sorry he was leaving the district. Mr. Barton suitably responded, and the Company then adjourned to the Tower and enjoyed some good ringing. After inspecting the Vicarage and gardens, tea was also provided and a very pleasant evening passed with songs, hand bell-ringing, etc. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. A. R. Upcher for his kindness in entertaining the ringers, and hopes were expressed that he might long be spared to minister in his new Parish,

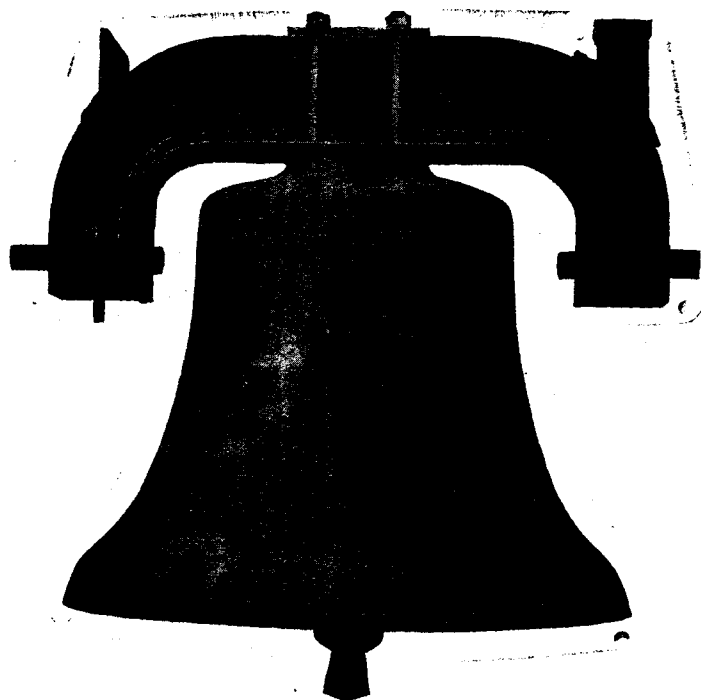
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St John's, Hackney, on April 29th St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY).—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers invited.

F. A. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

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

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at "The Citizen," Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.

F. J. HARDY, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in The Meeson Hall at 5.30 at 8d. per head to those who let me know by the 24th inst. There will be no practice at St. Martin's on the 12th inst.

F. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends invited.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held (by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington) at Putney on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, at 8d. each. All ringing friends welcome.

Heston, Hounslow. H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 5.30.

WILLIAM WATTS, District Sec.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted R.S.O., Essex.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, April 19th. Service at 3.20, followed by tea and meeting. Tea 6d. each.

Post Office, Grappenhall. Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. Time of service and meeting will be published next week.

W. A. Cave, Hon. Sec.

10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members let me know by April 21st.

Shottonery. Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the

above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A. Vicar of Coseley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 23rd. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are now due at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present for tea, please send me word not later than Tuesday, April 22nd. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.

68, Douglas Street, Derby. Bart. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Methods—Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and Minor.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 29th; and will Secretaries of bands kindly see that all subscriptions are paid before the meeting.

Bonington, Faversham.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at 1 o'clock. Members' tickets 1s 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares with a maximum of 2s will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fare. Those intending being present should notify same to me not later than Wednesday, the 30th inst.

G. Watson, Hon. Sec.

Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Chigwell (by kind permission of the Vicar), on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at usual price, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will members intending being present at tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, April 30th.

H. Rumeau, Hon. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.18 p.m.

Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. Francis Edward Dawe has removed to "Woodcote," Kingsway, Woking, Surrey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING.—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. H. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship, L. Osborne, J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal), G. Goodship, F. Griffin, A. W. Osborne (conductor), A. Durman.

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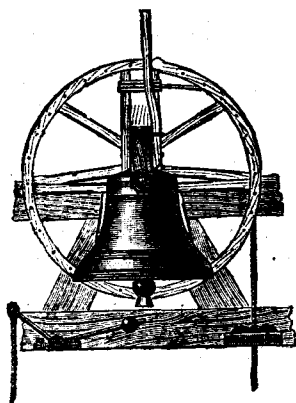
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DEAR MR. BOWELL,—

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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 bear 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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At a recent meeting of the Frodsham Parish Church bellringers, Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected leader, and Mr. T. Lightfoot appointed a regular ringer. Messrs. Tudor, W. Jones, F. Jones, and J. G. Webb were elected probationers. It is satisfactory to note that there is a fine enthusiasm among the local band.

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CHELMSFORD CHURCH BELLS.

FETE IN AID OF RESTORATION FUND.

Very few of our readers will recollect that of the ten bells forming the peal in St. Mary's Church two were for many years in St. John's Church, Moulsham. They were placed there when that building was erected in 1838, but were restored to Chelmsford Parish Church in 1883. The bell at present at Moulsham was brought from Rettenden when the ring in that parish was altered, thirty years ago. Chelmsford seems to have been rather fond of swapping church bells. In the eighteenth century St. Mary's had a peal of eight, but in or about 1770 the parishioners gave two of them to Writtle, in exchange for their chimes, which were brought to the county town. According to Morant there used to be a ring of six bells and a clock, and Muilman notes a ring of six bells, a clock and a set of chimes. Another point of general interest about Chelmsford Church bells is that eight of the ring of ten were the first cast by the famous bellfounder, William Mears, when he set up in business for himself in the year 1777. One of his little peculiarities was a fondness for poetical inscriptions on his bells, and this he indulged when casting the peal for St. Mary's, Chelmsford.

As the bells are about to be recast we reproduce the inscriptions upon them. Nos. 1 and 2 bear the date 1820, and were presumably cast by Thomas Mears, grandson of William. The remaining eight bear the name of William Mears & Co., fecit 1777. In addition to this the inscriptions are as follow, the original spelling being given:—

1. The gift of T. Clapham, Wm. Dobson, Downham, Norfolk.
2. The gift of T. Clapham, Wm. Smith, Wm. Baker, and Jno. Saltmarsh, Churchwardens.
3. Tho' much against us may be said
To speak for ourselves we are not afraid.
4. If you have a judicious ear,
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.
5. At proper times our voices we will raise
In sounding to our Benefactors praise.
6. To Honour both of God and King.
Our voices shall in concord Ring.
7. Thos. Clapham, B. Clapham, and R. Shoobridge, Bes.
8. Peace and Good Neighbourhood.
9. Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness
Be sober merry wise and you'll the same possess.
10. The Rev. Jno. Morgan Rector, Messrs. Geo. Simpson, Jhn. Ward, and Matv. Joyce Churchwardens, 1777.
In wedlock bands all ye who join
With hands your hearts unite
So shall our tunefull tongues combine
To laud the nuptial Rite.

To assist in raising the money necessary for the recasting of the peal an

"OLDE CHELMSFORD FETE AND FANCIE FAIRE"

had been arranged, and this was opened on Saturday last, by Lady Beatrice Pretymman, in the presence of a large and distinguished company. The High Sheriff of Essex (Mr.

C. J. Round) presided, supported by Lady Pretymman. Mrs. Round, Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, Lord Kenyon, Mr. E. G. Pretymman, M.P., the Bishop of Barking, the Mayor of Chelmsford (Alderman Geo. W. Taylor) the Mayoress, the Rector (Rev. Canon Lake) and Miss Lake, the Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. E. North Buxton, Mr. F. Chancellor, the Rev. J. H. Barrow, and others. The arrival of Lady Pretymman was signalled by a short touch on handbells by a band of Boreham ringers.

After a short service the Rev. Canon Lake briefly explained the objects of the fete. He stated that about a year ago the bells were found to be in such a bad condition that their architect (Mr. Chancellor) gave an order that they were not to be rung. The matter was placad in the hands of Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and the question was at once raised as to whether the number of bells should be increased from ten to twelve. This brought out two generous offers—one from the Essex Association of Change-Ringers, who offered to do their best to find a treble bell: the other from Col. and Mrs. Arkwright, who offered to give a tenor bell. They found that the recasting the bells and overhauling the clock would cost some £1300, and it was thought that the simplest way to raise this money would be to organise that fete. A body of splendid workers was got together, and if as the result of their efforts with those of their friends they could raise the amount they required they would be as happy as possible for the next year or two.

The Chairman, in asking Lady Pretymman to declare the fete open, remarked that there was nothing nicer than a peal of bells well rung.

Lady Beatrice Pretymman said it was with very great pleasure she had come there to open the fete. She was very glad to be able to help in the work of providing bells for what she hoped would soon be the cathedral church of a new diocese. She thought everyone was fond of bells; even the unmusical person, without any ear for music, liked to hear a cheerful peal of bells. Chelmsford would, before long, have reason to be proud of its peal of bells.

Two lads attired as trumpeters of the 17th century, then sounded a fanfare, and Master Maller presented Lady Beatrice with a silver bell and a copy of the programme bound in silk.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman, and Lady Beatrice, proposed by Lord Kenyon, seconded by the Bishop of Barking, and suitably responded to closed the inaugural proceedings and business commenced.

Space will not permit us to go into details of the stalls and other attractions. Suffice it to say that good business was done though up to the time of going to press we have not learned the result.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. Taken from Holt's Original. J. J. Jerome, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. H. Wyatt, A. S. Miller, A. T. Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor), K. C. Wightman.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19th, at the invitation of the Rev. J. Hart Davies, M.A. (Rector), and John Oldham, Esq. (churchwarden), six members of the St. Michael's Society, Stoke Coventry, paid a visit to Southam, the object being to re-open the peal of six bells at the parish church of St. James. The bells have been rebung in a new iron frame, and provision made for two trebles, the expense being borne by the Oldham family as a memorial to a deceased sister. A start was made from the city of motors, cycles, and other things, at 1.15 p.m., and after a pleasant ride of 13 miles, enlivened by two of the heavy weights getting a shortness of wind, and a dislocated pedal, Southam was reached shortly before 3 p.m., Messrs. Taylor's representative having everything in readiness. The bells were raised in peal, and one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles and a few rounds were rung with the bells half-muffled. Then a short re-dedication service took place, conducted by the Rev. J. Hart Davies, M.A. Immediately after the service an attempt was made to ring a peal in three Minor methods. After 18 minutes' ringing, a change-course occurred, which necessitated another start being made. In 2 hours 57 minutes "that's all" proclaimed that the first peal of Minor on Southam bells was an accomplished fact. On descending from the tower the ringers were greeted by a hearty cheer from the local ringers and others assembled. A move was then made to Mr. Oldham's residence, where a most sumptuous repast was partaken of. Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have carried out the restoration, and when two trebles have been added (which will probably be in the near future), Southam will possess a nice peal, with a tenor 16 cwt. in E. The treble and 3rd were recast, and the 2nd added by C. Mears and Co. in 1863. The 4th was cast by Watts, of Leicester, 1615; the 5th by John Martin, of Worcester, 1650; and the tenor by Henry Bagley, 1676. The ringers desire to express, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," their thanks to the Rev. J. Hart Davies, and Messrs. Oldham, for the opportunity of enjoying a most pleasant outing.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH).

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Leesfield on Saturday, April 12th, when members were present from the following towers: Glodwick, Moorside, Oldham, Middleton, Milnrow, Balderstone, Rochdale Parish, Ashton, Todmorden, Pendleton, and Leesfield. Mr. J. Taylor, of Glodwick, presided over the business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Walsden. After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock in Grandsire, and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

AN APOLOGY.

The correspondent who last week wrote that the peal of Cambridge Maximus, by Mr. F. Dench, published on April 12th was false, now writes withdrawing that statement. He says: "The New Cambridge Maximus mentioned in your last issue, is not false as stated. I now note Rounds are brought up by a bob w, and not by a bob h. I hereby apologise to all concerned, yourself included."

REPORT OF ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.
CORRECTIONS.

Several errors crept into the report of this Committee in our last week's issue. Will our readers please note them and accept our apologies.

On page 74 the formula in the report of peal values is

$$\frac{V.N^3}{82}$$

In the Classification of Methods

Class vi. The word Aston appears in some copies minus the initial.

Class viii. In line 3, the words "the same" should be omitted.

Classes ix. and x. we have reprinted as follow:—

Class IX. Double Surprise (places wrong). Surprise methods with the places made both right and wrong, and the same method work on each side of the treble, i.e. Double:—Bristol, Peterborough.

Class X. Compound Surprise (places wrong). Surprise methods with the places made both right and wrong, and with different method work on each side of the treble: London Surprise, Cumberland Delight, Stepney Surprise Royal.

In the Point Values, Class VII:—Major should be 30, and not 33 points.

On page 76, 1st column, 3rd paragraph from top, commencing "A peal of seven methods," should read:—

A peal of seven methods of Class IV should thus be valued at $5+21+12=38$. Four 720s in one method Class II, and three in one method Class I would receive $5+4+1=10$. One 720 of Class I, two of Class II, two of Class III, and two of Class IV, $5+2+4+6+2+8=27$. True 720s containing methods of more than one class to be considered as belonging to the method of the highest class.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mr. Francis Edward Dawe has removed to "Woodcote," Kingsway, Woking, Surrey.

Congratulations to Mr. W. Harper, leader of the Swanscombe (Kent), band, who has been elected one of the People's sidesmen at Swanscombe; also to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, leader at Milton-next-Gravesend, who has been elected by the Rector as one of his sidesmen for the ensuing year.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, April 20th, for evening service at St. Luke's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. J. Barber, W. Matthews, G. Watkin, H. Burton, A. Newman, F. A. Smith, E. A. Reeve, W. Essery, H. Mance (conductor), F. Gibbard.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, January 7th. for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. P. Pain, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor). On Sunday, January 17th, 464 Bob Major. P. Pain, W. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 248 Bob Major. And on Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service 546 Grandsire Triples. On Easter Sunday, for early celebration, 504 in the same method. On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major. P. Pain, M. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, J. W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church on Sunday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. J. Law, F. W. Richardson, J. Hurrell (first with a bob bell), W. H. Daynes, W. J. Jeffries, J. Crowder, E. B. Crowder (conductor), T. Easterby. On Easter Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from the Original, in 43 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson (conductor), F. S. Bacon, W. H. Daynes, A. G. Bennington, T. Easterby, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries. For evening service, 1056 Bob Major, in 33 mins. F. S. Bacon, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, W. H. Daynes, A. G. Bennington, E. W. Marsh (Plymouth), J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor). On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. J. Law, F. W. Richardson, J. Hurrell (Eltham, first quarter-peal with a bob bell), W. H. Daynes, W. J. Jeffries, J. Crowder, E. B. Crowder (conductor), T. Easterby.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday evening, April 15, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. G. Collins, G. Jones, G.

Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Mitchell, F. Hayes (conductor). First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

As only £30 remains to be raised, it has been unanimously resolved to place two more bells in the tower of Gulval Church, Penzance, enlarging the peal to an octave.

Lincoln Cathedral bells have been recast, and it is expected they will be ready for ringing by Whitsun Day.

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The chimes and bells of Motherland, of England green and old,

That out from gray and ivied tower a thousand years have tolled,

How heavenly their music is, as breaks the hallowed day
And calleth with a seraph's voice, a nation up to pray.

Those bells that tell a thousand tales, sweet tales of olden times

And ring a thousand memories.

Of the day or year when men first met for prayer in the church of St. Andrew's, Holborn, no man knoweth; the consecration of this place of worship took place far back in the shades of historic mist. We know that as early as '951 A.D. men spoke of St. Andrew's as "that ancient stoccene church." Ancient in those days! It was not the church as we know it now, then it had neither tower, or aisles. The present tower was begun in 1447 and completed in 1468, during which period the north and south aisles were added, William Green, S.T.B. being Rector. On the 8th of July, 1563, a severe storm broke over London, with which there was much thunder and lightning, among other places in which it did much harm was the steeple of St. Andrew's in Holborn, which was smitten. The Great Fire did not touch St. Andrew's but by this time it had fallen into so dilapidated a condition that it had to be rebuilt; of course Sir Christopher Wren was the architect and he spared the old tower, he found it in such an excellent state of preservation that he only cased it with Portland stone and now the old tower, which has stood for half a thousand years, is as strong as ever. But it is the bells that will concern my readers. The earliest account of any bells at St. Andrew's is to be found in a manuscript of Mr. Churchwarden Bently, who was warden in 1584. He tells us that four bells were placed in the tower in the year 1457. These were recast in 1529, about which date the whole church seems to have undergone a general repair. The money was provided by "ales, shootings, and by the devotions of good people." The names and weights of the bells as recast were: *Speco*, 8 cwt. 7 lbs.; *Katharina*, 11 cwt. 10 lbs.; *Maria*, 14 cwt. 14 lbs.; *Andrea*, 18 cwt. 13 lbs. Who was the original founder of the bells I have not been able to discover, but in 1587 a clock bell was made and placed in the tower by Robert Mot, the original founder of the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. By the time when the "New View of London" was published (1708) there were six bells, two others having been added, exactly when I cannot find out, perhaps it was when the clock bell was placed in the tower. Two more were added in 1731, when all the old bells, save the clock bell, were taken down and recast by R. Phelps, who was at that time the head of the present firm of Mears and Stainbank. Doctor Barton was Rector, and Messrs. Robert Waddilove and Joshua Cox churchwardens. These bells of 1731 are the bells of the present day, and accounted among the sweetest toned in London. The tenor is in D flat, and weighs 28 cwt. The names, inscriptions and diameters are:—

- Treble.—R. Phelps, Fecit, 1731. Diameter $31\frac{1}{4}$ ins.
Second.—No inscription. Diameter $32\frac{1}{4}$ ins.
Third.—R. Phelps, Fecit, 1731. Diameter 35 ins.
Fourth.—R. Phelps made me, 1731. Diameter 38 ins.
Fifth.—R. Phelps made me, 1731. Diameter 41 ins.
Sixth.—Richard Phelps, Fecit, 1731. Diameter $43\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
Seventh.—R. Phelps made me, 1731. The Reverend Jeffery Barton, L.L.D., Rector. Diameter 48 ins.
Tenor.—Richard Phelps made me, 1731. Messrs.

Robert Waddilove, Joshua Cox, Churchwardens. Deo Ecclesia Regisque Cano Laudes. Diameter 54 ins.

Clock Bell.—Robertus mot me fecit, 1587. Diameter 26 ins.

Unfortunately these beautiful bells are not often heard to advantage. The only peals that have been rung of late are: Feb. 10th, 1900, Superlative Surprise; Dec. 20th, 1906, London Surprise. Rung by the Middlesex County Association, conducted by Mr. Wm. Pye. On the Sunday after St. Andrew's Day, 1911, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the College Youths. Master—Mr. T. H. Taffender.

In the "days that are past" these bells have been utilised in many an escapade. One incident I may mention occurred when Dr. Sacheverill was Rector. There were a few Jacobite houses on Holborn Hill. On November 4th, 1715, being the birthday of the King, the Jacobite mob made a large bonfire in the Old Jewry to burn an effigy of the King, but the *Mughouse Men* (a political club that met in Long Acre) came upon them and gave them "due chastisement with oaken plants," extinguished the fire and rescued the King. The next day they carried him in triumph, with effigies of the Pope, the Pretender, Lord Bolingbroke and others, with halters round their necks, up Holborn Hill, stopped at the church and "compelled the bells of St. Andrew's to ring." It is no wonder that a few years afterwards it was necessary that all the bells should be recast.

I cannot conclude this article, nor would it be just, without some reference to the veteran Captain of the ringers. For over thirty-seven years Joseph Rayner has been a ringer at St. Andrew's, and since 1899 Captain. Though he is seventy-seven years of age, he proudly tells me that he can "still lead some of the young uns," but he gets a little down at times, he would so like to "ave a meetin'." In St. Andrew's he was christened, here he has worshipped all his days. He remembers four Rectors, and he hopes that his mates will ring a muffled peal when his time comes to go to that other place where there is "No Temple Therein," and then (?) will the work of the bells be done? Some of us hope not. Perhaps they will be sweeter toned.

The present Rector is the Rev. Dacre Craven, M.A. Mrs. Craven was the "Nurse Lees."

A local rhymster, of some merit, has written of the Bells of St. Andrew's:—

They rang their message of weal or woe,
In the days of the Romish pride;
They caught a gleam of the fires below,
When the Smithfield Martyrs died.
They rang for feast and they rang for fast,
They rang for the Roses twain;
Ere the Red Rose scattered and fell at last
In the mire of Barnet Plain.
They rang at first over stream and dell,
Where the nodding alder shook;
And toilers bowed to the vesper bell,
As they rowed up Turnmill Brook.
When Ely's Lord had a fair demesne,
With chapel and gatehouse too;
And Safron Hill was an upland green
Where the purple saffron grew.

The same old bells—in the same old tower, good sooth as the records run!

They rang for King Hal and Queen Katharine: and they rang for you my son. W. A. SOUTHGATE.

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25436	-			
35624	-	-	-	
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45236	-		
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25346	-	-	
42356	-		
35426	-	-	
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Repeated.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By G. H. CROSS, Norwich.

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26354	-		-		
63254	-		-		
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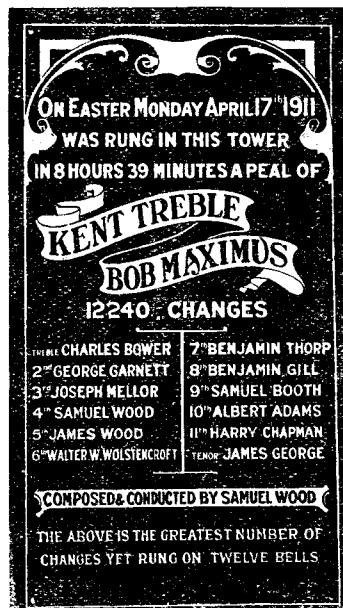
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1913.

MR. GIBBARD'S COMPLAINT.

Replying to the letter of a "College Youth" in the "Bedford Times, Mr. Stileman Gibbard says:—

Doubtless in an unguarded moment I spoke more sharply about the annoyance caused to many of us by bell-ringing at unreasonable hours than I should have done had I had time for deliberation. I sincerely regret having hurt the feelings of the ringers, and that of a "College Youth." I like to hear the bells—at times—and to that extent I am grateful to the ringers; and as those times greatly preponderate over those at which they wake me up or keep me awake, or disturb me at work, my gratitude preponderates over my annoyance. The facts of the case are not just as set out in your report of the Vestry meeting, nor in "College Youth's" letter. What really happened was this. I had just moved a vote of thanks to the unpaid adult members of the choir, to whom I felt that we owed an unqualified debt of gratitude. I was asked by the Chairman to tack on to that resolution a vote of thanks to the bell-ringers. I did not feel disposed to do so, and I had to give some reasons. My mind naturally at once reverted to the annoyance I felt on Easter morning at having been awakened by them, and further back to New Year's morning, when my daughter and I were kept awake for the greater part of the hour between midnight and 1 a.m., and for the moment the annoyance preponderated over all sense of gratitude. Had the resolution been proposed by someone else I should probably have held my tongue, as I did when another resolution, to which I was not favourable, was proposed and carried. Were I more familiar with Mr. Boswell, or were it properly indexed, as a set-off to the Lord Chief Justice and the Attorney-General for Ireland, I could point "A College Youth's" attention to a passage where the great Dr. Johnson was asked if he liked music. His reply was to the effect that he objected to all noises, but he supposed that good music was the least objectionable of them all. We are not all constituted alike. "Some like apples, and some like onions." I trust that the bell-ringers will accept this expression of my regret at having hurt their

feelings. At the same time I hope they will remember that there is a danger about campanology which does not attach to billiards, cricket, football, or golf, namely, of disturbing other people when they are at work, or of awaking them out of, what possibly may be, well-earned sleep.

The Metropolis.

HAMMERSMITH.

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

(The St. Paul's Guild).

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. COOMBS† .. Treble	EDWARD CASSELL 5
HARRY STEVENS† 2	GEORGE C. ILES 6
FREDK. W. CROOKE 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
ERNEST H. COOK* 4	CHARLES F. W. HUNT .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

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

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WAENNETT, SEN. .. Treble	FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON 5
GERALD KING 2	CHARLES H. WALKER 6
WILLIAM W. FOX 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
JOSEPH LAW 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Arranged as a birthday peal for the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CHILDS* Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 5
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK 2	JOHN E. MILLER 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES* 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON* .. 4	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. E. G. Tomlinson was elected a member before starting.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 31 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JOHN FLINT* 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ALFRED W. GAINES 9
BERTRAM PREWITT 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.****WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**
(Northern Branch).*On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
JAMES HEMMING 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD .. 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS .. 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	JACOB WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

JOHN MORRIS Treble	ERNEST GIBBS 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	J. R. NEWMAN 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles.

PADIHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch)

*On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**At the Church of St. Leonard,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS WILSON* Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
THOMAS REDMAN 2	WILLIAM F. WILSON 6
JOHN BENTLEY 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON 7
JOHN P. FOULDS 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

*First peal in the method.

CHALFONT ST. PETER.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, April 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two 720s of Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	JAMES STONE 4
FRED. BOLTON 2	WILLIAM HORNE 5
ALFRED SWAN 3	RICHARD BUGELAND .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in more than one method on the bells, and by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. This peal was arranged for Mr. C. Edwards, of Farnham, Surrey.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,**At the Church of SS Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

MISS Cissy PLAYLE* .. Treble	GEORGE H. JAYE 4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	GEORGE W. PLAYLE 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PLAYLE.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Thompson, Esq.

EYE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	GEORGE DAY 5
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	THOMAS TURNER 7
FRED. DAY 4	FREDK. WATLING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. WATLING.

First peal on eight bells by E. Youngs, and was rung at the first attempt.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**At the Church of St. John the Baptist,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.**
Tenor 27 cwt.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS .. Treble	*TOM PAGE 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM G. MILLE 7
SIDNEY DAVE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 8
HARRY PAGE* 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. 5	*CHARLES ORAM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

*First peal of Caters.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, April 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

JOHN PLATT* Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOHN MOSCROP 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	ROBERT BRUNETT 7
HAROLD ODDY* 4	SAM MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOS. WORSLEY.

*First peal. First peal as conductor.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 4
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY* .. 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

BLACKBURN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn, Bolton, Manchester, Preston and Rochdale Branches).

*On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK HINDLE .. Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
JOHN POTTER 2	WILLIAM MALLINSON 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 8
WILLIAM CRABTREE* .. 4	JOHN WATSON 9
REV. H. J. ELSER 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

*First peal of Royal.

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

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double and Single Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE C. COLLINS Treble	JACK BURLS 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by **FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.**

First peal in ten Minor methods by the above Association, and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Coralie E. B. Knowles, eldest daughter of Mr. E. E. Knowles, for many years one of the sidesmen of the above church, and Mr. Leonard Freeborn, of Tilbury, Essex, who were married at this church in the afternoon.

**SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

OSWALD J. HUNT* Treble	FRANK PERVIN 4
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE .. 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by **ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.**

*First peal of Minor. Mr. Smith was elected a member before starting for the peal. This was the re-opening peal after dedication, and first peal on the bells.

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.**

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 6
GEORGE LEWIS* 2	*JOHN R. BROOKS 7
ARTHUR HAGUE 3	JOHN P. TAYLTON 8
SAMUEL WESLEY 4	*WALTER AYE 9
JOHN C. DICKEN 5	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor

Composed by **ARTHUR KNIGHT**, and Conducted by **GEORGE LEWIS.**

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

**AVETON, GIFFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDS Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5
WARREN HORNDBROOK* .. 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 6
GEORGE R. STROUD 3	WALTER H. MARSH 7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 4	ERNEST W. MARSH .. Tenor

Composed by **J. E. BURTON**, and Conducted by **ERNEST W. MARSH.**

*First peal of Major away from the treble. First peal on the bells.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON.—On Friday, April 11th, at 135, Brighton Road, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260). A. Clark, 1-2; A. J. Perkins conductor. 3-4; S. R. Roper, 5-6; W. G. Rowe, 7-8. First on handbells by the ringer of 7-8.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

On Saturday April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX Treble	THOMAS BLOORE 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	THOMAS MILLER 7
WALTER MALINS* 3	JAMES E. GROVES 1
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON 5	STANLEY BRAGG Tenor

Composed by **JAMES GEORGE**, and
Conducted by the **REV. C. CAREW COX.**

*First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of St. Alphege's Day.

**ELTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Darley Dale Society).**

On Saturday, April 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores, conducted various ways.**

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUN. Treble	HENRY GREGORY 3
THOMAS WHITE 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 4
ALFRED C. WRIGHT .. Tenor.	

Conducted by **ALFRED C. WRIGHT.**

First peal on the bells, and first of Doubles by all the band. The tenor was cast in 1603.

**RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three 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.

EDGAR BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	LEONARD E. LAST 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by **W. ROSE.**

This is the first Treble Bob peal on the bells; also the first Treble Bob peal by E. Bailey. This is E. Youngs' 100th peal of Minor.

**HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. HUDSON Treble	M. T. TUNE 4
J. J. TUNE 2	REV. W. P. WRIGHT 5
E. D. TUNE 3	H. LUDKIN Tenor

Conducted by **H. LUDKIN.**

This peal was arranged for the conductor, who hails from Goole; the rest belong to the local band.

SOUTH TOTTENHAM—On Sunday, April 20th, at St. Ann's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. T. Groombridge, jun., F. E. Ringrose, A. Howell, R. N. Runham, J. Hunt, C. H. Ross (conductor).

WISBECH.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on April 20th, 720 Bob Minor, the tenor covering. Thomas Banham, Harry Piggins, Thomas Haines, Horace Banham, George Piggins, Ralph Narborough (conductor), Horace Cheesewright. This was T. Banham's first 720 on tower bells.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 3040 CHANGES.

Being two 720s of Kent, and six 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHAS. GODDARD* Treble	PERCY W. FORDHAM 4
GEO. STAPLEHURST* 2	HENRY SHARP 5
GEO. MARKWELL* 3	THOS. FITZJOHN Tenor

Conducted by T. Fitzjohn

*First peal. Rung in honour of St. Alphege Day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. Holford Scott, for the use of the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JAMES HEASMAN Treble	ARTHUR T. VENELLS 5
GEORGE EDWARDS* 2	HARRY HARRINGTON 6
ALBERT BELTON 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
STEPHEN J. PERKINS, JUN... 4	HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

First peal in the method as conductor. *First peal in the method, and first attempt. †First peal in the method. Rang as a birthday compliment to G. Edwards, the band wishing him many happy returns.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
ARTHUR STURBINGTON* 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
GEORGE NOICE 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch).

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST SUTCLIFFE Treble	JOHN NASH 5
JAMES WHITEHEAD 2	HARRY WHITEHEAD 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DEVONPORT 7
GIL. SUTCLIFFE 4	FRANK FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by J. WHITEHEAD.

First peal by ringers of 4th and 5th. First peal as conductor.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in F sharp.

WALTER SADLER Treble	ANDREW SHUFFLEBATHAM 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	EDWARD CLAYDON 6
HARRY P. EMERY 3	WILLIAM GRIMWADE 7
GEORGE MELBOURNE 4	ERNEST NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Handbell Peal.

ENFIELD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Wilby J. Hazell 1-2	E. Maurice Atkins 5-6
Miss Edith K. Parker 3-4	James Parker 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

Umpire—Walter J. Bowden. First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method by the Association.

ENFIELD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1913, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Miss Edith K. Parker* 1-2	William D. James 5-6
John Thomas† 3-4	E. Maurice Atkins 7-8
*Wilby J. Hazell 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

Umpire—James Parker. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method in hand.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Frederick G. Dewell 1-2	Frank J. Levitt 5-6
Harry A. Turner 3-4	Alfred Ely 7-8

Composed by H. Price, and Conducted by Fredk. G. Dewell.
Umpire—William Goodship.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At 26, Malden Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

E. Maurice Atkins 1-2	George N. Price 5-6
George E. Howchin 3-4	Charles N. Leman 7-8

Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpire—Thomas L. Simmons.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. John the Divine Society).

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. John the Divine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Edgar Vallance 1-2	Edward Norman 5-6
William Willson 3-4	William Willson, jun. 7-8

Conducted by William Willson, Jun.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 10, 1913, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the George IV, Brunswick Street, Haggerston.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

George R. Pye 1-2	Ernest Pye 7-8
William Shepherd 3-4	William Pye 9-10
Bertram Prewett 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes 11-12

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—J. King. Witness—J. Berry. This composition is now rung for the first time.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER VI.—continued.

THE PROOF OF THE SURPRISE PEALS.

BY JASPER W. SNOWDON, } Past Presidents of the
Revised by WM. SNOWDON. } Yorkshire Association.

For this purpose it is necessary to ascertain the course-ends from which these lead-ends are produced, that is, the lead-ends which show false against the lead-ends of the plain course.

False Lead end	False Course end	Plain course	False course
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8574632	from 32465	produces b	in 2nd lead at b in 3rd lead
6738452	from 43265	produces g	in 2nd lead at g in 2nd lead
6728354	from 32465	produces b	in 3rd lead at b in 2nd lead
7865324	from 43265	produces a	in 5th lead at a in 6th lead
3647285	from 43265	produces a	in 6th lead at a in 5th lead
7865243	from 32465	produces h	in 6th lead at h in 6th lead

In the foregoing table these false leads, and the course-ends from which they come are given, and also the positions in which the false rows may be found. This memorandum of their positions will be of use in proving the details of a false peal, should the prover wish to extract the actual false rows.

It will be seen that the only false course-ends that appear against the plain course-end (234567) are the two following, 32465 and 43265.

Each course end therefore would only have to be proved by these two to show that the interior changes were true, if the bobs used in the composition did not affect this method of proof.

If bobs at the M and W are introduced, and the course be finished with a bob at H, different lead-ends to those denoted or shown by the course-ends will be introduced in the fifth and sixth lead of such a course. The effect of the bobs in a peal have therefore to be considered.

Fortunately, with the tenors together, false rows do not turn up in inside the fourth lead, that is, from the lead-end when the tenor is in the position for a bob at the M until it has come to the W lead-end. Therefore in a touch of three courses, in which bobs at the W only are called, if the course-ends be transposed by the false course-ends 32465 and 43265, this will be sufficient for the proof of such a touch, because the transposition of each course-end will prove the leads backward from that course-end to the previous W, and also forward to the following W.

To prove a peal, each course-end must therefore be transposed by the two false course-ends, 32465 and 43265, and if no similarity is to be found between the course-ends of the peal and their transpositions, the truth of the peal is proved as far as the W lead in each course. As bobs at H prevent the leads between the W and H from being proved, in those courses in which bobs at M or W, and at H are called, such course-ends (where the bobs at H occur), must be transposed to what they would have been if a bob H had not been made, that is, 23456 must be transposed to 34256. Then, by transposing this new series of course-ends—the natural course-ends—by 32465 and 43265, the leads are correctly proved backward to the W, which completes the proof of the peal.

In the practical application of the course-end proof of this variation, it will seldom be necessary to prick anything more than a certain number of the course-ends of the peal, as it will then be easy to see if any course-end again appears with the two hindmost bells reversed, as '65 from '56, when an examination will be necessary. It will also be seen that it is seldom necessary to transpose for the bobs at H to produce the natural course-ends, because in many peals all the three course-ends, (in course), with the same two bells behind, are introduced, and in such cases one of the actual course-ends represents the natural course-end of the other course.

In the annexed three courses this is 2 3 4 5 6 M W H
plainly shown, as it is obviously unnecessary to transpose for the natural course-end that produces the leads between the M and the H in the first course, because this natural course end would be 43652, which being already introduced as one of the actual course-ends will prove the leads which the bob at H in the first course was obscuring in front of its position.

When, however, such transpositions are necessary I generally—having transposed the ordinary course-ends of the peal by the false course-ends—cross out those which have to be transposed for bobs at M, and add their natural course-ends at the foot of those which do not require this transposition, and then compare this series by the two false course ends. An examination of a few peals will, however, suggest to my readers a variety of means by which they can satisfy themselves as to the proof by the false course-ends without actually pricking out their transpositions.

A bob "Before" will cut out the third, fourth and fifth leads of a course, but will not make any difference to the false course-ends to be used.

When a bob "Before" is followed by a bob H the course-end must be transposed for the natural course-end in the usual way.

As, of course, it is necessary to prove the truth of every treble-lead-end at which a bob is, or may be, called I give the scales for pricking the different lead-ends at the M, W, and H. The first line of figures which are pricked from each preceding position read as 23456, produces a plain lead-end; the second line, below, being the figures due to a bob having been called, so the result of a bobbed lead at any particular position may be easily obtained.

M	W	H
42635	56324	42536
- 64235	- 35624	54236

[EDITORIAL SUMMARY.—The statement by the Author that the use of a bob Before makes no difference to the false course-ends to be used is perfectly correct, but it is not entirely satisfactory. For although all false peals would be discovered, an innocent peal might meet with condemnation, owing to the curious interweaving of some of the false rows in and around the bob Before position. Now certain of these false threads are broken by calling the "Before" with the result that under special circumstances truth may after all prevail. Sir Arthur Heywood has probed this question very thoroughly, and as we have his permission to reproduce his article on the subject, we propose to leave the matter for the immediate present.]

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Saturday, April 19th, at St. Thomas's Church, after an attempt for a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 896 changes in the same method was rung by the following: C. E. Perkins, W. Fisher, A. Davies, J. Bass G. F. Swann, S. Grove, W. Short, R. Matthews (conductor). First in the method on the bells.

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NOTICES.—Continued from page iii.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m. Application for Tea Tickets must be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than Thursday, May 8th.
Canterbury. Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Divine Service will be held in the parish church, with an address by the Vicar of Barking, at 11.30. Business Meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30. The following towers will be open: Bow, Leytonstone, Wanstead, Woodford, Barking Road, St Mary's and St Saviour's (Walthamstow), and West Ham. Members requiring dinner, please send notice, without fail, to the Hon. Secretary, before Wednesday, May 7th. Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec., Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BENFIELDSIDE.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert, on Tuesday, April 22nd, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor. J. W. Forster, Rev. A. W. Lister, J. Marshall, T. H. Surtees A. Charlton, F. Barron (conductor). This is the first 720 in a Surprise method by the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Tanfield.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

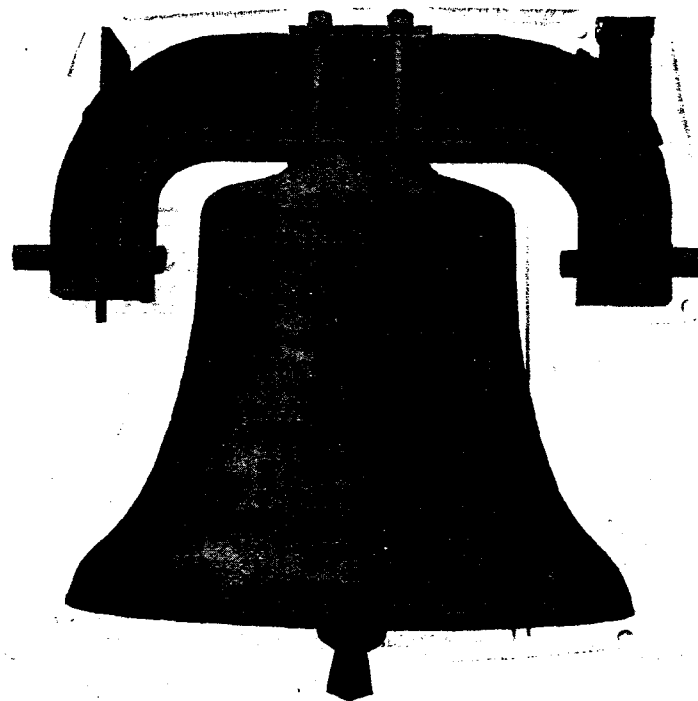
WITNEY (Oxon)—On Monday, April 14th, 447 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, E. Brown, N. Spindlow, T. Bull, F. Monk (conductor), J. Brooks, G. Brooks. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by T. Bull. On Monday, April 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, H. Holliss, N. Spindlow (conductor), E. Brown, T. Bull, J. Monk, J. Brooks. Also 447, conducted by J. Monk

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 29th St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. Also at St. Mary's Walthamstow, on Saturdays, all at 7.30.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in The Meeson Hall at 5.30 at 8d. per head to those who let me know by the 24th inst.

F. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends invited.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the South and West District will be held (by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Rivington), at Putney on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, at 8d. each. All ringing friends welcome.

Heston, Hounslow.

H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. The bells of St. Paul's (8), will be available till 4.15, and from 7 to 8 in the evening. Meeting at the Church Hall, near the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Service at the parish church at 5.30 p.m.

W. A. Cave, Hon. Sec.

10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8), available from 3.30 p.m.

Shottery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A. Vicar of Coseley. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are now due at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.

68, Douglas Street, Derby.

Bart. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Methods—Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and Minor.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m., with an

address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 29th; and will Secretaries of bands kindly see that all subscriptions are paid before the meeting.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Bongeton, Faversham.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at 1 o'clock. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares with a maximum of 2s will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fare. Those intending being present should notify same to me not later than Wednesday, the 30th inst.

G. Watson, Hon. Sec.

Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Chigwell (by kind permission of the Vicar), on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at usual price, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Will members intending being present at tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, April 30th.

H. Rumens, Hon. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.18 p.m.

H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemonat, Shrewsbury.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lockerley and Tytherley on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of both towers available from 2.30. The Vicar of Lockerley has kindly invited members to tea at the vicarage at 5.15. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, April 30th.

20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, May 3rd. 3.0.—Bells (6) available. 5.30.—Service. The Vicar will address the ringers. 6.15.—Tea in the Institute. Tea Tickets—Members 6d., Visitors 1s.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

North Street, Guildford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmsshore, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided at the Crown Inn, Capel, at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Newdigate, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Capel, 6.15 p.m. Short service with an address at Capel parish church at 5 p.m. All ringers gladly welcomed.

Dorking.

Rev. L. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. and service in Church at 7 p.m. Please notify Mr. Peter Preston, 3, Red Hill, Church Street, Stone, of how many intend to be present not later than April 30th.

Rev. John Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Renbold on Saturday, May 3rd.

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(For other Notices see page 95.)

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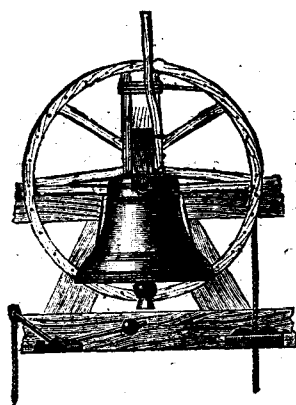
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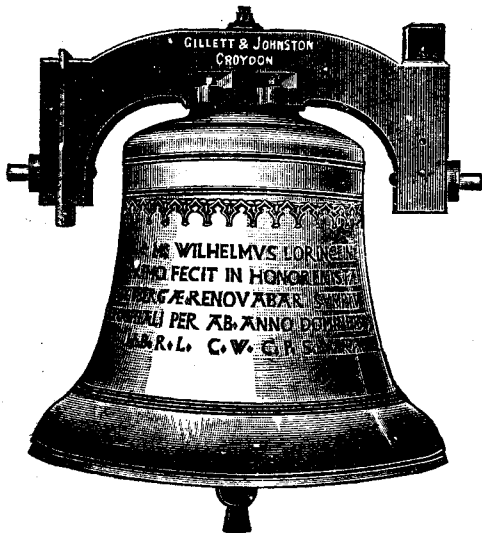
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TOM GOMER, }

ALFRED BOWELL
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHIPPENHAM.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday last, April 26th, when about forty ringers put in an appearance chiefly from Bristol and Swindon. The attendance of members from the Gloucester diocese was practically nil, which was not altogether surprising when one takes into consideration the inaccessibility of Chippenham from a railway travelling point of view. In this connection may be mentioned the case of our worthy Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) who, in order to get back to Stonehouse by 9 o'clock, had to leave Chippenham at 5.40, and then wait an hour-and-a-half at Swindon. Then again, these meetings are looked forward to as a day or half-day's outing, and when one is travelling for pleasure he has a rooted objection to paying full fare, and this he has to do unless he can get seven others to travel with him, and then he can claim to travel for three-quarter fare. The Central Council must again endeavour to persuade the Railway Clearing House to re-classify church bellringers. At present they are classed with brass bands, who, when they travel, take their instruments and music stands with them carriage free, and the classification is therefore obviously unfair.

The weather turned out wet, and this kept away the cyclists who had to come from any considerable distance. Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, was one, but we were pleased to welcome two from Marshfield, who braved the elements, and we hope arrived safe home without any ill effects.

The meeting itself passed off very smoothly. The Master took the chair, and gave a brief report of the peals for the past year, the number being three more than in 1911, viz., 26, including the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major ever rung by eight clergymen, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association. The ring of bells at Cheltenham had been increased from ten to twelve, and last Saturday he (the Master) paid a visit to Tewkesbury to attempt the last peal on the bells before being increased to ten.

The Treasurer (Rev. H. Cockey) presented the balance-sheet, but before doing so said he would like to thank all the branch secretaries for the work they had done during the past year, and also for the improved way in which the accounts were sent in. It certainly seemed that the Association had now turned the corner, and that they were beginning to get the benefit of the reforms instituted a year or two ago. The balance in hand had increased from £24 to £38.

Mr. C. H. Gordon proposed the adoption of the balance sheet, which was seconded by Mr. C. H. Tomkins, and carried. The officers were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. R. J. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. H. Howell. A total of forty-seven members were elected or had their elections confirmed.

After the meeting the members attended Divine Service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon

Smith. Tea followed at the Vaults near the church, after which there was ringing at St. Paul's, by kind permission of the Rev. David B. Barclay, and at the Parish Church, where the bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, every one expressing satisfaction as to the "go." Among the many touches rung may be mentioned one each of Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The wet weather caused many to start for home earlier than they otherwise would, but on the whole it was an enjoyable meeting, chiefly noticeable for the brotherly feeling displayed by all.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th, when, although the weather was cold, miserably wet, and windy, over 70 members found their way into St. Thomas' Church, for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President of the Guild and Vicar of Dudley), who also gave a very interesting address. The Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley), was expected to give the address, but was unable to attend owing to the illness of Mrs. Price.

At the tea over 80 sat down, representing Blakenhall, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Rowley, Sedgeley, Tipton, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Walsall, Wood Green and other churches within a radius of ten miles. Mrs. A. Gray Maitland and Miss Ruby Maitland assisted at the tables, the wives and sweethearts and other friends of the ringers having been busy during the afternoon in making the necessary preparations, and now assisted in attending to the wants of those present.

An interesting business meeting followed, with the Rev. A. Gray Maitland in the chair. Letters of apology were read from Col. Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., Rev. H. H. Dibben (Rector of Brierley Hill), and Harry Mason, Esq., of Old Hill. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the year's work showed a great advance on that of last year, numerically, financially and number of peals rung by members of the Guild. The balance sheet submitted showed an increased balance in hand. The election of officers resulted in the whole of them being returned to their respective posts, as follows:—President, Rev. A. Gray Maitland; Vice-Presidents, Col. Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., Rev. H. H. Dibben (Rector of Brierley Hill) Rev. S. J. Marriott (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. J. A. Price (Vicar of Coseley), and Harry Mason, Esq.; Ringing Master, Mr. S. Spittle; Hon Sec., Mr. Herbert Sheppard, 66, Himley Road, Dudley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Rock Small; Auditors, Mr. J. Smith (Tipton) and Mr. B. Gough (Coseley). A large number of new members were added to the roll. Wombourne was the place selected for holding the next quarterly meeting.

An animated discussion ensued upon the scheme for awarding the "President's Prize," which provides that the prize be given to the band in union with the Guild which makes the highest percentage of attendances for ringing at the Sunday services morning and evening. It

was ultimately referred to a committee consisting of one member from each company to decide and report to the next quarterly meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, also for conducting the service in Church: to the organist and the ladies for preparing and serving the tea; also to the donors of the tea, and all who had assisted to make the meeting a happy one. This brought a very successful meeting to a close. The bells were set in motion at 3.30. After the meeting a request was sent to the belfry to stop ringing, because a lady was sick near the Church, which was promptly complied with.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT MARGATE.

PRESENTATION TO THE CAPTAIN.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, officiated at the wedding of Mr. Arthur H. Saxby, fifth son of the late Mr. John Saxby, of Langley Court, Canterbury, and Miss Edith Roberts, youngest daughter of Mr. Roberts, of Margate, which was solemnised at Margate, where for some years the bridegroom has been a prominent ringer. The ceremony was an extremely pretty one, and afterwards the bells rang out merrily in honour of the event. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, including one from past and present ringers at the Parish Church. It consisted of a handsome silver rose bowl, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by the Vicar, and Mr. Saxby made a feeling reply. He said that although connected socially with other affairs in Margate, his happiest moments were when in St. John's Church belfry with his ringers. Unity had been their motto for the last 13 years, and this, combined with the goodwill of the churchwardens, and the real help he had had from the three Vicars he had served under, had brought the present band to efficiency. Before concluding, he said he must refer to Miss Edwards. Her past and present kindness to the ringers had been a help to him from the time he took up the leadership of the band, 13 years ago. He thanked them for the complimentary ringing which they intended to do on the occasion of his wedding, and also trusted that the peal they were going to attempt on April 24th, and in which he would take part, would be successful.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD,

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A most successful meeting of this branch was that held at St. Peter's Dorchester, the special feature of the gathering being the unveiling of a peal board to commemorate the ringing of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung in the county, as well as the first peal of Major on the bells. The home company was well represented, and members also attended from Bournemouth, Bridport, Charminster, Fordington, Milton Abbey, Poole, Puddletown, Upwey, West Lulworth, Wimborne and Wyke Regis. Among those taking part in the unveiling ceremony were the Rev. H. C. Coote (Rector of St. Peter's), Mrs. Coote, Rev. W. P. Schuster (Secretary of the Guild), Mrs. Schuster, Rev. C. A. Phillips (Secretary of the East Dorset branch) and Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild). These, accompanied by the ringers assembled in the belfry where Mr. R. Dawes detailed the circumstances leading up to the erection of the board, and asked Mrs. Coote to unveil it. Mrs. Coote said she was pleased to accept the invitation to unveil the peal board. Although she had been in the parish but a short time she had heard a great deal about the performances of the St. Peter's Society. The covering having been withdrawn disclosed a neatly written board,

bearing the following inscription:—"Salisbury Diocesan Guild. On Thursday, Sept. 23rd, 1909, in 3 hrs. 16 mins., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (5056 changes). Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat. W. H. Fussell 1, H. Hodgetts 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston 3, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 4, G. Williams 5, J. Thomas 6, J. Parker 7, Keith Hart 8. Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by James Parker. The first peal of Major on the bells, and first peal of Cambridge in this county."—Mr. Martin Stewart proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Coote. As one of those with the baid on the tour he was pleased to see the peal recorded.—Rev. W. P. Schuster seconded, and paid a tribute to the St. Peter's Society.

The company then adjourned to the Institute, where tea was provided by the Rector and churchwardens, the former presiding. In welcoming the Guild to the parish, the rev. gentleman referred to a former occasion, when he had the honour of welcoming the Guild to Trowbridge for their annual festival.—The Rev. W. P. Schuster moved that hearty thanks be accorded the Rector and churchwardens for entertaining them at tea and for the use of the bells; to the Rector, in anticipation, for his address; to Rev. R. Bartlott for use of bells of St. George's.—Mr. W. S. B. Northover seconded, and said he was pleased to see the branch getting on so well.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

was presided over by Mr. R. N. Dawes. Twelve towers were represented. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) exhibited the new badge, which was approved and much admired. Mr. S. G. Hodges was elected to serve on the general committee, and four new members were elected to the branch.

The Hon. Secretary presented his report for the past year, which shewed that six meetings had been held, all well attended, and that the first annual meeting was a record. The membership had increased from 57 to 80, and good progress had been made in change-ringing. Eight towers out of 10 were now ringing half-pull, and the Secretary hoped to see the others well on the road to change-ringing before another year. Mr. Townsend had been instructing the Wool band, who, besides ringing Grandsire Doubles, could now ring Bob Minor; Mr. White was instructing the Fordington band, who could now ring Grandsire Doubles: the Wyke Regis band had greatly improved in change-ringing with the assistance of Mr. L. W. Wiffen (late of Ipswich): Mr. T. Page was assisting the newly-formed Upwey band; while the St. Peter's Society, Dorchester, was now able to ring Stedman. Restoration work had been carried out at Upwey, two new bells having been added, and the other four quarter-turned to make a handy peal of six. The Secretary also presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £118. 9d.

Mr. R. N. Dawes was re-elected chairman. Mr. G. T. White branch Ringing Master; Mr. W. J. Benger, deputy Ringing Master; and Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Hodges, in proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, paid a tribute to the Hon. Secretary for the way he had worked and brought the branch up to the present high standard. The chairman also praised the work of the Secretary.

Mr. Jennings said he had been in correspondence with Sir Everard Hambro respecting the next meeting to be held in July, and Sir Everard had replied that he would be pleased to place Milton Abbey and the bells at their disposal, and provide tea for the members of the branch. This announcement was received with applause.

The members afterwards adjourned to St. Peter's Church, where the Guild service was held, the Rector giving an excellent address, which was much appreciated. During the afternoon and evening the towers of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and St. George's, Fordington, were open, and some good touches were brought round in the Standard methods, especially at St. Peter's. Messrs. G. F. White, L. W. Wiffen and F. W. Townsend acting as conductors.

MR. RICHARD NEWTON'S FAREWELL.

Among the meetings arranged as a farewell to Mr. Richard Newton, not the least interesting was that at Glossop, where a peal of Kent Treble Bob was unsuccessfully attempted. Afterwards a party, numbering about 30, sat down to dinner at the "Queen's Arms" Hotel, the remainder of the evening being devoted to songs, recitations and ringing.

In the course of the proceedings, the Vice-President of the Glossop Association (Mr. W. Marsden), presented the departing guest with a silver-mounted ebony walking-stick, remarking on the esteem in which Mr. Newton was held by the ringers in the Glossop District. The stick bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. Richard Newton by the Glossop Change-Ringers Association, April 19th, 1913."

Mr. Newton, in thanking the donors, said the gift would always remind him of the kindness shown him in the Glossop district. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Newton was heartily drunk, as were the toasts of "The President and Vice-President, and 'The Host'" (Mr. Richard Platt). At parting, Mr. Newton received a hearty send-off, with many good wishes for his future welfare in his new home beyond the seas.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. C. MAYNARD, H. DAINS—Crowded out, will appear next week.

PEAL CARDS.—All will be dispatched on Monday.

F. DAVEY.—The copy of quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung on April 27th has reached us, but you do not say where.

T. WORSLEY.—Copy of peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bolton has been received, but date is not given.

A. W. GRAVETT.—Your back numbers will be sent early next week.

PEAL CORRECTION.

The peal rung at Hemingbrough on April 19th, reported in our last issue, was incorrectly stated as by the "Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association," instead of by the Yorkshire Association.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-third annual meeting), will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th May, 1913, at 11 a.m. punctually, in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 in the same room.

N.B.—The Mining Institute is situate in Neville Street, at the corner of Orchard Street, midway between the Railway Station and the Cathedral, being distant about two minutes' walk from either.

AGENDA, 1913.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 3.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 4.—Introduction of new Members to the President.
- 5.—Report as to the Resolution passed last year against the Welsh Church Bill.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

- (a)—Peal Collection.
- (b)—Literature.
- (c)—Legitimate Methods.
- (d)—Peals Analysis.
- (e)—Towers and Belfries.

To discuss the following:—

(7).—The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell-ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung.

(8).—That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major.

(9).—That the Ladies' Guild of Change-Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject.

(10).—To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation, passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers, stating the tower, day, and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal.

(11).—To fix the place of meeting for next year.

(12).—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, announces the following arrangements which he has most kindly made with a view to furthering the comfort and enjoyment of those attending the Council, and anyone needing further help or information is requested to communicate with him,

On Monday, May 12th, a room has been reserved in the County Hotel—facing the Central Station—from 7 p.m. for the reception and entertainment of representatives and friends on their arrival. Visitors should ask at the Hotel office for the "Prince of Wales' Room." There will be handbells and music.

Visitors able to be present at the Whitsuntide meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association at North Shields and Whitley Bay, will be heartily welcomed and

entertained by the members. Formal notice of this meeting will appear in the columns of this paper.

Arrangements will be made for a Central Council peal on the ten bells at Newcastle Cathedral on Monday, May 12th, at 5.30 p.m. Tenor 37½ cwt.

Peals will be arranged for those spending the week-end in the district, if they will kindly send in their names in good time.

Previous to the *Soiree* and *Conversazione* (which will be held as usual from 9 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday evening), at the County Hotel, there will be a Smoking Concert at 7.30 p.m. in the same Hotel, to which all visitors and friends are invited.

Endeavours will be made to obtain rooms (private or hotel), for those writing in advance for them.

BELL-RINGERS' STRIKE.

SINGULAR SITUATION AT WORKINGTON.

[COMMUNICATED.]

[Among ringers, as among other classes, discontent occasionally arises, though, happily, not often on the score of being insufficiently paid. This reason does sometimes come to the fore, and this article deals with such an occasion.—ED.]

A very important question to members of the Exercise—the arduous labour involved in the art of bell-ringing—is that of remuneration on a basis of payment commensurate with its mental and physical merit. Everybody will of course concede that where labouring craftsmen are the ringers adequate salaries or wages should be given. At the Cathedrals, municipalities, and similar places, this course is generally in vogue, but in connection with country churches the amounts bestowed are barely sufficient to meet expenses. Surely in bell-ringing, as in other occupations, the labourer is worthy of his hire, and wardens should see to the fulfilment of this requirement. Many examples of discontent could be unearthed. Of course shopkeepers and others who pull bell-ropes in Church spires, are usually rewarded with the patronage bestowed on them in their businesses, favours inspired by their amateur bellringing. Members of the police force usually ring the bells in connection with the City chiming in the big centres of population, and are, of course, paid well for their work. "Pay and be paid" is a good maxim.

Here is an example of discontent:—The bellringers of St. Michael's Parish Church at Workington (Cumberland), are on strike. They resent a suggestion made at the last vestry meeting that they should fall into line with other voluntary helpers at the Church, contending that for work which demands regular attendance morning and evening on 52 Sundays in the year, as well as on special occasions, they are not too well paid at £20 per annum. This sum works out at 9d. per Sunday, and one of the bellringers, who number 10, walks 12 miles to earn that sum.

There was no night bell peal on Sunday, April 20th, and the bell had to be tolled by a boy. The church-wardens have met this action by determining to lock the bellringers out. They have informed the head bellringer, Mr. Sanderson, that the men will not be allowed to resume duty until they apologise for their conduct.

W. HAMPSON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A Quarterly Meeting was held at Sutton Coldfield last Saturday, and a very wet day no doubt kept many members away. However, about twenty-four members sat down to tea in the Church House, representing the following places: Rugby, Coventry, Allesley, Nuneaton, Boldmere, Erdington, Sutton Coldfield and Stratford-on-Avon. Evensong was held in church at 5.0 p.m., conducted by the Rector, who also gave a short address. The business meeting was held after tea, and presided over by the Rector. After the election of members had been proceeded with it was decided to hold a meeting at Dunchurch—where the bells have just been rehung—in May, and at Wolvey in June.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that there would be difficulties in the way of his attending the Annual Meeting if held in July this year, and suggested that it might be transferred to June, as the rule allowed it.

The members agreed to this, and June 28 was selected as the date, other things being suitable. The meeting proposed for Wolvey in June was in that case to be carried over to July.

Mr. T. Bloore proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded Canon Barnard for his kind permission to ring, and not least for his welcome and hospitality to the Guild, which were much appreciated. This was carried with acclamation, and Canon Barnard briefly replied. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED GIFT TO CHELMSFORD CHURCH.

A very successful meeting of the North-Western district was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, April 19th, about thirty members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Wenden, Rickling, Bishop Stortford, Cambridge, Ickleton, Braintree, Great Totham, and Coggeshall. Tea and business meeting was held in the Parish Room, the District Master (Mr. F. Pitstow), presiding, supported by the District Secretary (Mr. W. Watts), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Hon. Secretary of the Association), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Mr. Richard Goddard, of Wenden, was elected a ringing member. Harlow St. Mary's and Waltham Abbey were proposed for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote, Harlow St. Mary's was selected. It was proposed that a bye-meeting be held at Elmdon some time before the next District Meeting.

The Master introduced the subject of the proposed gift by the Association of a bell to Chelmsford, and gave an interesting account of the proceedings up to the present on behalf of that object.

Mr. J. F. Penning supported the suggestion, and proposed that the meeting approves of the proposal to present one bell to Chelmsford, and that the cost should be defrayed from the Reserve Fund of the Association. This was seconded by Mr. H. Little, and carried unanimously.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Room; also to the Saffron Walden company for their help towards providing the tea.

Touches in the following methods were rung: London, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Duffield and Treble Bob Major.

THE CUMBERLANDS AT WEST HAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at All Saints, West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th, and was well attended by members and friends of the district. The bells were raised at 3.30 p.m., and two touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten, and a course of Cambridge and Superlative Major were brought round before the tea interval. An adjournment was then made to the Meeson Hall, where twenty sat down to a capital tea, the Master (Mr. J. Parker), presiding at the meeting which followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The election of the following members was ratified:—Mr. T. H. Hawkins, of Deptford, and Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead.

Mr. G. Paice proposed that the next meeting be held at Loughton, but Mr. Rann advised that the bells were not in a satisfactory condition. Hillingdon and Heston were the next places proposed, and on being put to the meeting, Hillingdon was carried.

Mr. Neale then proposed that the officers be empowered to remove the Society's property from The Bedford Head, as soon as a convenient place could be decided, which was carried.

The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Doran, for the use of the bells, which concluded the business.

A return was made to the tower, and the bells were kept going till 8 o'clock, the final being a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, this being the first ever attempted by ten members of the Society.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL.—On April 25th, at the Cathedral, for the induction service of the new Rector of Southwell (the Rev. Prebendary Wild) by the Bishop, 490 Oxford Bob Triples. A. J. Chamberlain, G. E. Padgett, T. Foster, H. R. Berrisford, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow (conductor), C. H. Chamberlain, E. Foster. After service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob, composed by E. H. Lewis. A. J. Chamberlain, C. H. Chamberlain, G. E. Padgett, T. Foster, G. Beckett, E. Foster, H. F. Clulow (conductor), A. H. Wilson. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and first in the method on the bells. On Sunday, April 27th, 237 Oxford Bob. A. J. Chamberlain, G. E. Padgett (conductor), H. R. Berrisford, F. Pickard, E. Foster, G. Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain, A. H. Wilson. For evening service 532 Grandsire Triples and 112 Oxford Bob. G. E. Padgett, H. R. Berrisford, A. H. Wilson, E. Foster, T. Foster, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow (conductor), F. Pickard.

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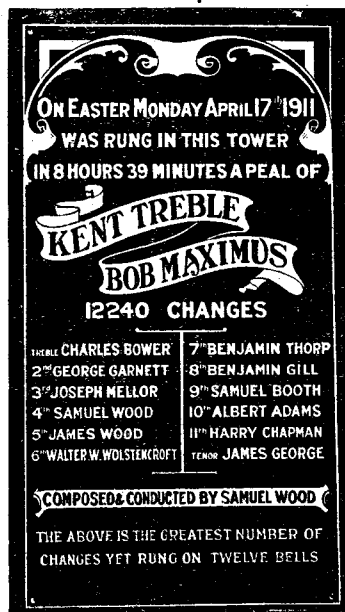
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1913

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

The success of the effort to raise the necessary funds for the restoration and augmentation of St. Mary's ring from ten to twelve was far beyond expectation, the amount of cash taken at the "Fete," as it was called, although held in the Corn Exchange, amounting to £1,338 11s. 7d., in addition to which subscriptions £327, and the announcement that the Essex Association will endeavour to find the treble, and that the new tenor is to be a gift to the memory of the late Mr. W. Tufnell—£35 and £290 respectively—brings the grand total to £1,990 12s. 1d.

Probably a few hitherto unpublished facts with regard to the Chelmsford ring may be just now interesting.

Reference has already been made in our last issue that two of the old ring were for some years in Moulsham tower, and how when these were restored to St. Mary's the old tenor from Rettenden found its way to Moulsham.

In the early days of the Essex Association Chelmsford, as the best ringing centre, and as the county town, became the place for the Annual Meeting. It was not long before there was a whisper regarding the two trebles at Moulsham as belonging to Chelmsford. At that time West Ham was the only ring of ten in the county. The Association having practically made Chelmsford its home there was a very strong desire to see the full ring of ten back in the tower. Just at this time Rettenden tower and bells were undergoing restoration, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, then Hon. Secretary to the Association, whose geniality and thorough practical knowledge of the Art brought the Association to its high level, was at that time curate at Rettenden, and it was by the skilful manipulation of the rev. gentleman that the exchange took place. To take the trebles back to Chelmsford was one thing, to rehang them was another. Unfortunately the Association lost Mr. Cockey's services by his removal from the county, and although members of the Association hammered at the powers that were year by year, the trebles got no further than the foot of the ringing chamber for two years.

The idea of a ring of twelve at Chelmsford is not new. In the early days of the Association there were hopes fre-

quently expressed at the Annual Meeting that the Association might in due course find a ring of twelve in the county, and that there could be no better tower for the same than the tower of St. Mary's, Chelmsford.

Neither is the idea that the Association should endeavour to support such a proposal new; for those who helped to build up the Association and to put by its nest egg did so because of the value that such an egg might prove at some future time in helping in securing a peal of twelve.

The announcement that the Association will do its best to provide the treble bell is somewhat peculiar, and not very clear, as it is a matter, so far as use of the reserve, that can only be dealt with at the Annual Meeting, which takes place on Whitsun Monday. As there is already a jealous eye against the use of any portion of the egg referred to above, if such a proposal is brought forward it will undoubtedly be opposed. To attempt to raise the amount by voluntary contributions would not only be a difficult thing to do, but cause dissatisfaction in some quarters. It is to be hoped that the Association may do credit to itself and be the donor right out of the new bell, and so carry out the desire of the early builders up of the Association, and what is more help to adorn what will it is hoped shortly be the Cathedral Church of Essex.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. .. 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	JAMES HUNT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by AETHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is I. G. Shade's 1000th peal.

The Provinces.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2	HARRY GOODMAN 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3	HORACE BELCHER 8
WILLIAM MILLS 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 5	CHARLES FAULES Tenor

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

This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. Harry Goodman, a much respected member of the Dudley band, who set sail for Canada on April 26th. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers expressed their regret in losing such a capable ringer, and wished him God speed and every success in his new sphere of labour.

BUNBURY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, April 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. F. Hartshorne, J. H. Riding, G. H. Crawley, R. T. Holding, jun., A. Crawley, C. J. Bowen Cooke R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor), P. Vickers.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the ABBEY CHURCH OF SS MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs. in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
JAMES ELCOMBE 2	FREDRICK PERCEY 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	GIDEON WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS,

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Befog 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	FREDERICK WATLING Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Bailey.

BECKINGTON.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM TYLER * Treble	ARTHUR W. ANGEL 5
HORACE TAYLOR 2	ARTHUR J. WEST† 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARS 3	WALTER S. BURBIDGE 7
ROBERT H. LEGG 4	ERNEST C. RODFORD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. WEST.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal by the Melksham band.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 2 qrs. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
STANLEY BONNEY 2	HCBART E. SMITH 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	A. WATSON* 7
WILLIAM FLORY 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

*First peal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPLIN Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE H. JAYE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINPOFF, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

The above is the conductor's gooth peal.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ .. Treble	FREDK. A. BARNETT 5
HUBERT CHAFFEY* 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	GEORGE UPSHALL 7
ALFRED J. CROUCHER† .. 4	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome home to the Rector and Mr. Campbell Crum.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES* Treble	HENRY H. CHANDLER 5
GEORGE E. HARBOUR* .. 2	*EDGAR HANCOX 6
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PHARSON .. 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
DAVID LEGGETT 4	SYDNEY W. PILGRIM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

*First peal, and first attempt.

BRISTOL

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
FREDK. W. WADE 2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	FRED G. MAY 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	URIAH BEAVEN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, whose 50th peal it was; also to the 5th ringer's little son Eric, aged 5 years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, April 27th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 41 mins. A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, *F. S. Bacon, F. Bennett (conductor), *T. A. Easterby, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law. *First in the method.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

CHARLES CARTER Treble	FREDK. SALTER 5
ALFRED MARCO 2	ALFRED NEWSON 6
FREDK. POULSON 3	WILLIAM MEARS 7
THOMAS FITZJOHN 4	FREDK. C. BURROWS Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES TULETT* Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY† 2	CHARLES W. BEETT 7
WILLIAM HAIGH 3	ARTHUR A. ANDREWS 8
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN* .. 9
FREDK. G. BEETT 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

†First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells. *First peal of Caters.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEBLE 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch).

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED POLLING Treble	JOHN MONK 5
WILLOUGHBY MAULDEN .. 2	THOMAS BULL 6
ALBERT BROOKS 3	REV CYRIL JENKYN 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED POLLING.

Rung on the occasion of the meeting of the above branch at Woodstock.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DEWETT 2	THOMAS STEERS 6
FRANK HOLDER 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
BENJAMIN A. MORRIS .. 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. A. LAMBERT.

P.S.—The peal of Cambridge Surprise rung at Mitcham on April 19th was also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
ARTHUR MARTIN 2	HERBERT COX 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Martin.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-Part, Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
WILLIAM H. CORBETT .. 2	JOHN CRAWFORD 6
JOHN WYATT 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
JOHN HOYLE 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Wyatt.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch).

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

HUBERT LONG Treble	GEORGE BROOKS 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	JOHN MONK 6
ERNEST BROWN 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
THOMAS BULL 4	JESSE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle Surprise, Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Woodbine, College Bob iv., and Old Oxford Modernised.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

FRANK BARRETT* Treble	HARRY KILBY 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	THOMAS LANGDON 5
GABRIEL CHALKLEY 3	†FREDK. J. HARDY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

*First peal. †First peal on six bells.

Handbell Peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

IN THE BELL CHAMBER OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

A. ELY 1-2	T. SPARROW 5-6
H. TURNER 3-4	E. HUNT 7-8

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by T. SPARROW.

Umpire—W. Goodship. T. Sparrow's first peal as conductor.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By GEO. CROSS, Norwich.

5120.

23456 1 4 5 6

42635

26435

56234

32654

26354

34265

46235

32645

26345

63245

42365

23465

Repeat 3 times.

Bob for single in second and fourth parts.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE.

By C. SEVERN, Killamarsh.

123456

213546

125364

215634

251643

526143

251634

256143

526413

562431

654213

645231

462531

426513

245631

254613

524163

521436

254163

521463

512436

152346

513264

153624

156342

First rung at Killamarsh on Sunday, March 9th, 1913.

CREWE.—On the occasion of the Royal visit to Crewe on April 21st, 1920 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 59 mins. W. T. Holding, R. T. Holding, jun., J. H. Riding, H. F. Holding, R. Langford, sen., W. F. Hartshorne, G. H. Crawley, A. Crawley, J. Dentith, R. T. Holding, sen. (conductor). First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5024.

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Repeated.

This is considered the first composition published with all the 4-5s, 6-5s and 6-4s, 2 and 3 never in 6ths place at course-ends, 6th extent at the last twelve course-ends of each part in this number of changes.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

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KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

(TWIN HUNT).

Will you kindly publish this method and peal in your next, as it is quite a new plan for a Treble Bob method. It is a sort of missing link.

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5088.

23456 M W H

46532 2 2 2

52364 2 2 2

64235 2 1 2

45236 2 2

34256 2

Twice repeated.

This method is the first produced with a dodging twin hunt. It will run to ten and twelve bells the same as ordinary Treble Bob.

Will you also publish this note.

Will your correspondent, whoever he may be, write and explain what he means when he says that omitting a bob w in my peal of Maximus published in your issue of April 19th makes it false.

F. DENCH,
Ancient Society of College Youths.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The Rev. J. T. Mumford presided over the Annual Meeting of the above Association, at Retford, on Saturday, April 19th.

The 26th annual report showed that the summary of performances for the year by individual companies was again meagre, not a single 5040 having been rung on tower bells. Anston once more headed the list by achieving the distinction of ringing 720s in one hundred different Treble Bob Minor methods, including all the Surprise methods. They had also broken their own record by ringing in 1912 over eighty complete 720s in fifty-four different methods. The Worksop company rang nine quarter peals. Two attempts for a 5040 of Bob Major came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 52 mins. and 2 hrs. 57 mins., respectively. Two of the quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were the first in which Miss Evelyn and Miss Dorothy Steel took part on extreme bells. Miss Evelyn afterwards rang in the first ladies' peal, at Cubitt Town, London, which peal was accomplished after three hours' ringing. As both these ladies had now rung their first peal of 5040 changes, the Association offered its hearty congratulations on their success.

For individual performances, that brilliant young ringer, Mr. John Segar, jun., headed the list by two wonderful performances, tapped on handbells in three and five different methods, respectively. He had also, since the close of the year, outstripped these performances by ringing a 5040 in seven methods and a 7200 in ten methods.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £8 19s. 6d.

THE LONG STANTON TENOR.

So rapid has been the developments in connection with the raising of the necessary money and the recasting of the Long Stanton Tenor that the bell has been sent home, and is to be hung during the coming week in time for ringing during Whitsuntide. The officials at Long Stanton, as well as the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., are to be congratulated on this early consummation of their efforts.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Visitors to the Meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday in Whitsun week are assured of a cordial welcome at West Hartlepool, where arrangements are being made for their entertainment. This is being done especially for those who may arrive in the North on Whit Monday or before. Visitors who intend going to West Hartlepool should communicate with Mr. R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

Still another ringer has gone to Canada. Mr. Harry Goodman, a member of the Dudley band, left the Old Country for the Dominion on Saturday last, taking with him the good wishes of his comrades.

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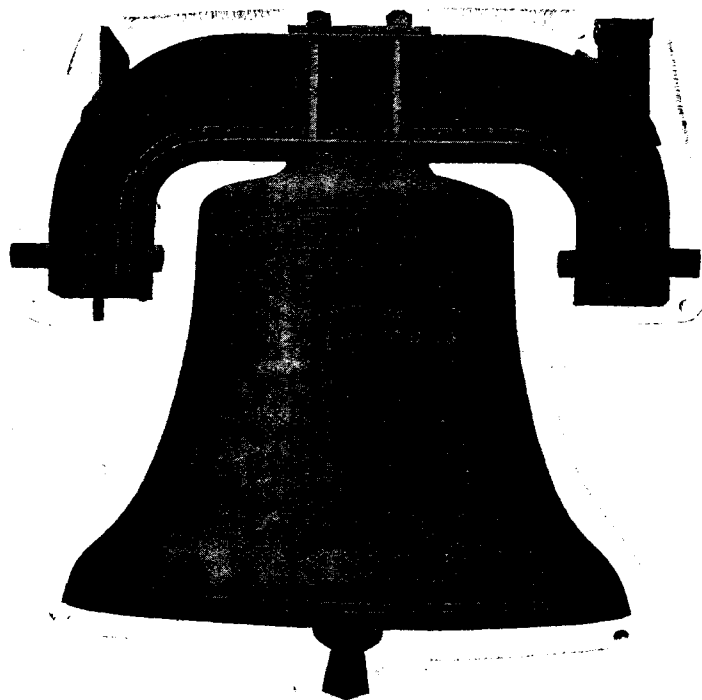
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 8th and 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., all the others 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 quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.
J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

6D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Kent County Association. — Canterbury District. — The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. E. Trendell, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Boughton, Faversham.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at The Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at 1 o'clock. Members' tickets 1s 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares, with a maximum of 2s, will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fare.
G. Watson, Hon. Sec.

Vale Road, St. Leonards.

The Essex Association—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Chigwell (by kind permission of the Vicar), on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock. Tea at usual price, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea.
H. Rumens, Hon. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.18 p.m. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.
Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.
Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lockerley and Tytherley on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells of both towers available from 2.30. The Vicar of Lockerley has kindly invited members to tea at the Vicarage at 5.15. Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.
20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Binsted on Saturday, May 3rd. 3.0.—Bells (6) available. 5.30.—Service. The Vicar will address the ringers. 6.15.—Tea in the Institute. Tea Tickets—Members 6d., Visitors 1s. John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.
North Street, Guildford.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Helmshore, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.
J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided at the Crown Inn, Capel, at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Newdigate, 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Capel, 6.15 p.m. Short service with an address at Capel parish church at 5 p.m. All ringers gladly welcomed.
Dorking. Rev. L. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and service in Church at 7 p.m.

Rev. John Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Renhold on Saturday, May 3rd.
John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes and Farnworth on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m. Application for Tea Tickets must be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than Thursday, May 8th.
Canterbury. Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Divine Service at the parish church at 11.30. Business Meeting at the Mason Hall at 12.30. Dinner in the same place at 1.30. Members wishing for dinner must let the Hon. Secretary know not later than the preceding Wednesday. Ringers desirous of using the adjacent towers either before or after dinner, had better apply to Mr. G. Black, "Mayfield," Grand Avenue, Woodford Green.
Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec.

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The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Walsoken on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Bells of Walsoken (6), and Wisbech (10), available all day. Dinner at "The Bell," Walsoken, at 1.30 p.m., at 1s. 6d. each. Non-members of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present at dinner must send me notice by May 6th.
12, Grove Avenue, Norwich. C. E. Borrett, Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields. Christ Church bells available all day, except between 11.15 and 12 a.m. Committee Meeting will be held at The Bath Hotel, Tynemouth, at 1 p.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. All visitors will be heartily welcomed, and entertained to dinner, if they will kindly send word to the Secretary before May 6th that they are likely to be present.
R. Stephenson, Joint Hon. Secretary.
2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung, and augmented to a peal of eight.
33, Langham Road, Blackburn. J. Watson, Branch Sec.

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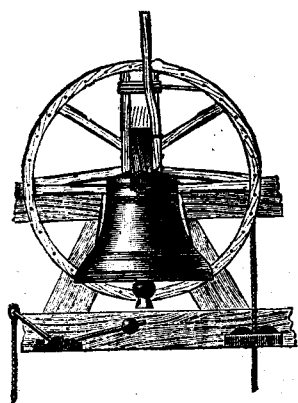
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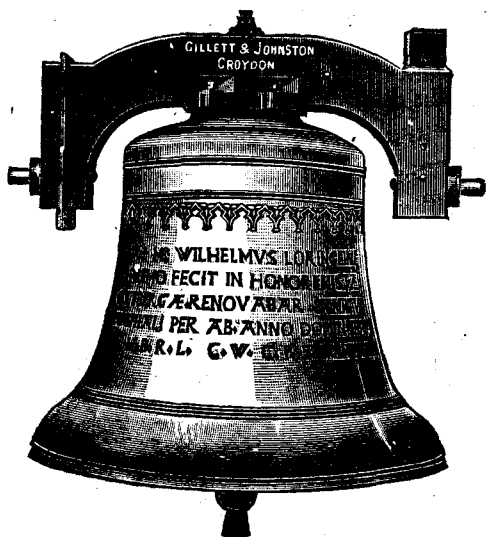
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEWES.

Lewes was the venue of the 28th annual gathering of the above Association on Saturday last. The customary luncheon was held at the Bear Hotel, the Bishop of Lewes presiding in the absence of the Bishop of Chichester, the President of the Association, who was unwell. Supporting the Chairman were Miss Humblecroft, Miss B. Humblecroft (Waldron), the Rev. Cresswell Gee (Rector of Twineham), Mr. R. Ford (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Clement Hill (Hastings), the Rev. T. H. Windle (Southover, Lewes), Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master), and Mr. G. Watson (Hon. Secretary), while twenty-two towers were represented.

Mr. Tompkins gave the ringers' toast of "The Church and State," remarking that all good citizens vigorously deprecated any attempt to divorce the two. Coupling with the toast the name of the Bishop of Lewes and Mr. Clement Hill (Hastings), the speaker mentioned that he hoped the next time his Lordship would be able to come among them with less inconvenience to himself than he did that day. He had five sermons to preach the next day, and that day had several engagements, one of which he had had to put off. He did not know whether the Bishop of Lewes had exceeded the speed limit in coming there, but they extended to him a very hearty welcome.

AN UP-TO-DATE ORGANISATION.

Dr. Burrows, responding, welcomed the lady ringers, adding that it was the first time they had had the presence of ladies at that gathering. "It is a sign," he continued, "of what we are coming to. We have fourteen lady churchwardens in Sussex—that is getting on—and now we have got two lady bellringers. There is no telling what we shall come to. What it means is that the Sussex County Association is thoroughly up-to-date, and moving with the times." The Bishop of Chichester, the speaker added, was not very well, and deeply regretted his inability to attend. No one appreciated the value of the members' work more than he did. As to his exceeding the speed limit, he was not going to define how he got there for fear of appearing elsewhere. Proceeding, the Bishop of Lewes referred to the warm welcome extended to him by bellringers throughout Sussex, and asserted that bellringers shewed themselves fully able to take their part in the work of the Church. It was because bellringers were getting higher and higher ideals, and were recognizing that their work was Church work, that they delighted in gatherings of that kind, being able to help each other, enjoy social intercourse, and carry out their business in a proper manner. As to the State, it was in a very peculiar state just now.

Mr. Clement Hill, also replying, said: "We all think that the State is not in good health, and we feel much obliged to you, gentlemen, for drinking our own health—for we are all the State. However, I hope that the health of the State will improve."

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The officers for the year were then elected as follows: President—the Bishop of Chichester; Vice-Presidents—re-elected *en bloc*; Master—Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Chichester); Hon. Secretary—Mr. G. Watson (St. Leonards); Hon. Treasurer—Mr. E. C. Ford; Division Hon. Secretaries: Eastern—Mr. Howse; Central—Mr. Stone; Western—Mr. H. Evans; Hon. Auditors—Mr. W. White and Mr. Harfey (Eastbourne). The Bishop of Lewes was elected a life member, and the following new members were appointed: Blacklands, Hastings—Messrs. W. Stevens, C. Hurrell, and A. Rose; Waldron—Miss Humblecroft, Miss B. Humblecroft, Messrs. F. L. Barker, R. C. Dean, and H. E. Rogers; Twineham—Mr. D. Newman; Southover, Lewes—Messrs. J. Ward and W. Ward.

Acknowledging his election as Master, Mr. Tompkins remarked that it was a fact that people living near towers did find fault with bellringing, and not without cause in some cases. Bellringers did think of people, and if there was any illness they did stop ringing, but he wanted them to impress upon those in authority in Churches—Vicars and churchwardens, and Deans and Chapters especially—that there were means of getting rid of any nuisance there might be by adopting one of the three methods—(1) bricking up the openings; (2) glazing; (3) erecting shutters. The sound would not be taken away in regard to distance. The matter would have to be dealt with, especially now that bellringing was increasing.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Report for the year was next adopted. The Committee stated they were able to report most favourably upon the financial state of the Association—a profit of nearly £20 having been made upon the year's work. Notwithstanding the fact that the General Fund was depleted to the extent of £18 at the beginning of the year in order to make the Reserve Fund up to £50, it was now in a position to be able to augment the Benevolent Fund. For the first time in the history of the Association the number of peals rung during the year had topped the century, Mr. Keith Hart—as in several previous years—appearing most prominently as a conductor. The challenge bell was won by St. Peter's, Brighton, Heene tower being but a very few points behind. St. Clement's, Hastings, tower (eight bells), and Twineham tower (five bells), had become affiliated to the Association during the past year. It was decided to raise the Benevolent Fund to £25 by taking the necessary balance from the General Fund and in regard to the peals analysis, it was resolved that any new members or member transferred to another tower ringing a peal, should notify the Peal Secretary to which tower he belonged. A motion by Mr. Goldsmith was adopted, requesting the Committee to consider and report upon the advisability of altering Rule 3 to enable each division to elect annually its own District Secretary, and its own representatives on the Committee.

The meeting placed on record the achievement of Mr.

Keith Hart on being the first man in Sussex to ring 500 peals.

Mr. Tompkins mentioned that the Association established a record last year by ringing 107 peals, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Rector, choir and organist of Southover for their kindness, and this having been carried, the members attended service at Southover Church, where an eloquent discourse was delivered by the Bishop of Lewes. Touches in a variety of methods were rung at Southover throughout the day.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLE CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting of the above-named branch was held at Marston Magna on Saturday last, and a very wet day no doubt kept a good many away from attending the meeting. However, between 30 and 40 were present, representing the following towers: Batcombe, Evercreech, Ditchat, Castle Cary, Templecombe, West Lydford, Queen Camel, Birmingham (St. Mary's), Marston Magna, and Mudford. A short service was held in the Parish Church, where the Vicar (Rev. G. F. C. Pippin), delivered a very instructive address. In the course of his address, the Vicar pointed out how totally different belfries were conducted at the present day, than in days gone by. No doubt all praise was due to the splendid Associations of change-ringers, and the young beginners who were amongst them on that day must not be downhearted if they found they were unable to do as much with the bells as the older hands. No doubt if the younger ones persevered, they would some day be skilled ringers. It was delightful to see so many young persons present, and he hoped they might be spared to ring to the glory of God for many years to come.

After the service tea was partaken of at The Red Lion Hotel, after which the business meeting followed. The Vicar was unanimously voted to the chair. Two honorary members were proposed, and also eight performing members. Castle Cary was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held in October next. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting; also for the use of the bells, and also for the interesting address at the service. The Vicar suitably returned thanks. This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower where the bells were kept going to various methods. A good many of the ringers paid a visit to the Queen Camel tower, where the finest peal of six in Somerset were kept going until after 9 o'clock.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CANTERBURY DISTRICT).

The annual meeting was held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd. About fifty members attended. The bells were rung from 3 p.m. till 5.15 p.m., when Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. The Vicar gave an address, welcoming the members of the district to the parish, and giving as a text the words of St. James—"Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto thee." He spoke of the assistance which the laity, and especially the ringers, gave to the clergy in the parishes in which he had laboured, and placed on record his own appreciation of their work. Unfortunately he was suffering from a weak throat. This caused the address to be

very short and necessitated his absence from the tea and meeting which followed. The Rev. R. Wyllie, however, ably took his place, and spoke of the pleasure he derived from the ringing of the bells. This was especially gratifying to the members present, as he lives nearest to the church, and while this condition of things prevails the ringers need fear no complaint.

The District Secretary reported that twenty-three towers in the district were in union, representing a gain of four over last year; that forty-nine members of the district had taken part in the fifteen peals rung during the year; fourteen members had rung their first peal, and one had rung and conducted his first peal. The hope was expressed that more local peals would be rung, and that some of the so-called higher methods would be attempted. Four new members were elected, and three elections were confirmed. The Secretary and Representative were re-elected. Deal and Walmer were chosen for the next annual meeting, Chilham for the Autumn, and Birchington for the Spring.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging for the service, etc., and granting the use of the parish room; also to Mr. C. H. Drake for presiding at the organ. This was seconded by Mr. Foreman and carried.

Mr. E. G. Buesden and friends then gave a short touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and the members dispersed to the towers of Ospringe and Faversham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Binsted on Saturday, May 3rd, and was attended by ringers from Froyle, Cranleigh, Frensham, Shalford, Blackmoor, Farnham, Aldershot, and Guildford. There is no doubt that the hearty welcome extended to them will linger in the memories of those present for a long time to come, one member declaring publicly that the service alone was worth cycling 50 miles for. It was most impressive, the ringers being met by the clergy in procession, and the Guild's Service has certainly never been more heartily rendered than in the grand old parish church.

Tea was held in the Institute, and the caretaker left nothing undone for the comfort of the visitors. Eleven new members were elected, also two hon. members—the Rev. Campbell Crum, Rector of Farnham, and Geo. Gunner Chalcraft, Esq., churchwarden of Binsted. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Puttenham on May 31st, and the next combined practice at Shere on June 14th, to have the pleasure of meeting the Mitcham ringers there. The pretty peal of six were kept going in various methods, and the time for parting came all too soon.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

It will interest our readers to learn that the Fete for the purpose of raising money to pay for a new ring of 12 bells for St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Chelmsford, met with success beyond all expectations. The sum of £2,000 was netted, and as only about £1,000 is wanted for the bells, the authorities are in a particularly happy situation.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTED.—On Sunday, May 4th, for Evensong, the last 746 of Holt's Original. W. Cook, J. W. Page, W. H. Corbett (conductor), H. Boxall, A. Goldsmith, J. Wyatt, G. Cook, J. Hoyle.

THE PEAL AT WHITCHURCH.

A very pretty ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Trotter (Rector), in the Parish Church, on Wednesday of last week, when Miss Annie Aldridge, only daughter of the late Mr. Charles Aldridge, of Bush Farm, Whitchurch, was married to Mr John Bucknall, of Coley Park Farm, Reading. Following the ceremony in the Church, a reception attended by over fifty guests was held at the home of the bride, and as the bridal party left, some excellent call-changes were rung by the local band. In the evening, by the kind permission of the Rector—who, by the way, met the band at the entrance to the belfry, gave them a hearty welcome, and wished them success—a peal of 5040 changes was rung by members of the Oxford Guild, a record of which appears in the usual columns. Two of the local ringers, Messrs. C. Excell and A. Green, sat in the belfry during the ringing of the whole peal, which is the first on the bells, a musical ring recast and rebung in December of last year, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Lockerley and Tytherley. Both towers being some distance from any railway station, the Winchester party decided to motor down, and picked up en route, members from Twyford, Owslebury and Hursley, among them being the curate of Hursley (Rev. E. W. Stuart). The party were met at Lockerley by the Vicar, the Rev. J. P. May, who gave them a hearty welcome, and conducted them to the belfry, where some touches of Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round. Members were also present from Eastleigh, North Stoneham and Upham. A move was then made to Tytherley, where there are eight bells, on which touches in Standard methods were rung. By the kind invitation of the Vicar of Lockerley,

members were most hospitably entertained in the Church Room at 5.15. The Rev. E. W. Colchester in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, said it added very much to the pleasure of these meetings when members received such a warm welcome from the clergy of the parishes which they visited. The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him real pleasure to meet the ringers, and hoped they would on some future occasion pay him another visit, and that by that time his own band may have become members of the Guild.

The Vicar of Tytherley (Rev. —. Bourdillon), was also thanked for the use of his bells. The Bishop of Southampton, in a conversation with the District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), expressed a wish to again entertain the Guild at his residence during the summer, and it was left in the hands of the District Secretary to arrange a date suitable to his Lordship, a Saturday early in July being suggested as a suitable time for members. At a subsequent Committee Meeting at which Mr. George Williams presided, seven new members of the Barton Stacey band were admitted as members, and Mr. Wilfrid Andrews was appointed to give them a course of instruction. Both towers were again visited during the evening, and although the weather was not all that could be desired, all agreed that the meeting had been a most enjoyable one.

The Master of the Essex Association in his report for 1912, says: "Our missionary expeditions were most successful. Whole companies joined at Foxearth, Wenden Ambo, Orsett, Stanford-le-Hope, Shenfield, and Ingatestone. We were met at most of the towers by the incumbent and ringers, and heartily welcomed. The newly formed bands at All Saints' (Colchester), Pentlow, and Great Waltham, are among our latest recruits. With a nett increase of 73 for the year, and our grand total at 846, we are within measurable distance of our coveted position of a membership of 1,000."

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The Second Session of the Eighth Council (twenty-third annual meeting), will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th May, 1913, at 11 a.m. punctually, in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 in the same room.

N.B.—The Mining Institute is situate in Neville Street, at the corner of Orchard Street, midway between the Railway Station and the Cathedral, being distant about two minutes' walk from either.

AGENDA, 1913.

- 1.—Minutes of the last Meeting.
- 2.—Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- 3.—Election of Honorary Members.
- 4.—Introduction of new Members to the President.
- 5.—Report as to the Resolution passed last year against the Welsh Church Bill.
- 6.—To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:—

- (a)—Peal Collection.
- (b)—Literature.
- (c)—Legitimate Methods.
- (d)—Peals Analysis.
- (e)—Towers and Belfries.

To discuss the following:—

- (7).—The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell-ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung.
- (8).—That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major.
- (9).—That the Ladies' Guild of Change-Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject.
- (10).—To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation, passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers, stating the tower, day, and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal.
- (11).—To fix the place of meeting for next year.
- (12).—Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Secretary.*

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, announces the following arrangements which he has most kindly made with a view to furthering the comfort and enjoyment of those attending the Council, and anyone needing further help or information is requested to communicate with him.

On Monday, May 12th, a room has been reserved in the County Hotel—facing the Central Station—from 7 p.m. for the reception and entertainment of representatives and friends on their arrival. Visitors should ask at the Hotel office for the "Prince of Wales' Room." There will be handbells and music.

Visitors able to be present at the Whitsuntide meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association at North Shields and Whitley Bay, will be heartily welcomed and

entertained by the members. Formal notice of this meeting will appear in the columns of this paper.

Arrangements will be made for a Central Council peal on the ten bells at Newcastle Cathedral on Monday, May 12th, at 5.30 p.m. Tenor 37½ cwt.

Peals will be arranged for those spending the week-end in the district, if they will kindly send in their names in good time.

Previous to the *Soiree* and *Conversazione* (which will be held as usual from 9 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday evening), at the County Hotel, there will be a Smoking Concert at 7.30 p.m. in the same Hotel, to which all visitors and friends are invited.

Endeavours will be made to obtain rooms (private or hotel), for those writing in advance for them.

The Rev. H. Law James asks us to publish the annexed figures, with a request that members of the Central Council will bring them to the meeting.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RINGING MEETING AT RIPLEY.

A monthly meeting of the above was held at Ripley on Saturday, April 26th, and owing to the inclemency of the weather there was only a small attendance. Members were present from Allreton, Darley Dale, Denby, Derby, and the local company. The Rev. G. D. Smith took the chair at the meeting held in the belfry, and welcomed the Association once more to Ripley. The next meeting will be held at Duffield in May, on a date to be arranged by the Hon. Secretary. Ringing was kept up during the afternoon and evening, the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, and Superlative Surprise Major.

It is to be regretted that the cycling members were prevented from coming, owing to a heavy rain all the afternoon, and it is hoped they will come to the Duffield meeting in large numbers, and make up for it, seeing that this is only one of the very few opportunities of having a meeting in a ten-bell tower.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Whit Saturday, May 17th, in the tower of St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, an attempt will be made to exceed the standing record of Kent Treble Bob Royal, ringing to commence at 8 o'clock a.m.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, May 4th, at the Parish Church, for Divine Service, 631 Stedman Cinques. S. F. Palmer, J. Thorp, W. Lomas, J. Mulligan, J. Atkin, J. Evinson, O. Dixon, H. Martin, L. Charlesworth, G. Holmes, T. Bugar, J. T. Rew. Conducted by S. F. Palmer. First attempt for Stedman Cinques by H. Martin, who hails from Wolverley, Worcestershire.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, Ipswich.

5056.

23456	B	M	W	H
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54326		-	-	
35426				-
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34256				-
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4th and 6th extent in 6ths place.

March, 1913.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5056.

23456	M	W	H
24536		I	2
25346		I	2
42563	x		2
65243		2	2
62453		I	2
64523		I	2
43526	I		2
24365	x		2

Repeated.

This composition has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th each the extent in 6ths place; 2nd never there at course-ends.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, Sheffield.

5088.

23436	M	B	W	H
52364	2		2	2
26543	2		2	I
62345	2		-	2
53246	I		-	I
34256	-		2	-

First rung at Glodwick on May 5th, conducted by H. Hampson.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

5024.

23456	I	4	5	6
65324	-	-		
23564	-			-
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52364				-
32465	-		-	
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34526				-
25436	-			-
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Repeated.

Stow (Norfolk).—On Monday, May 5th, at the Parish Church, 360 Bob Minor. F. Mace, W. Gutteridge, A. Bacon, W. Goodrum, S. Staines, E. Barker. Also six courses of Bob Major. F. Mace, A. Bacon, S. Staines, W. Goodrum, J. Doughty, O. Staines, E. Barker (conductor), J. Mardell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the usual good wishes being expressed

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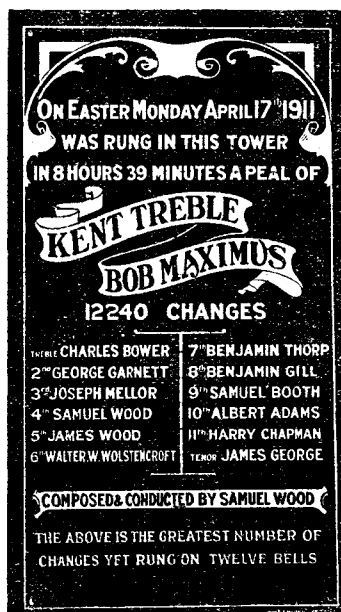
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1913.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Report of the Essex Association for the year 1912 discloses a prosperous and progressive state of things, its prosperity being, without doubt, due to the progressive methods adopted, which have resulted in a nett increase of 73 members, bringing the total membership to 846, within measurable distance of the 1,000 which the members have in view. During the year a series of missionary efforts were inaugurated and carried out in the various districts, whole companies being recruited at many of the places visited. This was just what the organisers had in their minds when setting out the programme, and they are to be congratulated upon the success achieved. Such a result was not brought about without some sacrifice on the part of members, but, as is well known in every phase of life, sacrifices are inevitable if good is to be obtained, and those self-sacrificing ringers who have gone out in all weathers and under conditions frequently unpleasant and uninviting, must look back with satisfaction on the good which has accrued to the Exercise and the Association through their efforts. The fact that the result was achieved with so slight a loss to the exchequer as 4s. 7d. is evidence that even on this side good will result in the end from the increased subscriptions, which will more than repay the extra expenditure. Added to this increased membership, partially in consequence of it, perhaps, is the increased number of peals—66 against 49—another source of satisfaction, while the quality and variety also showed improvement. Further evidence of the greater interest taken in the work of the Association is afforded by the larger attendances at the District meetings. In all the work which has been done the officers have been to the fore, and while such gentlemen are prepared to devote their time and energies to the service of the Association its continued progress is assured.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, on Sunday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. *W. J. Nelder, F. Andrews. *Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, H. Franks, F. Walker, H. Hills, J. Pulett (conductor), *W. Arnold. *First quarter-peal.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lb. in F.

GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5
JOSEPH LAW 2	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 6
IM HORRELL 3	ERNEST B. CROWDER† 7
THOMAS A. EASTERBY* 4	ALFRED G. BRNNINGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

DAVID JAMES Treble	*F. W. BALDOCK 5
GEO. W. HELEY* 2	†HORACE SMITH 6
ERNEST HERBERT 3	REV. W. W. C. BAKER 7
JOHN H. CHANCE† 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by the REV. W. W. C. BAKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. This is the first peal in the Association conducted by a Rural Dean.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	JOHN NUTTAL 5
JOHN DAVIES 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	RICHARD P. HEALD 7
THOMAS BRATBY* 4	ARTHUR SEWART* .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

*First peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	*FREDERICK G. DEWELL .. 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	*CHARLES WOODCOCK 6
WALTER RADLEY 3	WILLIAM R. JNO. POULSON .. 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the conductor and W. Deot, on the 20th and 25th respectively, the latter being too unwell to stand in.

COLCHESTER.—On Wednesday, April 23rd, in commemoration of St. George's Day, the following touches were rung: A quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. W. Dixon, H. T. Pye, F. L. Bumpstead, G. Burch, H. Evers, S. Hull, W. Chalk, W. J. Schofield (conductor). Also 1008 in the same method, with R. W. Stannard, 7; the rest as before. 504 and 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. W. Stannard. 224 and 560 Bob Major, conducted by W. Chalk. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob, W. Kemp also taking part.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 33. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES JONES Treble	JOHN CARTER 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6
WILLIAM J. MEARS 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

EDWARD HORTIN Treble	JAMES ADAMS 5
JOHN A. BROWN 2	RALPH BAKER 6
FRANK WARD 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
DAVID APFLEY 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

*First peal.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch).

On Wednesday, April 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	THOMAS H. ASHLEY 5
EDWARD W. DUTTON 2	JOHN GRESLEY 6
DAVID HUGHES 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
JAMES R. GRIFFIN 4	ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Composed by T. MORRIS, and Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

*First peal.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 6 lb.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble	JOHN BOWER 4
GEORGE PARSONS 2	JAMES ABERY 5
MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH 3	GEORGE ABERY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ABERY.

First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Annie Aldridge (niece of the ringers of the treble) of Beech Farm, Whitchurch, to Mr. John Bucknell, of Coley Park Farm, Reading. Miss Chillingworth is from Bradfield, Berks; Messrs. Parsons and Abery from Theale, Berks.; Bower from Goring, Oxon; and Lawrence from St. Stephen's, West Ealing.

TUNSTALL (Staffs).—On Sunday, April 27th, at Christ Church, for Divine Service in the evening, 1824 Superlative Surprise. On Sunday, May 4th, on the occasion of the unveiling and dedication of two beautiful stained-glass windows, given by Mr. J. R. Collis in memory of his eleven year's tenure of the office of churchwarden, 1120 Superlative Surprise Major. F. Smith, G. A. Smith, J. J. Darlington, J. Godber, W. R. Washbrook, J. W. Washbrook, jun. (conductor), A. A. Clay, W. Thompson.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. COSMOS AND DAMIAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MAURICE KILLICK Treble	JOHN FRIST 4
WILLIAM H. HORNEY 2	GEORGE J. KILLICK 5
ERNEST E. BISH 3	JAMES PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BISH.

*First peal, †First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. All the ringers belong to the Ditchling branch. Rung on the eve of the festival of the Ascension.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. TIMMS Treble	GEORGE PARSONS 5
FREDERICK J. COPE 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WAITMAN 3	GEORGE ROBERTS 7
JOHN JENNINGS 4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung by special request of the Vicar (Rev. Eben. Molloy, M.A.) in honour of Ascension Day. The ringers wish to thank him for his kindness and hospitality on this and other occasions.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GUTTERIDGE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
ALFRED BATEMAN 2	HARRY BARTON 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

Rung on Ascension Day for evening service. *First peal on eight bells. †First attempt at the method.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS Treble	ALFRED FOMMELL 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

R. H. HAYWARD Treble	C. A. CATCHPOLE 6
E. PRINSEY 2	W. P. GAYRETT 7
C. J. SEDGLEY 3	J. MOTTS 8
W. MOTTS 4	E. EVANS 9
W. L. CATCHPOLE 5	R. H. BAUNDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOEKER Treble	REGINALD B. SNOW 5
BOWEN SHERPHEARD 2	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW 6
FANDRICK DIMOND 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
JOHN R. HAYMAN 4	JAMES CHUDLNY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

HURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HARRY BARTON 2	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ERNEST U. LAMBERT 7
HARRY BUNGAY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by GEO. MARTIN.
First peal in the method on the bells.

GISBURN, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Saturday May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5260 CHANGES;

Being 720 Plain Bob, four 720s of Oxford, and three 720s of Kent
Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS WILSON Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 4
ALFRED BRACK 2	WILLIAM MALLINSON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by W. MALLINSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were hung in 1818. First
peal of Minor by all except the Ringers of the 5th.

DENTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch).

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Kent, and three 720s of Oxford, each called
differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL 4
WILLIAM G. THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Minor. *First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal
on the bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. G.
Thorpe and A. Taylor, members of the Grantham band.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch).

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

ALLEN TYLER Treble	SAMUEL J. EATON 4
THOMAS BULLOCK 2	REV. JAMES E. HASTINGS .. 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GIBBS.

*First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rang in honour of the
Feast of the Ascension.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS Treble	FRED CHAMERLAIN 4
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	DR. ARTHUR J. H. BOYTON .. 5
FRANK J. BAILEY 3	SIDNEY DAWE Tenor

Conducted by D. THOMAS.

*First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE .. Treble	ALGERNON P. G. STONE .. 5
CHARLES SANDERS 2	JOHN H. SWIFFIELD 6
REGINALD G. STONE 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7
EDWARD I. STONE 4	GEORGE BULL Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First peal of Triples.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society).

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

CHARLES BOWER .. Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
THOMAS JAEEMAN 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
JOSEPH MELLOR 3	SAMUEL WOOD 8
TOM WILDE 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
WALTER WOLFEHROFT .. 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late JAMES WOOD, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER S. WISE .. Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
REGINALD BROUGH 4	THOS. JONES, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Grassendale,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York Surprise, London Surprise, Beverley Surprise,
Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rang to celebrate the 91st birthday of P. F. Garnett, Esq., the
father of the esteemed Vicar's Warden.

BOLDMER, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:***SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.*

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON .. 5
JOHN SANDERS 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. It was his first peal in the method as conductor. The ringers wished him the usual birthday compliments. First peal on the bells in which a lady ringer has taken part.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Catherine,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lb.*

GEORGE SPENCER Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD .. 2	HARRY BARTON 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 7
HENRY C. CHANDLER 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A. W. Grimes' 250th peal.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***(Rochdale Branch, Oldham Amalgamation).**On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mark,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.*

FRANK WILD Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN 5
FRED CROSLAND 2	JAMES LEES 6
HARRY HAMPSON 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
SAM STOTT 4	ALBERT CLEGG Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

This is the first peal by the newly formed Oldham Amalgamation, and is now rung for the first time. The figures appear in another column.

Handbell Peal.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, April 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,**At George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.**

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 1-2	*REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—J. Barry and H. C. Alford. *First peal in the method on handbells.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, May 5th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. J. Major, H. Holford, C. Tovey, J. James, J. T. Dyke, A. S. Boar, T. Pendry, T. Compton. Tenor 14½ cwt. Composed by W. Shercliff, of Burton, and conducted by J. T. Dyke. Rung for the first time on tower bells. Arranged as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. Dan Davis, Master of the Prestbury Company.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*(St. John the Divine Society).**On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,**At 4, KEYTHORPE STREET.***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:***IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor size 14, key D.*

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	H. EDWARD NORMAN 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal on handbells in the method rung in the county of Leicester. Umpires—T. H. Hardy and S. Shelton.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,**LLANROOK, AVENUE ROAD,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT—	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4
DRAKE 1-2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6
EDMUND C. CHASTY 7-8	

*Composed by J. W. WASSERBROOK, and Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.***THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

LONDON.—On Thursday, March 13th, for practice at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 862 Cambridge Surprise Major. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, H. T. Gowlett, R. W. Green, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy. On Sunday, March 16th, for Confirmation Service in the evening at St. George's, Southwark, 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. C. Runham, R. W. Green, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy. On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1248 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 43 mins. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, H. T. Gowlett, R. W. Green, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy. On Wednesday, March 19th, for Confirmation Service, at St. Mary's Whitechapel, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Truss, C. H. Hughes, E. Wallage, L. B. Porter, R. N. Runham, A. B. Peck, T. H. Taffender (conductor), F. J. Hardy. On Sunday, April 13th, for special Oddfellows' Service, in the evening, at St. James's, Bermondsey, 1131 Stedman Caters, in 45 mins. C. F. Winney, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, R. C. Runham, R. W. Green, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy, C. S. Burden. On Friday, May 2nd, for practice at the church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1120 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 41 mins. A. D. Barker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, H. T. Gowlett, R. N. Runham, J. Cornford (longest length of Surprise), C. W. R. Grimwood, F. J. Hardy.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On May 1st (Ascension Day) a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. B. W. Haywood, R. Watson, W. Malins, J. George, H. O. White, A. J. Hessian, J. A. Fenton, R. W. Jessen. Composed by J. Brookes, and Conducted by J. A. Fenton. First quarter-peal in the method by B. W. Haywood. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*(The Rochester Cathedral Society).*

ROCHESTER.—On Saturday, May 3rd, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. John Storrs, Vicar of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London, to the Deanery of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins. J. Tulett, R. Paine, O. Sullivan, J. Kidd, E. Allen, A. Osborne, W. Haigh (conductor), J. Rainer.

LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY BUSY.

It will doubtless interest our readers to know that the following work has just been completed by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough.

WARSOP (Notts). The treble, 2nd, and tenor recast, and the peal of four rebung with new fittings in a new framework. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

SGUTHAM (Warwickshire). The ring of six rebung with new fittings in a new framework. Dedicated on Saturday April 19. Two new trebles to complete the octave will be fixed this week. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

KILSBY (Northants). The three largest bells of the peal of four recast (these were cracked by the fire when the tower was burnt out a few months ago), and the peal rebung with new fittings in a new framework. Dedicated Tuesday, April 29th. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

MAYFIELD (Sussex). Two new trebles added to complete the octave. Weight of these two new bells, 6 and 6½ cwt.

The following works are now being fixed in the towers, viz :

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire). The old peal of six rebung with entirely new fittings in a new iron framework, and two new trebles added to complete the octave. To be dedicated to-morrow (May 6th).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL. A new peal of eight is being hung to replace the old peal. The new bells are of course being fitted with new fittings, and are being hung in a new iron framework, which framework is made to take four more bells to complete a peal of twelve. The two tenors of the old peal are being retained (these two bells date from 1606 and 1593), and will be hung with new fittings and framework, to be used as Service Bells. New tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. To be dedicated next Saturday, May 10th.

The following will be hung shortly :

SOUTHPORT, HOLY TRINITY (Lancashire). We have nearly ready for fixing a single bell of two tons for this Church.

CHEWTON MENDIP (Somersetshire). The old ring of six is being recast into a new peal of eight, with tenor of about 23 cwt. The new peal will be hung with new fittings and framework.

RAINHAM (Kent). We are rehanging the peal of six bells with new fittings in a new iron framework, the framework being prepared for two new smaller bells to complete the octave.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT).

The quarterly meeting of this district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service was held at 5 p.m., at which about fifty were present, including A. F. Nussey, Esq., and E. Evans, Esq. (churchwardens). The Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), read the prayers and lessons, and the address was given by the Rev. J. Drew Roberts, on "Bells, their inscriptions, and meanings." A bountiful tea was provided in the Village Hall by the Rector and A. F. Nussey, Esq., to which fifty-eight sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rev. Basil F. W. French (curate), presiding till the return of the Rector from another service. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The election of two members in towers were confirmed. Farningham was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the third Saturday in

July. It was also decided to hold a meeting at Downe the first Saturday in June, if it could be arranged. Mr. A. F. Nussey then gave the Association a hearty welcome. It had given him great pleasure to listen to the bells that day, bringing back happy recollections, it being the 43rd anniversary of his wedding-day. He hoped to meet them again on some future occasion.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and arranging the service; to the Rector and A. F. Nussey, Esq. for providing the tea; to the Rev. J. D. Roberts for his address; and the Rev. B. French for so kindly meeting them.

The Rector, briefly replying, said it had given them great pleasure, and he hoped to do so again on some future occasion. The tower was again visited, and various touches brought round.

METHOD BUILDING.

SIR,—There is just about as much likeness between "Twin Hunt" which you publish in this week's "BELL NEWS," and Method, as there is between Superlative Surprise Major and what Shipway gave us as Superlative Surprise Royal, and no more. Method builders should remember one condition, and that is, the work of the last half of a method should be exactly the same as that of the first half, but "reversed." This quality is not retained in "missing link."

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RAINHAM, KENT.

The bells of this Parish Church, a peal of six, have been removed and taken to the foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. It has been decided to rebang the old six in a new steel frame with all the latest improvements and add two trebles to complete the octave. No doubt these will make a very good peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Ascension Day, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Dale, H. Jenkins, D. Meadley, F. Merrison, C. Jackson (composer and conductor), A. B. Cook, T. Whitfield, J. Whitfield. At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, May 4th, on the occasion of the Annual Church Parade of the 4th East Yorkshire Regiment, 863 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, T. Stockdale, M. Hedges, C. Jackson (conductor), F. Merrison, E. Cutsforth, G. Dowling, H. Rodmell, L. Rodmell, J. Chamberlain.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

THORVERTON.—On Tuesday, April 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Edworthy, H. Pook, J. A. Martin, F. J. Davey (conductor), F. J. Milford, J. Ridler, J. Ferris, R. B. Ford. Rung to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the wedding of the Rector, the Rev. A. Bazeley.

EXETER.—For Divine Service at St Sidwell's Church, on Sunday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. E. Shepherd (conductor), C. Carter, A. Monkley, F. Gardner, W. Vickery, J. Moss, F. J. Davey, G. Betts. First quarter-peal in the method for the 4th, 5th and tenor men.

Mr. G. Pound, Secretary and Leader of the Boxley (near Maidstone) band, has been appointed by the Vicar of that parish as one of his sidesmen. This is the first time a ringer has been so honoured in the parish, and adds one more to the increasing number of members of the Exercise whose services have been acknowledged by appointment as Church officers.

DAILY SEA TRIPS.

The sailings for the coming season of those popular steamers "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-noor" will commence on Saturday, 10th May, when the "Royal Sovereign" will leave Old Swan Pier, west side, London Bridge, at 9 a.m., for Southend, Margate and Ramsgate, and thereafter daily (Fridays in May and June excepted), calling at Tilbury at 10.50 a.m., to pick up those passengers who have preferred to travel from Fenchurch Street or St. Pancras or the intermediate stations by the special trains run in connection with the New Palace Steamers' sailings. The "Koh-i-noor" will commence her well-known afternoon sailings as "Husbands' Boat" on Saturday, 28th June, and to Deal and Dover on Sunday, 29th June. Both steamers have been thoroughly overhauled and renovated, and will be found in the usual first-class condition. Application should be made to the new Offices of the Company, 77, King William Street, E.C., for free

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SLESTON (Notts).—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Dobbs, W. J. Sevier (conductor), T. Wharmley, C. Cottam, A. Elliott, W. Wharmley. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARKLOW (Ireland).—On March 31st, at Mr. Bailey's, Glenart Gardens, quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 33 mins. W. Bailey, 1: C. Bennett, 2; A. Hadley, 3-4; E. Keen, 5-6.

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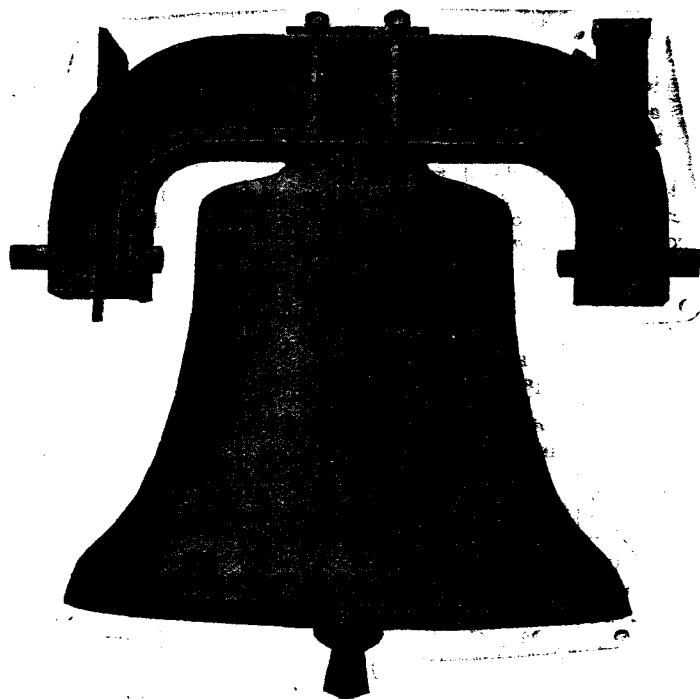
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. —Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m., all the others 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 quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

6D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson), at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 4.30. Short service at 6. Tea at 6.30, by invitation of the Vicar, to those who notify Mr. W. Lawrence, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, by May 22nd.

Heston, Hounslow.

H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes and Farnworth on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Walter Hughes, Sec. 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at Cathedral, 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m. Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. Canterbury.

The Essex Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Divine Service at the parish church at 11.30. Business Meeting at the Meeson Hall at 12.30. Dinner in the same place at 1.30. Ringers desirous of using the adjacent towers either before or after dinner, had better apply to Mr. G. Black, "Mayfield," Grand Avenue, Woodford Green. Henry T. W. Eyre, Hon. Sec. Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Walsoken on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Bells of Walsoken (6), and Wisbech (10), available all day. Dinner at "The Bell," Walsoken, at 1.30 p.m., at 18, 6d. each. Non-members of the Association are cordially invited. C. E. Borrett, Sec. 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields. Christ Church bells available all day, except between 11.15 and 12 a.m. Committee Meeting will be held at The Bath Hotel, Tynemouth, at 1 p.m. Dinner at 1.30 p.m.

R. Stephenson, Joint Hon. Secretary.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung, and augmented to a peal of eight.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A general ringing meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, May 17th, commencing at 5 p.m. R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting at Bury, Saturday, May 24th. By kind permission of the authorities, the

bells of Bury parish church (8), will be available from 2.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.

W. H. Shaker, }
J. H. Banks, } Branch Secs.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Annual meeting at Wimborne Minster on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing at 11 o'clock. Service at the Minster, 12.15. Dinner in the Masonic Hall, 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the Wimborne branch. The towers at Cranborne, St. Giles, Poole, Canford, Lytchett Matravers, and Sturminster Marshall, will be open for ringing.

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Mr. Albert H. Bell has been appointed tower-keeper at the above Church. All correspondence should be sent to his address at 13, Irlam Street, South Wigston.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Visitors to the Meeting of the Central Council on Tuesday in Whitsun week are assured of a cordial meeting at North Shields (not at West Hartlepool, as stated last week), where arrangements are being made for their entertainment. This is being done especially for those who arrive in the North on Whit Monday or before. Visitors who intend going to North Shields should communicate with Mr. R. Stephenson, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN. DIVISION.

A successful by-meeting of this Division was held at St. Mary's, Chigwell, on Saturday, May 3rd, about 30 members attending. Various minor methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of at the School House, at which several new members were admitted—Messrs. A. Stroud, J. Weaver and J. Horwood, of Rittle Heather, as ringing members; Messrs. R. E. Pellatt, H. J. Sudell, C. Gray, S. N. R. Cooper and G. N. Orford as non-resident ringing members.

Mr. Black (who was in the chair) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chigwell for the use of the bells, and to the steeple keeper for making the necessary preparations in the belfry, and also for arranging the tea.

The next place of meeting will be Hornchurch, and particulars will be announced later.

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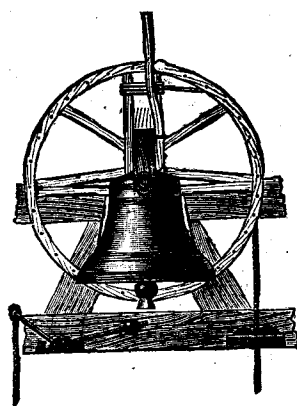
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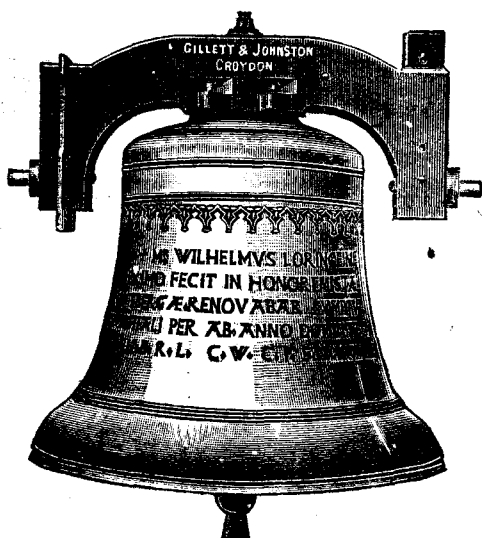
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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

[BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.]

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers was held on Tuesday, May 13, in Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute, Westgate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Doveleys, Staffordshire, president being in the chair. There was a large attendance of representatives from all parts of the country, a list of whom appears elsewhere. The Standing Committee met for a hour and a half prior to the Council.

After the adoption of the minutes the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, Fretherne, Gloucestershire, presented a summary of accounts, as follows:—Receipts—Balance from 1912, £71 12s. 6d.; affiliation fees, £12 2s. 6d.: total, £83 15s. Expenditure—expenses of meeting, £4 2s.; printing and postage, £1 17s. 6d. Balance, £77 13s. 6d. Two new Associations had affiliated, viz.: Dudley & District and Peterborough. The financial statement was passed, it being agreed on the suggestion of Mr. G. R. Burton to put £50 of the balance in the bank on deposit.

The Rev. A. H. B. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, whose three years term of office expired, were re-elected honorary members of the Council.

A number of new members were introduced to the President.

Regarding the sale of publications, the Secretary said it had been his custom to ask their publisher to make up their annual statement of accounts up to and including the Saturday after Ascension Day, which left a week between Ascension and Whitsuntide. The statement on the present occasion had not arrived. It occurred to him that there were certain drawbacks in having publishers at all. They took up the profits to the extent of about 7s. 6d. in the £. He suggested that the Council might consider the advisability of appointing an honorary librarian, to take care of their publications. They would save a great deal.

After discussion, the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Oxford Diocesan Guild), undertook to fulfil the duties of honorary librarian, and was duly elected to that office.

The Council proceeded to receive and discuss reports of the Peal Collection, Literature, Legitimate Methods, Peals Analysis, and Towers and Belfries Committees.

PEAL COLLECTION.

The Secretary regretted he was the only member of the Committee present. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was a member, and was in Newcastle until that morning, but he had had to go away.

The President said Mr. Richardson was desirous that the peals should be proved, and in order that this might be done possibly an extra amount of time was required.

It was stated that Part I was ready to be published, but it was thought well to have it before the committee before it was published.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary said Mr. Daniell was doing a catalogue of

ringing literature, but he had been very poorly. The Council was now 22 years old, and it was about time something was being done.

Mr. King asked whether they could not do something to make up the oracles. The present position was something like Penelope's web, which was never woven.

The Secretary: I will do what I can.

LEGITIMATE METHODS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. Law James spoke on the Legitimate Methods Committee, and said he hoped they would be ready to publish next year.

The Rev. A. H. Beeston remarked that the Minor Methods publications needed scraping, and a new edition published.

Mr. King said if it be necessary to scrap these Methods they should have a new publication as complete as possible. After all, only the names of Methods were really remembered. Some day they had better discuss the nomenclature of these Methods. They should not be in a hurry to scrap the present collection until they were ready with material for a new one.

The President said they need not scrap the stock, but sell it at half price.

After a little more discussion it was considered best to leave the matter in the hands of the new librarian, Mr. Jenkyn, who could report later.

This was agreed to, and the librarian was authorised to sell damaged stock at half price. Mr. Coleridge and Mr. Mathews were elected to assist Mr. Jenkyn in a consultative capacity.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mr. King presented the report of the Peals Analysis Committee. It had, he said, been already published. They had had considerable difficulty, but they had done the best they could.

The President said the Committee had worked hard, and had produced certain reports which had been published in the ringing papers. These reports dealt with a vast number of complicated points, and it was quite impossible that they could discuss all these points at that Council meeting. What the Committee wanted, as he understood it, was to be allowed to work out their analysis during the coming year upon the principles laid down in the reports.

Mr. King said they could not frame the analysis in the easy way they had been accustomed to, because of the want of union between the component parts of the analysis. They had something bequeathed to them that was unworkable. They asked the Council very reluctantly to accept the tabular statement without alphabetical order for the current year. They had lived laborious days, and passed sleepless nights, and that was the best they could do (laughter). They could not claim mathematical accuracy, but they had given fair play.

Mr. Bolland thought the report a great credit to Minor ringing.

Mr. King suggested to Mr. Bolland that he should ring higher methods and get higher points.

Mr. Burton said they needed to take a broader outlook as to the real result of the analysis. He would like more done to encourage bell ringing for Sunday services and Church festivals. He would propose discrimination in favour of the ringing they wanted. He would like to see brought forward a little scheme of preference—protection for the peals they wanted. He suggested that if a peal was rung on a great Church festival, or red letter day, they should plus 10 per cent on that peal. There should be a preference for ringing on occasions which they wanted the bells rung. For ringing on Good Friday he was minus 10 per cent. He would propose that first peals in any one method should be placed 10 per cent for any one ringer who had rung his first peal. There was no real object in peal ringing as they now had it. They had got the associations and the ringers together but to what end was all this? They had all along said they wanted ringing done on certain occasions. Mr. Burton went on to allude to handbell ringers, and said he would minus these by 10 per cent.

The Secretary remarked that handbell peals were the same as tower peals.

Mr. Burton said they had piled up work, and asked what was the use of it if it had not some bearing on their ideals, which was to make church bell ringing high.

The President considered it would be futile to add to the technical value of bells at a point which would depend on the moral value of the bells. The point Mr. Burton had put forward was natural enough; he saw the moral value of a peal, and the President was entirely with him in his desire that a peal should be rung more for ecclesiastical purposes, but they could not, the President thought, mix up points for a moral value and points for the technical value of a peal.

Mr. King would not like it to go forward that there was an absence of moral behaviour among ringers. He could not think of one person in his Association who did not do his Sunday ringing. He did not know that they would get any benefit if they could assess the moral value of a peal.

At this point a representative asked if the Cleveland District, whose subscription had been overlooked, could come out of the Independent Association list, if the subscription was paid then. It was evidently an oversight.

Mr. King said he was quite willing to include Cleveland.

The President demurred to this course being taken as a matter of principle. People, he said, should pay up at the right time, or what was the advantage to those who did? (Hear, hear).

The President moved that the Peals Analysis Committee have authority to proceed upon their report on the analysis for next year. They might have objections to certain points, but when they had a committee of experts dealing with a matter, they did not interfere with the results which their careful examination and discussion had arrived at. They could not in general Council pull to pieces the details of a committee's work. They could only authorise them in a general way. Everybody, said the President, must realise the extreme interest of the analysis, and he thought their hearty thanks were due to the committee. (Applause).

It was agreed that the committee proceed to their report.

The meeting adjourned at 1.15 to 2.15 for lunch.

On the Council reassembling the Secretary read a letter intimating that in regard to the Peals Collection

Committee there was nothing ready for the press at present. The first part of the Treble Bob Collection could be published if desired.

The Secretary also read the following telegram: "So sorry have been unable to complete, and not well enough to come. Kind remembrance to all.—Daniell."

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The Secretary read the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee, together with a letter from the President, who had been in communication with the Institute of British Architects and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, with a view to improved methods for hanging bells and arranging peals. Sir Arthur Heywood had kindly undertaken to draft a pamphlet as a foundation on which the members might graft their views. For the last thirty years he had been dealing with the problems involved, and he had also collected a good deal of information. Sir Artnur suggested that the Council should decide upon one or other of the following alternative proposals:—

(1).—First, that he should complete the already half written pamphlet as entirely his work, and publish it with the sanction, but not necessarily with the concurrence of the Council, at his own expense, and allow the Committee to make such use of it as they pleased, or

(2).—That another member of the Committee should undertake the draft, in which case the President would give all the information in his power, and that the pamphlet be published as the work of the Committee, and at the expense of the Council.

The Secretary went on to say that Mr. Lewis had sent him a most thorough examination into the question of strains and stresses in belfry frames and towers, as a result of the action of the ringing of bells. This examination showed a highly mathematical calculation. He thought the Council would accept the offer of the President to prepare and publish the pamphlet as set forth in the first alternative, and that they would thank him very cordially for the proposition (applause).

This was agreed to.

The President thanked the Council for their decision, and said he did not think it possible to write a satisfactory pamphlet unless it be done by one person. He referred to Mr. Lewis's work, and said it went to show that their hitherto accepted ideas of the strain of bells upon bell-frames and towers would have to be subjected to very great modification. Incidentally, many other things had been found out by Mr. Lewis. They had always had the idea that if two bells side by side were swinging the same way, and roped on opposite sides, that the bells would counterbalance one another, whereas it might be that the strain of these bells came together or accumulated, although roped on opposite sides, and thus at certain periods the strain might come together, and in one direction. He proposed to ask Mr. Lewis to put into an intelligible form (laughter),—he meant the form in which an ordinary person like himself could understand—the main theories resulting from his investigations, and make them an appendix to his (the President's) pamphlet. (Hear, hear). Sir Arthur added that he would be very glad for other suitable information to be submitted to him.

Mr. Lewis acknowledged his indebtedness to Mr. Cyril Johnston for his help with regard to calculating moments of inertia of a bell, and went on to allude to the comparative values of spring frames and rigid frames in bell towers, and said he had not been able to get a drawing

ready for that day to show exactly what a tower could stand with different arrangements of bell frames. It was not good, he thought, to have all the bells swinging in one direction. It was better to have half and half at right angles.
(To be continued.)

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association at West Ham on Monday last was not nearly so well attended as would probably have been the case had a more central spot been chosen.

The proceedings commenced at 11.30 a.m., when a service was held in All Saints Church, at which some ninety members attended. An appropriate address was given by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking. He based his remarks on the words "Members one of another." The meeting followed in the Meeson Hall, the Master (Mr. C. Howard), presiding. Among other present were the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Hon. Secretary), Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Barking), T. Faulkner, G. Black, A. Shufflebotham, W. Watts, and H. Rumens, etc. The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Master presented the annual report, extracts from which appeared last week. This was taken as read on the motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. T. Faulkner, and adopted. The whole of the officers and committees were re-elected, with thanks for their services, viz.:—Master—Mr. C. H. Howard; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Great Totham, Witham); Peals Committee: Messrs. F. Pitstow, T. Faulkner, N. J. Pitstow, W. H. Judd, and H. J.

Tucker; Auditors: Messrs. G. A. Black, and T. Faulkner. Messrs. Hy. King (Upper Clapton), Hy. Dew, P. H. Springham (Bishops Stortford), and W. Kemp (St. Peter's, Colchester), were elected as honorary members.

Mr. H. Cooper (Chelmsford), moved: "That the tenor to the ring of twelve for Chelmsford Church be given by the Association out of the Reserve Fund." In support of the motion he said that last year members were written to asking them to subscribe for the new treble, but it was afterwards thought that the better plan would be to pay for it out of the funds of the Association. This would show that they were doing something with their money, a doubt as to how this was used having lost them some hon. members in the past.

Mr. J. F. Penning seconded.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, acting for Canon Lake (Vicar of Chelmsford), said that unless the Association were unanimous, he would prefer that they let it drop.

Mr. Howard, replying to questions, said he had sent no report to the papers, neither had he sought to influence ringers. Whether or not they decided to give the bell, the opening day, September (Saturday), would be the greatest opening day ever held. Every ringer would receive a hearty welcome to Chelmsford on that day.

After a rather lengthy discussion the proposition was carried.

A proposition to admit towers on the borders of the area covered by the Association, where they could be worked better by this Association than by their own, was carried.

Harlow was selected as the venue of next year's annual meeting. This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to an upper room, where dinner was laid, after which the company dispersed to the towers at Bow, Leytonstone, Walthamstow, Wanstead, Woodford, Barking Road and West Ham, and spent the afternoon and evening in ringing various methods.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held as usual on the Whitsun Monday. Each of the six districts, into which for association purposes, the county is divided, is visited in turn, and, as was the case six years ago, so this year the Committee again decided upon the ancient city of Rochester for its thirty-fourth annual gathering. More fortunate than many others in the matter of weather, as, for instance, the County Eleven at Brighton when not a ball was bowled, the members attending enjoyed a tolerably fine day, only one slight shower falling between five and six in the evening. In the earlier part of the day members enjoyed touches in various methods on the Cathedral eight, and in the neighbouring towers open to them, viz.: S. Margaret's, Rochester, S. Mary's Chatham, Gillingham, Gravesend and Wouldham.

The Central Committee met in the Chapter Room of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter) at 2.30 p.m., when the Secretary presented the report of the sub-committee appointed to draw up rules for the administration of the recently started Benevolent Fund. It was decided to postpone all serious discussion on the subject to the November meeting. Perhaps the most interesting piece of business was the decision to repair the monument of the famous old Kentish ringer, James Barham, in Leeds churchyard. At 4 p.m. the members attended the Cathedral Evensong, at which the canticles were sung to the organist's (Mr. Leonard Silby) fine setting in A, and the anthem was Attwood's "Come, Holy Ghost." The service ended with the singing of the hymn, "Come gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove," after which Canon Durham addressed the members from the pulpit, taking as his text 1 Cor. x, 31. "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." It was a rousing sermon, and calculated to impress in his hearers the importance and dignity of their work. To be addressed as "princes of the art," an expression the preacher used several times, must have surprised a good many of the members, and perhaps it may induce some to do their best to deserve the title. After speaking of the various ways in which the church-bells may tell out the glory of God, the preacher went on to speak of the single bell being chimed for service, and giving the same invitation as the series of changes on the eight in the Cathedral or Parish Church tower. "Don't despise the message of the single bell," he said, "it is the call to you to prayer and praise." He went on to speak of another single bell, which at one time sounded from the Church tower, and in some places still does so, the market or factory bell, the call to daily work and duty, in which we can, if we will, "do all to the glory of God." And then, again, there was another single bell, the dinner bell, called in some places the "taty bell," telling the housewife to make her final preparations for the mid-day meal, the call to home and social duties, the call to thank God for the sustenance necessary for the support of the body. "We are coming back, you see," he concluded, "to our text, 'Whether ye eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'" During the collection for the Benevolent Fund (amounting to £1 4s. 2d.) the hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost" was sung, a singularly appropriate selection, considering the object of the collection, and reminding once more of S. Paul's grand descriptions of charity or love in the special second lesson for Whitsun Monday. The Dean pronounced the benediction.

The tea, followed by the usual business meeting, was held in the Victoria Hall, Star Hill, Messrs. Hopper

providing an ample spread, to which a hundred and sixty or so hungry ringers applied themselves with vigour. The newly appointed Dean (Very Rev. J. Storrs) occupied the chair for a while, and before the meal was finished, as he had another immediate engagement, gave the members a hearty welcome to the Cathedral and City, and said it would give him much pleasure to become, like his predecessors, a Vice-President of the Association. As usual, after tea the name of the King was honoured by the singing of the National Anthem, after a few words from the Rev. D. Burr, Rector of S. Mary's, Chatham. The Secretary read the annual Report and Balance Sheet, which showed a flourishing state of thing in membership, progress of change ringing and finance. On the proposition of Mr. E. A. G. Allen (Rochester Dist. Sec.) seconded by Mr. W. J. Jeffries (S. John's, Deptford) the Report and Balance sheet were passed. Mr. S. Kayzelden (East Farleigh) proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary for his conduct of the offices of the Association. Mr. A. Osborne (Rochester) proposed, and Mr. G. A. Jones (Gravesend) seconded the election of officers and committee. This being duly carried concluded the regular business. By request the Secretary read the Report of the Sub-Committee on the subject of the Benevolent Fund, and after a few questions, put by various members, the meeting broke up. The Cathedral and other towers were again visited, and members went their several ways home enjoying a sense of satisfaction in having passed a pleasant day as members of what may now be called a great institution, some of them, no doubt, with their heads (or tails) held high, inasmuch as they are, as the preacher called them, "princes of the art."

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Stedman Cinques	2
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Plain Bob Maximus	1
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Treble Bob Royal	6
Treble Bob Maximus	5
Superlative Major	3
Double Norwich Major	22c

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PULHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 4th, for morning service at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Borrett, R. Stacey, J. Allen, C. Baker, A. Smith, W. Roope, F. Roope, C. Roope. On Tuesday, May 6th, an attempt for Stedman came to grief after ringing fourteen courses. E. Whiting, F. Roope, E. Whiting, C. Baker, C. Roope, W. Roope, F. Borrett, A. Smith.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCES.

The following shows the attendance of members representing the various Associations at the meeting of the Central Council in the Mining Institute at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Tuesday last.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Present, A. Hughes. Absent, W. T. Cockerill, T. Faulkner, T. H. Taffender.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Present, none. Absent, F. Bennett, H. Dains, J. D. Matthews, J. Parker.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Present, A. E. Coles. Absent, E. E. Burgess, J. Maddock. Rev. C. C. Parker.
Beds. Association.—Present, Rev. W. W. C. Baker.
Birmingham Diocesan Guild.—Present, none. Absent, W. H. Godden.

Cambridge University Guild.—Present, E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan Guild.—Present, Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—Present, T. Metcalfe, Rev. W. Bibby.
P. Wright.

Guild of Devon Ringers.—Present, A. W. Searle. Absent, Rev. M. Kelly.

Dudley and District Guild.—Present, none. Absent, W. R. Small.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Present, C. L. Routledge, W. Story, C. Todd.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Present, none. Absent, T. R. Dennis.

Essex County Association.—Present, W. J. Nevard. Absent, C. H. Howard, W. H. Judd, N. J. Pitstow.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Present, none. Absent, J. Austin.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Present, none. Absent, J. Clark, R. Marston.

Hertford County Association.—Present, B. Prewett.
Kent County Association.—Present, T. Groombridge. Absent, E. Barnett, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, W. J. Jeffries.

Lancashire Association.—Present, H. Chapman, Rev. H. J. Elsee, T. Redman. Absent, J. H. Banks.

Leeds and District Society.—Present, P. J. Johnson.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Present, Rev. H. Law James, R. Richardson, J. W. Seamer. Absent, G. Chester.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—Present, none. Absent, W. Bentham.

Llandaff Diocesan Association.—Present, none. Absent, J. W. Jones.

London County Association.—Present, E. A. Young. Absent, H. S. Ellis.

Middlesex County Association.—Present, A. T. King. Absent, J. H. B. Hesse, W. Pye, J. R. Sharman.

Midland Counties Association.—Present, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin, J. W. Taylor.

Northants. Association.—Present, D. J. Nicholls, F. Wilford.
North Notts. Association.—Present, none. Absent, H. Haigh.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Present, G. P. Burton. Absent, C. E. Borrett, W. L. Catchpole, J. Motts.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Present, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, F. W. Hopgood, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Absent, J. Evans.

Peterborough and District Association.—Present, R. Narborough.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Present, Rev. F. L. Edwards. Absent, Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, J. S. Rumming, A. F. Martin Stewart.

Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—Present, none. Absent, J. Bradney.

Staffs Archidiaconal Society. Present, none. Absent, R. Cartwright, S. Reeves.

Surrey County Association.—Present, Cyril F. Johnston. Absent, A. B. Carpenter, M.D.

Sussex County Association.—Present, Keith Hart, G. H. Howse, F. B. Tompkins, G. Watson.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Present, none. Absent, J. C. Daubuz.
Warwickshire Guild.—Present, none. Absent, H. Argyle.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Present, Rev. C. E. Matthews. Absent, H. White, J. W. Whiting, C. Willshire.

Worcestershire and Districts Association. Present, J. R. Newman. Absent, T. J. Salter.

Yorkshire Association.—Present, G. Bolland. Absent, C. Glenn, C. H. Hattersley, Rev. C. C. Marshall.

Honorary Members.—Present, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett. Absent, Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, John Carter, R. A. Daniell, Rev. Canon Papillon, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, W. Snowdon, W. H. Thompson, J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, G. Williams.

SUMMARY.

	Present	Absent	Total
Representative Members ...	44	52	96
Honorary Members ...	5	10	15
Total	49	62	111
Associations fully represented ...	..	..	11
" partially represented ...	..	..	16
" not represented ...	..	..	13
Total			40

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Bottesford, on Monday, May 5th. Between seventy and eighty members attended from the following Towers: Bottesford, Harly, Croxton Kerrial, Hose, Eaton, Waltham, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, and Wymondham. Each team had a half hour's ringing in the morning. At 1.30 the members assembled at the Belvoir Coffee House, when eighty members sat down to dinner. At 3 p.m. a service was held at St. Mary's, which was well attended by the members; the Rev. J. P. Halse, Rector of Cotgrave, gave an excellent address to the ringers as church workers. After the service the members again made for the belfry and rang in various methods till 6 p.m., when they again assembled at the Belvoir Coffee House where a meat tea was provided. After tea the business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. F. E. Nugee, Hon. Secretary of the Society, twelve new members being proposed and seconded. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Melton Mowbray (ten bells), also the next half-yearly meeting at Waltham (six bells). The balance sheet was produced, which shows all subscriptions paid up, also showing the Society in a very prosperous condition, due to the energetic secretary. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector, Canon Vincent Jackson, for the use of the bells, and carried unanimously. The Rector, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, gave a short address on the ancient use of bells, from the time when they were first used up to the present time. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to the hon. secretary, for the efficient manner in which he carries out the duties of the society, and his reply brought one of the most successful meetings of the society to a close.

After the ringing the following paper was sent in from a lady critic who takes great interest in the society:

	MORNING.	EVENING.
BOTTESFORD ...	Excellent, very good striking.	Good, not so good as morning.
HARLY ...	Fair.	Fair, better than morning.
CROXTON KERRIAL	Fair, finished better.	Very good.
HOSE ...	Very fair.	Good.
EATON ...	Fair.	Very fair.
WALTHAM ...	Fair.	Fair, better than morning.
LONG CLAWSON ...	Fair.	Good.
MELTON MOWBRAY	Very good Tenor turned in.	Very Good.
WYMONDHAM ...	Only fair.	Much better than morning.

The ringing for service was very good.

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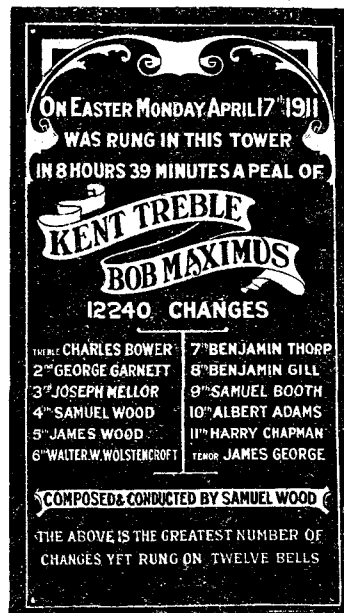
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1913.

The Meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, was not so largely attended as was that of last year; but this was to be expected when the distance which some representatives resided from the venue is taken into consideration. Those who did attend, however, gave careful consideration to the matters brought before them, which were none of them of a controversial nature. Following our usual custom we present the first instalment of our report this week, and shall next week give the remainder, when we shall deal more fully with the more interesting parts of the agenda.

The item which occupied the greater part of the time of the Essex Association on Monday was the question of presenting a treble bell to the pro-Cathedral at Chelmsford, as a contribution towards the completion of the ring of twelve. There was practical unanimity on the giving of the bell, but some diversity of opinion as to the method to be adopted to raise the money. When the vote was taken it was found to be in favour of taking the amount required from the reserve fund of the Association, which was the wisest course to pursue, seeing that every member past and present has contributed to the fund, and so will have a share in the presentation. We congratulate the members on the decision, and hope that when the bells are opened on September 27th there will be a record muster to take advantage of the invitation so freely extended to the members. During the discussion the question was raised as to how far the reports in the press as to the cost of the bell, and the guarantee of the Association to present the bell were correct, some members seeming to imply that the officers had compromised the Association. So far as we are concerned it is only fair to say that we have received no communication on the subject from any of them. All our information came from another source.

BOSTON, U.S.A. — On Wednesday evening, April 30th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, called differently. P. J. Allfrey, Mrs. Shurtleff, S. W. Sturgis, Wm. Bashford, Geo. Moore (conductor), Dr. Nichols.

The Metropolis.

LONDON, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 31 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Cambridge Royal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Walthamstow Branch).

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
WILLIAM D. SMITH	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
JOHN H. WILKINS	3	ALBERT A. HUGHES	8
FREDERICK RUMENS	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
HENRY J. MAYNARD	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ROBT. MAYNARD, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James C. Adams and Henry J. Maynard, their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

LONDON, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES	Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	5
THOMAS H. HAWKINS	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
HAROLD W. CLARK	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
WILLIAM PYE	4	DALBY HODGSON	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Donaldson, father of one of the local ringers.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

F. A. NUNN	Treble	†J. W. CORNFORD	5
A. HART	2	*H. RANZETTA	6
ROBERT W. GREEN	3	†W. PATEMAN	7
J. BARRY	4	†H. C. STUBBS	Tenor

Conducted by H. RANZETTA.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal of Grandsire Triples with a working bell. †First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th; also as a birthday compliment to F. A. Nunn, jun.

The Provinces.**BRISTOL.—THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.***On Monday May 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,**At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.***Tenor 28 cwt.*

RICHARD CHAMMINGS† .. Treble	*ERNEST G. SEVIOUR 6
HENRY PORCH 2	FRANCIS T. JEWELL 7
HENRY J. WAY* 3	ALFRED PEARCE 8
CHARLES J. WALTON* .. 4	*WILLIAM H. SHORT 9
ARTHUR W. SEVIOUR* .. 5	*HERBERT A. ADAMS .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. This is the second peal ever rung on these bells by a parochial band, and was rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, May 6, 1913, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Holt's TEN-PART.***Tenor 16 cwt.*

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN .. 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, and by the above Association.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lb. in D.*

HENRY WOODFINE Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	*PERCY H. SMITH 6
FRANK UNSWORTH* .. 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
CHARLES E. BOYERS† .. 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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

MALDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD).**On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**
Being 720 each of College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.*Tenor 13 cwt.*

EBENEZER W. FINCH .. Treble	*WALTER NICH 4
HAROLD FINCH 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 5
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Botolph,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

B. HAMMOND Treble	GEO. F. WILLIAMS 4
W. MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
T. GREENAORE 3	GEO. HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, May 7, 1912, 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.

GEORGE KEMP Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	LEONARD E. LAST .. Tenor

Conducted by L. E. LAST.

This peal was rung as a farewell token of respect to L. E. Last who is leaving home to take up a situation in Oxford Street, London, the ringers wishing him every success in his new work. He will be greatly missed by the Wickham Skeith and Thornham companies.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Andrew,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 6-scores, with six different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb. in A.

GEORGE WRIGHT* .. Treble	WALTER YOUNG 4
LEONARD S. LAMPARD .. 2	FREDERICK J. OXENBURY .. 5
FRANK GLASSPOOL .. 3	*JESSE PENTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. OXENBURY.

*First peal.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.**THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720s each of Double Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

REV. B. H. DURRANT FIELD* Treble	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN .. 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	*HUGH BEECHEY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (Rev. W. Richardson), for the use of the bells, and the local captain for making the necessary preparations.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.***Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.*

HENRY GARNHAM* .. Treble	*ERNEST WHITING 5
EDWIN WHITING* 2	*GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING* 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
FREDERICK SEAGER* .. 4	FREDERICK BORETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. BRICE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county by a resident band since the peal rung at Norwich in 1835—the first rung in the method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK—On Whit Sunday, for Divine Service at St. Matthias' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' four part, in 43 mins. W. Niblet, E. E. Barber, F. Bryon, J. Brown, H. Chance, C. Camm, R. G. Knowles (conductor), A. Richings. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

SALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2	JOHN E. BURTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEELK 7
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK R. BORRETT.

First peal in this method upon the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

INCE'S VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble	JOHN MAKIN 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ROBERT ALLRED 6
PETER NUTTALL 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7
JOHN NUTTALL 4	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by PETER INCE.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the 6th and 7th ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs, 26 lbs.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL* .. 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	EDWIN J. HARDING 7
HENRY W. WILKES 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BOLWER, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 4
ERNEST NEWMAN 2	JAMES FRENCH 5
FRANK CLAYDON 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

ODIHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES R. ELKINS Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEORGE UPSTALL 5
ALFRED J. CRODCHER 3	THOMAS UPSTALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal upon the bells. Rung in honour of Whitsun Eve.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICERS' SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAS. TAYLOR Treble	ORMOND EASTWOOD 5
ROBT. LEACH 2	WALTER TAYLOR 6
SAMUEL LORD 3	JAS. B. TAYLOR 7
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 4	JOHN W. ORMEROD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung as a farewell peal to Jonathan Wolstenholme, of Ramsbottom, who is leaving for Canada on the 17th. He is one of the oldest members in the branch; one of the founders of same; one who rang in the first peal in the branch, and has been ringing for 32 years. Also rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Arthur Dine, one of the Newchurch ringers. This peal was previously arranged to be rung at Ramsbottom, but owing to severe illness close to the church was transferred to Newchurch. Messrs. Leach and Haydock hail from Ramsbottom; J. B. Taylor from Waterfoot; the rest are local ringers.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Darley Dale Society).

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ADAPTED FROM HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation-stone of the new church at Ha ckney, on the 3rd inst.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ARTHUR MAXIM Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
THOMAS CHINERY 2	FREDERICK INCH 6
WILLIAM WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
ARCHIE IVES 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

First peal of Major by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th bells, who hail from Bentlow; A. Catterwell from Belchamp Walter.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THUBSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER .. Treble	JESSE SCREEN 3
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	THOMAS HUGHES 6
REUBEN HALL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	EDGAR T. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung on the eve of the Whitsun Festival; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Gough, daughter of the 7th ringer.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF BROOKS'.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr 14 lb.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	JOHN BAGDELEY 5
FRED DEREYSHIRE 2	PERCY DEREYSHIRE 6
JOHN WELSHY 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, JUN. .. 4	WM. GRDNWELL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

This is the conductor's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere Ring on the 44th anniversary of the conductor's birthday, and on the 73rd birthday of the eldest sister of the ringer of the 3rd, who celebrated her golden wedding at Walkden three weeks ago.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHEROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
WILLIAM STOWELL 2	JOSEPH GOULD 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	FRED G. MAY 7
HENRY HOWELL 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the long peal of London.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE 5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 6
ERNEST E. RANDALL 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	HARRY HOLLOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES Treble	HARRY HOLLOCK 5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	GEORGE N. PRICE 6
ERNEST E. RANDALL 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by EDWARD WHITEHEAD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours One-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD WEBB Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4
PERCY WEBB 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
L. GEORGE MALLEON 3	BASIL D. BUTTBESS Tenor

Conducted by B. D. BUTTBESS.

First 720 Oxford Bob by ringer of 4th. First 720 Cambridge Surprise by ringer of 2nd. First 720 of Double Oxford on the bells. First peal in seven methods on the bells, also the quickest peal on the bells. Ringers of treble, 5th and 6th bail from Fulbourn; 3 and 4 from Fen Ditton; 2nd a local man. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

EASTMEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	LIONEL H. PAGE 6
JOSEPH WAGBORN, SEN. .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON .. 4	GEORGE NOICE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

(Newark Parish Church Society).

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 33 cwt.

CHARLES H. CHAPMAN .. Treble	*FRED W. FOSTER 5
EDWARD C. THRALE 2	*VICTOR R. APPELEY 6
RICHARD DAWSON 3	LEONARD BULLOCK 7
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ERROR IN PEAL FIGURES:

We are asked to correct an error (caused by an unnecessary mark in the copy), in the figures of the peal rung at Glodwick, composed by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, inserted on page 113 of last week's issue. The second course was given as—

M B W H
26543 2 4 1

It should have been—

M B W H
26543 2 4 -

THE LONG STANTON TENOR.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The dedication of the recast tenor bell of All Saints' Church, Long Stanton, took place on Thursday, May 8.

The day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 p.m.

The actual dedication took place at 3 p.m., at the first Evensong. In addition to the usual choir, a large surplined choir was formed of Cambridge B.A.'s and undergraduates, including also the following clergy from the neighbourhood and elsewhere:—The Rev. A. Perrett, Rector of Long Stanton, S. Michael's; the Rev. H. G. Hooton, Vicar of Oakington; the Rev. J. Selwyn Sharp, Vicar of Swansey; The Rev. T. E. Beckett, Vicar of Over; the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet, and the Rev. W. C. Cooke, Vicar of Histon and Rural Dean of North Stowe.

Processional hymns were sung at the beginning and end of the service. After the third collect the clergy and choir walked in procession to the tower, where the Rural Dean unveiled a Peal Board, commemorating the first peal on the bells, rung on December 12, 1912, and then dedicated the new bell, which was thereupon rung by the Vicar. A few rounds were then rung on the eight bells. The Rural Dean preached an appropriate sermon on Acts iii, 47. The day was unfortunately inconvenient for ringers, but Cambridge ringing was represented by Messrs. J. Bruce Williamson (Hon. Sec., Cambridge University Guild) and T. R. Dennis (Hon. Sec., Ely Diocesan Association). At the evening service at 7 p.m. the preacher was the Rev. H. Law James, who preached a most telling and forceable discourse from Acts i, 8, bringing out in a very able manner the spiritual teaching which underlay the recasting of the old bell. The new tenor is the same size as the old bell, viz.: 35 inches across the mouth, but she weighs 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., as against 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., the note being A.

The old inscription on the shoulder has been reproduced in facsimile: MILES GRAIE FECIT 1655, under which, on the waist of the bell, is the following:

A. M. D. G.

* * *

Recast by Public Subscription, 1913.

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W. DOGGETT, } Churchwardens.

H. CROOT, }

*(Blessed are the Pure in Heart.)

The tone of the bell is much admired and reflects great credit on the firm of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, being richer and fuller than that of the old bell.

THE EXCLUSION OF LADIES.

To the Editor.

SIR,—We seldom have much to complain of in Derby as regards rules, etc., re the use of belfries, but I feel sure I am voicing the opinion of the majority of change-ringers in Derby when I complain of the new rules recently issued by the authorities at St. Peter's. The rules, taken *en bloc*, are a little far fetched, but the last clause in rule 1 states that no ladies are to be allowed in the belfrey. Why this restriction, when at the moment of writing the first annual meeting has been held (at Birmingham) in con-

nection with the the Ladies' Guild, with a membership of 75 (and more to follow). We have only had one lady attempt change ringing in the town, and I am proud to state that she has been a Sunday School scholar and teacher for a number of years, and that at St. Peter's. Surely there is nothing to be suggested against this church worker entering the belfry, especially as she was always accompanied by a relative. We feel as a body of Bell Ringers that we are not looked upon in a true light, as I can safely say that no town in England can beat Derby as regards belfry etiquette and also behaviour. It would be well for others to copy Derby's example. I trust, on behalf of my fellow ringers in Derby, that the authorities of St. Peter's will withdraw the clause from rule 1 which is so objectionable.

Yours, etc.,

B. MITCHELL.

BEGINNERS AND RAISING BELLS.

SIR,—I have recently had a copy of your paper lent me and as a young ringer, allow me to congratulate you on the production of so useful an organ. I notice in the above copy, dated March 15, a correspondent writes, "Beginners should commence ringing by learning to raise a bell." Now to my mind this is wrong, apart from the fact that a certain amount of risk is incurred in allowing a beginner to raise a bell before he can ring it. We are all aware that the amount of "weight of pull necessary" to raise a bell must be considerably varied, whereas in the case of ringing an even pull is required. I have had 40 years less experience in bell ringing than your correspondent, who should certainly know the correct method; but at the same time I have had a little ringing in 14 towers in four counties, and I have not heard of the above system being taught or advised. I should be glad to hear the views of some of your readers on the subject.

Yours, etc.,

H. DIXON.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to acknowledge and tender my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the members of the Dudley and District Guild, for their kind message of sympathy extended to me at their annual meeting (held on the 26th), in my long and continued illness.

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The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Shore Parish Church on Saturday last, when about forty members were present from the following towers: Shore, Todmorden Parish Church, Unitarian, Rochdale Parish Church, Walsden, Milnrow, Newhey, Heywood, Balderstone, Oldham, Glodwick and Moorside.

Mr. W. Crabtree presided over the business meeting, and two members were elected. Hamer was selected for the next meeting. The bells were kept going till 9.30 in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

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BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 8th, for practice at the Parish Church, 1008 Bob Major. C. Packham, G. Walder, W. Wheeler, F. Stoner, T. Gasson, G. Lewry, W. Vincent, W. Walder (conductor). Longest length in the method by the local branch and also by all the band.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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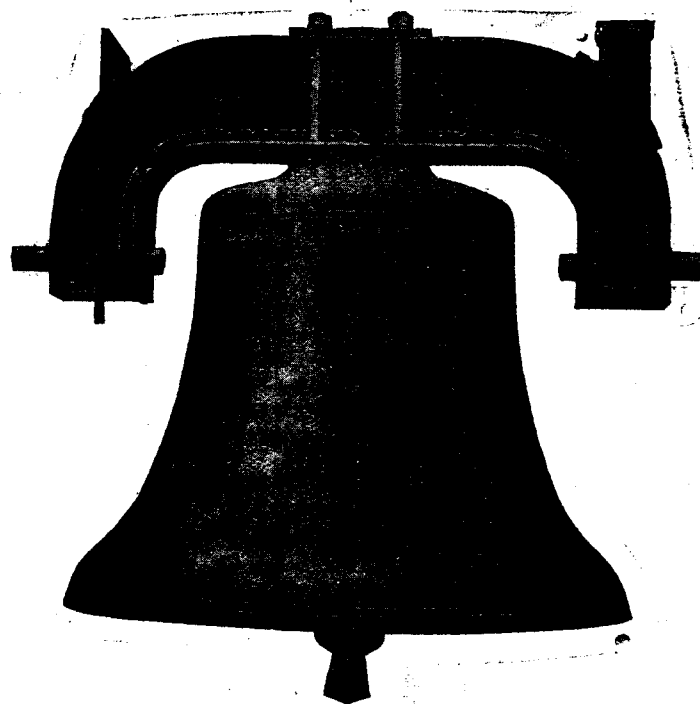
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. —Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; all the others 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 quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.
6D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson), at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 4.30. Short service at 6. Tea at 6.30, by invitation of the Vicar, to those who notify Mr. W. Lawrance, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, by May 22nd.

Heston, Hounslow. H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung, and augmented to a peal of eight.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A general ringing meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, May 17th, commencing at 5 p.m. R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Shuttery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, May 24th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.30. Meeting after. Bells of St. Mary's (8), and St. Andrew's (6), available afternoon and evening.

F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec.

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The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford and Luton Districts.—The next meeting will be held at Maunden on Saturday, May 24th. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each.

John W. Barker } Dis. Secs.
Albert King, }

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting at Bury, Saturday, May 24th. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells of Bury parish church (8), will be available from 2.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.

W. H. Shaker, } Branch Secs.
J. H. Banks, }

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing to commence at 11 o'clock. Service in the Minster, at 12.15. Preacher—the Rev. Canon J. M. J. Fletcher. Dinner in the Masonic Hall at 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the

Wimborne branch. The towers at Cranbourne, and St. Giles (Poole), Canford, Lytchett Minster, and Sturminster Marshall, will be open for ringing.

N.B.—The day fixed is not Monday, but Wednesday, the 28th inst.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Snrfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of ten bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at The Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. As Snrfleet is a country village, it is absolutely necessary that intending visitors wishing to dine, must notify me not later than May 24th. Stations—Snrfleet, G.N., 1 mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., 2 miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.

G. Ladd, Hon. Sec.
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NOTICE.—Bart Mitchell has removed to 149, Leacroft Road Derby.

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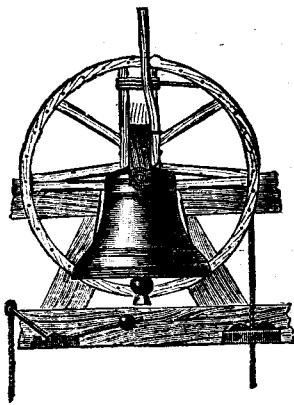
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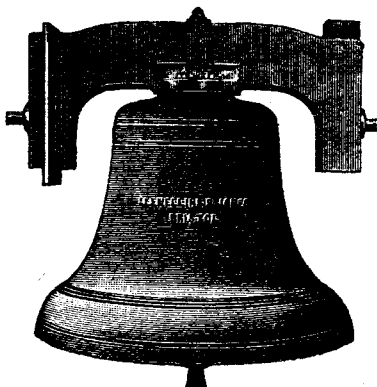
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SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1913.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

[BY OUR OWN REPRESENTATIVE.]

(Continued from page 123.)

The Council then proceeded to the consideration of item No. 7 on the Agenda:—"The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung."

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, speaking as a great lover of bells, said they were anxious for two things, namely, that there was a great increase in the number of rings in England and in the number of long peals that were rung. Ringers were also more numerous, and had attained a higher state of efficiency. It might be that peals were often rung without reference to local feeling. Leave was granted to ring at a certain tower, and the great majority of those who heard the bells did not know the ringers, or why the bells were being rung. We lived in a very sensitive age, and directly the public became as sensitive to noise as it was to other things there might be trouble in store for the ringers. He hoped the ringers would anticipate that possible trouble. It had been suggested that windows of belfries should be bricked up, but it must be remembered that the purpose of the bells was that they should be heard by the people outside as well as by the ringers within. Could they as a Council set before the ringers a better standard? Peal ringing was not the only standard they hoped to attain. They as ringers were trustees of what was specially an English art, and they must fulfil their trusteeship in such a way that Englishmen of all kinds would still love their bells and delight to hear them rung.

Mr. King said they were told about the noise they made, but he reminded the Council of the olden days when the bells were rung on every conceivable occasion. He alluded to the point of view of the resident, and also the point of view of the ringer, the latter of whom had a work to perform, and his duty was to perform it with all the skill of eye and hand which it was possible to put into it. He maintained they could not get proficiency without peals. If there was a poll of the people he believed it would be found that there would be an overwhelming majority in favour of the bells—Nonconformists as well as Church of England people. The bells had a message, and the people who sent it out should be encouraged as far as possible. There were people with a fanatical objection to bells whenever and wherever they were rung, but happily they were not numerous. One of these would make as much noise as nine hundred and ninety-nine on the other side. These persons, he thought, were the sort to be called to worship by the muffin bell, because to call them by the bells in the church tower was to remind them of a forgotten duty. (Applause).

Mr. Burton considered that they must improve their ringing from the point of view of the church.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall said there would always be a number of cranks. His advice was leave them alone. The public in towns were apt to be irritated by long

lengths of ringing, and he felt sure this irritation would be far greater if the people heard the bells ringing for no conceivable reason than if they knew the special reason for which they were ringing. Ringers should take care to ring peals on lawful occasions, and thus prevent irritation among the people who might think that, without knowing what the bells were ringing for, the ringers were merely enjoying themselves.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said there were plenty of people who liked to hear the church bells rung for say an hour, but when they were rung for three hours or more they probably found the strain intolerable.

The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies) quoted a case to show that neither the church authorities nor the ringers were at fault, but that there had been an unreasonable attitude on the part of a parishioner, who objected not only to the weekly practice, but to ringing of the church bells for service on Sunday.

The President said he did not think they should snap their fingers at what he believed was a growing opposition to bell ringing. There was a great change going on in the country. There were more brain workers than hand workers, and it was the former in towns who most disliked the bells. A Bill might be brought into Parliament to prevent ringing. That was no fanciful idea. He made suggestions for reducing the irritation in towns against bell ringing, and urged them not to ring peals without a decent band. He asked the ringers to more fully consider the object of the bells, and the purposes for which they could be properly rung. They would get sympathy from the general public if they gave them a sound reason for their ringing. He believed the discussion of that afternoon would have a good effect.

The Rev. H. Law James introduced a suggestion that the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major. The speaker went into minute technical detail to confirm his contention, and said the system he had applied showed that the Superlative Surprise Royal was the same as Superlative Surprise Major. He moved the adoption of the recommendation, and remarked: "Some one ring it instead of ringing old things to death."

To allow of discussion, the Hon. Secretary seconded.

Mr. Pritchett said what had been urged by Mr. James was only a matter of individual opinion, and it was useless to pass such a resolution as had been proposed.

Mr. Parker thought it would be unwise for Mr. James to press the question. The Council had not recognised any laws governing the extension of method.

The President said he had sympathy with the exponents of this abstruse subject. The root of the matter was that they could extend a double method from 8 to 10 or 12 bells, but they could not extend all methods. They must take into account that what was perfectly true of some methods was not true of others. They would be wise to study in the ringing papers the diagrams and figures, and they would then be in a better position to form a definite opinion on the matter.

The resolution was not voted upon, and the discussion ended.

A proposal that the Ladies' Guild of Change-Ringers be represented on the Council, was next discussed.

The President said Miss Edith Parker, the Secretary of the Ladies' Guild, had spoken to him on the subject. At that time there was some doubt as to whether the Guild would be able to muster a sufficient number of members—75—to claim representation on the Council, and he suggested that the Council might possibly see its way to reduce the qualifying number to enable the Guild to be represented. Miss Parker said in another year it was likely the Guild would have 75 members, and she also wrote, just after the agenda for that Council meeting was out, saying that, in her opinion, it would be desirable to postpone the whole question for a year. The position therefore was that the Guild was not definitely asking for representation on the Council at the moment. Moreover, he did not think the representatives would take it upon themselves to express an opinion as to what should be done in the matter. He thought they would prefer to go back to their Associations, and get their views upon it before they voted in Council. They could, however, have a short discussion upon the question.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said we lived in moving times. We could scarcely take up a paper without reading of the firing of a building here, the discovery of a bomb there, or the tampering with a letter-box somewhere else by women for whom no sane man or woman could have any conceivable affection or regard, but there were others who upheld law and order as good citizens, and the question arose: should ladies not only be allowed to vote, but to be represented by their sex in the councils of the Church. He thought they had every right to be represented on that Council. He did not intend however, to move any resolution on the subject.

Several speakers favoured the admission of ladies to the Council.

Mr. Burton opposed the idea. He was sorry if he appeared ungallant in endeavouring to keep the ladies out of the belfry. They were threatened with ladies in his belfry, but they arranged to get over the difficulty. He did not know that the Guild had done very much. They had rung a peal, but he believed there was a man in the belfry, and because they had rung that peal, a lot of hot-headed people had got an exaggerated notion of the Guild. Then there was the territorial division question. If ladies were admitted to the Council many of the ladies would be plural voters, for they would not only vote in the ordinary Associations, but on the Council as well, and thus they would be in an unduly privileged position.

Mr. Elsee thought that bell ringing was not a suitable exercise for ladies, and he was doubtful as to whether it would be good to have mixed bands in the same tower. If ladies wanted to be ringers it was best, in his opinion, for them to have bands of their own.

The President pointed out that the representation of the Ladies' Guild on that Council did not necessarily imply that they were in favour of mixed bands in the tower, and there was also the nice point as to whether ladies who were a Guild of handbell ringers could be fairly represented on a body of church bell ringers. That would want a bit of thinking out. He was bound to say it seemed to him that until they were able to represent what the opinion of the majority of their Associations was it was impossible to form any idea of what would be a wise course to take. It was a complicated matter. Personally he had declined to give an opinion because the subject had

not been sufficiently ventilated. They must try before next year to assure themselves of what the feeling of their Associations was, and then they might be able to pass some resolution.

Discussion on the subject then closed.

It was decided to call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation, passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven day's notice shall be given in the ringing papers, stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal.

Three places of meeting were suggested for next year, namely, Southampton, Portsmouth and Winchester. The Standing Committee, the President said, had come to the conclusion that Winchester would be the most suitable of the three. Winchester was accordingly agreed to.

Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL NEW BELLS.

The Dedication Service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, accompanied by a large number of the parochial clergy, and the choir of the Cathedral, was held in the belfry on Saturday, May 10th. at 5 p.m. There were also present Messrs. J. W. and E. D. Taylor, bell-founders, of Loughborough, who were entrusted to carry out the work, which they have done to the entire satisfaction of the most fastidious, and with credit to themselves, the quality and tone of the bells being all that is possible to produce in the art of bell-founding. Touches of Grand-sire were rung, and the ringers were more than pleased with the correctness of the striking, and the small amount of manual labour required to manipulate, without doubt, the finest peal of eight in the diocese of Lincoln, and they positively rank second to none for their weight. The frame, which is of iron girders and steel supports, is constructed to carry a peal of twelve, and considering the difficulty in reaching the height where the bells hang, it speaks volumes for the workmen employed, as only just over five weeks were taken to carry out the work completely.

THE BISHOP'S SERMON.

The Bishop of Lincoln, in his sermon at the Cathedral on Whit-Sunday evening, took occasion to refer to the bells which had been hallowed and rung for the first time the day before. His lordship said: "I cannot forbear, on this beautiful festival, expressing the satisfaction which all of us in this old city feel in having the bells with us again. It is such a comfort to hear them from our ancient tower calling us once more to the House of God. The pealing of bells is a peculiar creation of the Christian Church, and the ringing of a peal is a characteristically English art. We have missed the Cathedral bells for many months; we are thankful to have them back again, more resonant, more tuneful, than ever. We did not know until they were gone, how deeply their varied melody had interwoven itself into our lives. Has it ever struck you that the musical sound of Church bells—that remind us of God, and Salvation, and Heaven—that call us to come for prayer, and praise, and instruction, and Sacrament—how their harmonious sound (I say) is a parable of the loving call of God to His children and people? That call is sweet and vibratory in the heart; it is loud and audible, but has nothing of harshness or of compulsion; it delights, and reminds, and persuades. Such is the call of God; such is the invitation of His love. Far otherwise, I often reflect, are the sounds that summon

my brothers and sisters to their work in the foundry and the mill. Those sounds are singularly hoarse and strident; they seem to grow more and more displeasing to the ear. Why should this be? Ought not work to be a joy to the worker? Ought he not to take a pride and delight in his task, in the thing that he makes and perfects as well as in the pay he receives for it? Unquestionably, there will be something wrong with the world until all the work is a joy to the worker; unless some pride and satisfaction mingle with his task, the worker is rather a slave than a free man. Shall we venture to dream of a day when perhaps our workers shall be summoned by a call as musical as our bells, because the work itself has become the pride and joy of the worker? And in the meantime shall not we Christian people, as the sound of the beautiful bells comes to us all through the week, obey their persuasive call, if not by entering the House of Prayer, at least by giving one loving obedient thought to the call of God, and finding our joy in the doing of His will?"

The following particulars of the Cathedral bells will be of interest to our readers:—

The re-cast ring of eight bells:—

Treble—Weight: 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.; Note D; 2nd—Weight: 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.; Note C sharp; 3rd—Weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.; Note B; 4th—Weight: 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.; Note A; 5th—Weight: 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.; Note G; 6th—Weight: 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.; Note F sharp; 7th—Weight: 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.; Note E; Tenor—Weight: 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs.; Note D.

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1st quarter—Weight: 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.; Note C sharp; 2nd quarter—Weight: 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.; Note B; 3rd quarter—Weight: 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.; Note A; 4th quarter—Weight: 27 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.; Note E; Hour bell—Weight: 108 cwt. 0 qrs. 0 lbs.; Note A.

Inscription on 1st quarter: Nox Nocti Indicat Scientiam Mary Seely Me Fecit Fieri Anno Domini MDCCCLXXX.

Inscription on 2nd quarter: Dies Diei Eructat Verbum Nathaniel Clayton Me Fecit Fieri Anno Domini MDCCCLXXX.

Inscription on 3rd quarter: Me Proprio Sumtu Denuo Conflari Fecit Nathaniel Clayton A. S. MDCCCLXXX Venit Hora Et Nunc Est Quando Mortui Audient Vocem Filii Dei.

Inscription on the 4th quarter: Me Voce Fracta Male Concinentem Proprio Sumtu Liquefieri Et Denuo Conflari Voluit.

Aelfredus Shuttleworth A. S. MDCCCLXXX.

Vigilate Et Orate Nescitis Enim Quando Tempus Sit.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—I have to apologise to the band that took part in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Walter Belcham, Essex, on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. The changes (5184), by J. J. Brierley, is false for calling the same. I am very sorry. STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

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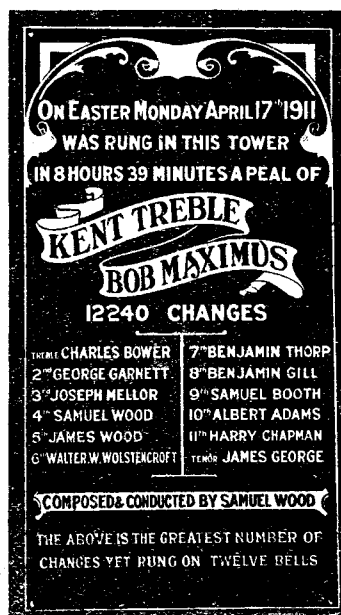
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The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT St. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	JAMES HUNT 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
REUBEN SANDERS 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is C. T. Coles' 200th peal.

The Provinces.**LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. DAVIS Treble	ALBERT GOULDING 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 3	EX-SERGEANT J. WILLIAMS .. 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	GEORGE CHARLES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Treble Bob.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lb.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	KEITH HART 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN B. JACSON Treble	SAM. BATEMAN 5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	ROBERT W. JENNISON Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. B. SMITH.

*First peal in the method. Mr. Ernest Morris bails from Leicester, and was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Whit Sunday, May 11th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 1274 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson (conductor), G. R. Simmonds, W. H. Daynes, J. Law, J. Crowder, E. B. Crowder, C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson, W. H. Daynes, T. A. Easterby, A. G. Bennington, E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), J. Law.

OATLANDS, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FERRIS SHEPHERD, SEN. .. Treble	CHARLES J. HAMELIN 5
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 2	JOHN EMERY 6
ALFRED WOODROW 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells. This composition contains 12 short and 36 long courses.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDMUND WHEE Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4
HENRY BADCOCK 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
L. GEORGE MALLION 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

*First peal in seven methods away from the treble. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HARRY WALTER 2	JOHN H. PRESTON 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	WILLIAM WARNE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Through the medium of this paper the band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Warne and daughter for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY J. DEWEY Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD 5
OLIVER SIFFETTS 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 6
WILLIAM WENEAN 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	FREDK. W. RICE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

†First peal of Major. *100th peal. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD P. DEBENHAM .. Treble	THOMAS J. HULL 5
FREDERICK C. RICE 2	ROBERT A. KIRBY 6
JOHN W. MALYON 3	HARRY J. FEWELL 7
RICHARD H. CHALKLEY .. 4	ERNEST A. HULL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK C. RICE.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

OTHER STATISTICS.

The 93 peals rung by Independent Societies were thus distributed, viz.: Breconshire 1, Cambridgeshire 4, Essex 3, Glamorganshire 3, Gloucestershire 16, Hertfordshire 1, Kent 1, Lancashire 2, Leicestershire 3, Middlesex 3, Norfolk 1, Northamptonshire 9, Staffordshire 13, Suffolk 2, Surrey 4, Sussex 2, Warwickshire 1, Wiltshire 1, Worcestershire 1, Yorkshire 17.

The 283 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: in the Kent Variation, Maximus 11, Royal 16, Major 206; in the Oxford Variation, Maximus 1, Royal 1, Major 48.

The 352 peals of Grandsire Triples may be subdivided as follows: Holt's Original 39, Holt's 10-part and variations 79, Holt's 6-part 4, Parker's 1 part 5, Parker's 5-part 2, Parker's 6-part 21, Parker's 12-part 90, other peals by Mr. J. J. Parker 4, Carter's 12-part and variations 12, other peals by Mr. J. Carter 8, Taylor's peals 25, Hollis' 5-part 9, Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 10, Vicars' peals 6, Rev. E. B. James' peals 4, Bruerton's 12-part peals 4, Aspinwall's peals 3, Lindoff's peals 3, Moorhouse's peals 2, Thurstan's peals 2, Matthews' peal 2, Biddlestone's peals 2, Whittle's peals 2, other peals (including 4 unnamed) 14.

The 217 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Maximus 3, Bob Royal 23, Bob Major 175, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Oxford Bob Major 1, St. Clement's Bob Major 1, Oxford Bob Triples 10, Plain Bob Triples 2, Union Triples 1.

The 90 peals of Doubles are shewn in the following statement:—

ASSOCIATION.	NO. OF METHODS.							
	1	2	3	4	5	8	10	
Bath and Wells	6	4	—	—	—	—	—
Central Northants	8	2	—	1	—	—	—
Chester Diocesan Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Devonshire Guild	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan Guild	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gloucester and Bristol	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hereford Diocesan	17	—	1	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Diocesan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Llandaff Diocesan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Midland Counties	2	1	—	—	—	1	—
Norwich Diocesan	1	6	—	1	—	—	—
Oxford Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury Diocesan	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soc. for Archd. of Stafford	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Sussex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warwickshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worcester and Districts	4	—	1	1	—	—	—
Independent Societies	14	1	1	—	1	—	—
	60	14	4	3	1	1	1	Total 90.

The 337 peals of Stedman comprised: Thurstan's one part 4, Thurstan's four part and variations 272, Washbrook's peals 22, Sir A. P. Heywood's peals 13, Carter's peals 14, Rev. E. Bulwer's peals 3, Lindoff's peals 3, Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals 3, Dr. Carpenter's peals 2, J. J. Parker's peals 1.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 19,378 of Stedman Caters, rung on handbells by members of the Guildford band for the Winchester Diocesan Guild in 9 hours and 32 minutes. This peal broke a record by the same band, a few months previously, of 14,031 changes in the same method. A peal on tower bells of 15,264 changes of Bristol Surprise, rung at Hornchurch, Essex, on the 27th of May by members of the Middlesex County Association, also creates a new record, the previous record in this method being a peal of 12,160 changes rung at Knebworth, Herts., on the 3rd of April, by members of the Hertfordshire County Association. A performance in 14 methods of Minor, consisting of 8 Treble Bob, 3 Delight, and 3 Surprise methods, by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, reached a total of 10,080 changes. Other long peals consisted of 8896, 8099 (handbells), 7280, 7200, 7000, 6368, 6240, and 6160 changes respectively. Under 6000 changes there were 2316 peals rung. The number of peals rung on Church Bells was 2021; on Handbells, 308; making a total of 2329 peals.

The peals rung in 1912 were 590 more than in 1911, and create an extraordinary record, being an increase for the year of nearly 34 per cent. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January 180, February 167, March 144, April 173, May 184, June 183, July 136, August 182, September 220, October 210, November 258, December 298.

Twenty ladies have taken part in 109 successful peals during the year 1912, viz.:

Miss Edith R. Barnes rang in one peal of Grandsire Triples for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Miss Eva N. Belcher rang in the ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples at Cubitt Town, Poplar.

Miss Clara Beasley rang in the ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG.

Points per Peal.	Maximus			Cinq's.		
	Camb. Surprise.	Treble Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Grandsire.	Camb. Surprise.
55	18	15	32	13		
Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths.	1	2	—	6	—	—
Royal Cumberland Yths	—	—	—	1	—	—
Bath & Wells Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bedfordshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—
B'ham—St. Martin's Gd.	—	—	—	9	—	—
Cambridge Univ. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chester Dio. Guild.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Devonshire Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dudley & Districts Gd.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Durham & Newcastle Ass.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Essex Cty. Association ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gloucester & Bristol Assn.	—	—	1	—	—	—
Hereford Diocesan Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hertford County Assn ..	—	—	—	2	—	—
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kent County Assn	—	1	1	—	—	—
Lancashire Association ..	—	2	—	1	1	—
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Llandaff Diocesan Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—
London County Assn	—	—	—	—	—	—
Middlesex County Assn..	—	—	—	8	—	—
Midland Counties Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Central Northants Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich Dio. Assn.	—	3	1	1	—	—
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	—	1	—	—	—	—
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salop Arch. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soc. Archd. Stafford ..	—	1	—	1	—	—
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sussex County Assn	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Wales Association	—	—	—	—	—	—
Warwickshire Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winchester Dio. Guild ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worcester & Dis Assn. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yorkshire Association ...	—	2	—	—	—	—
Independent Societies ..	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals.....	1	12	3	30	1	5

NOTE.—(a) Includes 8896 Kent Treble Bob.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett rang in 27 peals on handbells for the Winchester Diocesan Guild she rang 9 peals of Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 1, Bob Royal 1, 5, Grandsire Triples 1. For the Kent County Association she rang 14 peals, as follows: Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Maximus 1, Bob Royal 5, Bob Major 1, Triples 1. For the All Saints' Society, Fulham, she rang 14 peals, as follows: Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Royal 2; and for the Cumberland Youths one peal of Bob Major.

Miss Mary Chillingworth rang in 4 peals of Minor for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Miss Nellie Gillingham rang in 3 peals. One of these was for the Bath and Wells Association, one of Grandsire for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and also in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town.

Miss E. M. Johnson rang in 2 peals of Grandsire and Miss Ruth Johnson rang in one peal of Grandsire on handbells, for the Worcester and Districts Association. Aged 12 and 10.

Miss Mary Jukes rang in 3 peals. One of Bob

URING THE YEAR 1912, AND PUBLISHED IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE RINGING PAPERS.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

Raters.	Erm.	Major.																Triples				Minor										Total Peals on 7 or more Bells.	Total Points for ditto	Average per Peal.	Minor					Total Peals of Minor and Doubles	Total Points for ditto.	Average per Peal.	Total of all Peals.
		Grandsire.	London Surprise.	Cumberland Dlight.	Bristol Surprise.	Camdage Surprise.	New Cambridge.	Superlative.	Gloucester.	Norfolk.	Forward.	Duffield.	Waterloo Reverse.	Double Norwich.	Treble Bob.	Little Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Erin	Grandsire.	Plain Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Broken Lend.	Treble Bob.	Plain Methods.	Mixed Methods.	Doubles																
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(b) 12,160. (c) 8099 (on Handbells). (d) 15 264. (e) 14,031 and 19,738, both on Handbells. (f) 7280. (g) 7200. (h) 10,080.

For the Bath and Wells Association, one of Minor for the Norwich Diocesan Association, and also in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town.

Miss Sarah Pigott rang 7 peals. For the Worcester and Districts Association, Oxford Bob Major 1, Oxford Bob Triples 2, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major 1 each. She rang in 1 peal of Bob Major for the North Wales Association, and also in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town.

Miss Maud Pigott rang in 2 peals of Oxford Bob Triples for the Worcester and Districts Association.

Miss Edith K. Parker has easily surpassed her wonderful record of previous years by ringing 35 peals, viz.:-

For the Middlesex County Association--		Conducted.	
(I) On Tower Bells			
London Surprise Major	3	3	
Bristol Surprise Major	2		
Cambridge Surprise Major	1		
New Cambridge Major	4	3	
Superlative Surprise Major	3	3	
Gloucester Surprise Major	1	1	

Norfolk Surprise Major
Double Norwich Major
Stedman Triples

(II) On Handbells.

Grandsire Caters
Bob Major
Kent Treble Bob Major
Grandsire Triples

For the Royal Cumberland Youths--
Cumberland Delight Major
(the first and only peal yet rung)

London Surprise Major
Superlative Surprise Major

For the Devonshire Guild--
Bob Major (on Handbells)

For S. Martin's Guild, Birmingham--
Stedman Cinques

For the Herts County Association--
Superlative Surprise Major

Stedman Triples	I	I
Grandsire Triples (Handbells)	I	
Ladies' Peal at Cubitt Town, Poplar—		
Grandsire Triples	I	I
Total ...	35	17

Miss W. Sanders rang in 2 peals of Bob Major on handbells for the Midland Counties Association.

Miss C. E. Sparsbott rang in 2 peals, one of Grandsire Caters for the Salisbury Guild, and one of Grandsire Triples for Winchester Guild.

Miss Evelyn Steel rang in 4 peals, viz : 3 for the Bedfordshire Association, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Minor 2, and also in the ladies peal of Grandsire Triples.

Miss Kate Thatcher rang in a peal of Bob Major for the Worcester and Districts Association.

Miss May Thompson rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Midland Counties Association.

Miss Lilian Willson rang in 7 peals. For the Midland Counties Association 2 peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 of Grandsire Triples and 1 of Double Norwich. She also took part in the ladies' peal.

Miss Hilda Willson rang in 1 peal of Grandsire Triples and 1 of Double Norwich for the Midland Counties Association.

Mrs. Whittington rang in 3 peals of Grandsire Triples, viz.: 2 for the Winchester Guild, and one for the Sussex County Association.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of 5 peals and upwards were. A. H. Pulling 92, of which 80 were on handbells, W. Pye 52 (7 on handbells), F. Bennett 47 (6 on handbells), B. Prewett 35 (2 on handbells), G. Williams 34. Keith Hart and W. Shepherd (27 on handbells) 33, C. F. Bailey 26 (8 on handbells), J. Motts 25, Clement Glenn, 24, (15 on handbells), F. Borrett 23. E. M. Atkins 22 (14 on handbells), G. F. Williams and G. N. Price 19 (8 on handbells), G. R. Newton and E. H. Stoneley 18, C. R. Lilley, E. H. Lindup, R. Matthews, Miss E. K. Parker (one on handbells), W. Short 17, F. G. May, J. Thomas (11 on handbells), C. W. Clarke 16, G. H. Cross (11 on handbells), W. Steele 15, J. E. Davis, F. C. Lambert, S. H. Symonds (4 on handbells) W. H. B. Wilkins 14, W. D. James, (4 on handbells), S. Proctor (4 on handbells), Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (8 on handbells) 13, J. Goodman, jun., J. E. Groves, B. A. Knights, D. J. Nichols (5 on handbells), A. E. Moore (11 on handbells) 12, Rev. H. L. James (3 on handbells), J. W. Lake (6 on handbells) G. R. Pye (3 on handbells), J. Souter, A. P. Wakley (3 on handbells) J. W. Washbrook 11 G. Cattermole, C. Edwards, T. Groombridge, sen., F. Manser J. Potter, T. H. Taffender, C. A. Valentine 10, A. Edwards, (1 on handbells), W. G. Ellis, T. J. Elton W. Fisher, W. Poston, G. E. Symonds (1 on handbells) 9, E. Barnett, sen., A. Coppock, F. W. Dixon, J. Hough, A. H. Ward (1 on handbells), W. Welling W. S. Wise (4 on handbells), S. Wood 8, W. H. Barber, G. D. Coleman (3 on handbells), F. Cook, C. H. Fowler, E. C. Gobey, A. Greenfield, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Knight, E. Lambert, G. Martin, W. Rose, W. Willson 7, W. G. Crickmer, F. E. Dawe, G. Dent, J. B. Fenton, T. Fitzjohn, J. Flint, A. W. Grimes (3 on handbells), F. A. Holden (2 on handbells), P. J. Johnson (3 on handbells), W. H. Lawrence, C. Layton, A. Mackears, E. W. Menday, A. T. Morris (5 on handbells), E. Morris, J. Pigott, E. Reader, J. Ridyard, A. Roberts, W. Taylor, S. Thomas, W. E. Wilson, B. W. Wittchell, A. Wright 6, G. F. Alexander (3 on handbells), J. Armstrong, A. Bailey, E. G. Buesden, J. Carter, H. Chapman, A. J. Day, T. Faulkner, H. W. Foulger, J. Griffin, H. Hampson, J. Hemming, R. T. Hibbert, G. F. Hoad, M. Hobbs, W. Keeble, F. J. Levitt (5 on handbells), E. W. Marsh, F. J. Pagett, E. F. Poppy, H. Stalham, W. Watts, E. Whitbread, E. Whiting G. Wightman 5

In addition to the above 37 persons conducted 4 peals 68 three peals 114 two peals, and 299 one peal. Two peals were rung with each member of the band taking a part in the conducting; one peal was rung uncondacted, and two peals were published without a conductor's name. Two ladies appear in the list of conductors, Miss Gillingham, who conducted a peal of Bob Major for the Bath and Wells Association, and Miss Parker, whose peals as a conductor have already been dealt with.

The 308 peals on handbells were rung as follows;—

Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 5, Bob Royal 15, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Little Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 54, Grandsire Caters 18, Bob Major 73, Little Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 26, Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 39, Grandsire Triples 37. Peals in Minor methods 18, Doubles 5. For the following Associations:—

	No. of Peals
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	5
Cambridge University Guild ...	22
Devonshire Guild ...	1
Ely Diocesan Guild ...	27
Essex Association ...	7
Hereford Diocesan Guild ...	1
Hertfordshire Association ...	9
Kent County Association ...	16
Lancashire Association ...	1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ...	11
Middlesex County Association... ..	32
Midland Counties Association... ..	8
Central Northants. Association ...	12
Norwich Diocesan Association ...	21
Royal Cumberland Youths ...	1
Soc. for the Archd. of Stafford ...	1
Surrey Association ...	6
Winchester Diocesan Guild ...	91
Worcester and Districts Association ...	2
Yorkshire Association ...	21
Independent Societies ...	13

Total ... 308

The total number of peals, whether on Tower Bells or on Handbells, rung year by year since 1881 to the present time, is as follows;—

1881.....156	1889.....797	1897... 905	1905.....1519
1882.....244	1890.....699	1898... 1002	1906.....1313
1883.....330	1891.....878	1899... 912	1907.....1339
1884.....419	1892.....802	1900... 924	1908.....1474
1885.....500	1893.....705	1901... 1104	1909.....1628
1886.....556	1894.....859	1902... 1313	1910.....1725
1887.....646	1895.....766	1903... 1469	1911.....1739
1888.....759	1896.....791	1904... 1512	1912.....2329
Grand Total—32,204.			

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (No. 6). Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.

GEORGE H. HOWER Treble	GEORGE NAVLOR 5
JOHN S. RICHARDSON 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
FREDK. W. DIXON 4	FREDK. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
ACKLAND J. PERKINS 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

This peal has calls at every position of the tenor, has the 6th the first four courses full in the titum position, and thirteen course-ends at "home."

WOLVERHAMPTON.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, May 12, 1913 in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER* Treble	*ALBERT LITTLE 7
GEORGE HUGHES† 2	*HERBERT JONES 8
HENRY W. WILDE† 3	*BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
JOHN BASS† 4	*HORACE BELCHER 10
DANIEL JONES* 5	†ROBERT MATTHEWS 11
WILLIAM FISHER† 6	†HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

*First peal of Maximus. †First peal of Bob Maximus. It is also the first peal of Bob Maximus on the bells and by the above Society, and H. W. Wilde's 150th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
BERTAM PREWETT 2	KEITH HART 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES 8
REV. A. T. BERTON 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
 Conducted by BERTAM PREWETT.

These ten ringers represent ten towers and nine Associations, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being an hon. member of the Council.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES ;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble	ARTHUR E. BRADLEY 6
WILLIAM A. GARRARD 2	ERNEST G. STIBBONST 7
GEORGE PRESTON 3	JAMES R. MACMAN 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 9
PERCY L. MILES* 5	WILLIAM E. GARRARD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal. †Fiftieth peal. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th three courses in 6ths, and the 5th three courses in 5ths, with the second bell at home throughout, and is the first peal of Royal on this grand ring of bells.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours Seventeen Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5200 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MISS HILDA F. WILLSON .. Treble	FRED W. HERBERT 5
WM. H. INGLESANT 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
EDGAR VALLANCE 3	H. EDWARD NORMAN* 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of James Harris (one of St. John's Company) and Miss Ethel Bowman at this church, the Society wishing them every happiness and prosperity. It is the conductor's 200th peal for the M.C.A., the number of changes being compiled for this occasion.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANCIS H. GARDNER .. Treble	EDMUND M. SARGENT 5
CHARLES CARTER 2	ALFRED MONKLEY 6
HARRY BARTON 3	WILLIAM R. BOUNDY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ALFRED G. BETTS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Messrs. Fussell and Barton were elected life members of the above Guild previous to the peal.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lb. in A flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
FREDERICK G. DEWELL 2	GEORGE DRENNHAM 6
WALTER RADLEY 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
WM. R. JOHN POOLSON 4	HARRY A. TURNER Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
 First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
PARKE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN B. JACERON Treble	JOHN PALFRAMAN 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	WILLIAM B. SMITH 6
BERNAL E. HOWE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	ROBERT W. JENNISON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Mr. Ernest Morris, who hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester, wishes to thank the ringers of this and the peal at Keighley on May 10th, for kindly arranging to meet him.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES ;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT 5
FRANK HOPGOOD 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

BRISTOL
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.)

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
WASSBROOKE'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL .. Treble	HENRY HOWELL 5
FRED G. MAY 2	FRED W. WADE 6
CHARLES PERRY 3	ISAAC LONG 7
WILLIAM WHITE 4	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY BARTON Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
WILLIAM S. LETHERIDGE .. 2	JOHN FERRIS 6
FRANK MURPHY 3	FRANK DAVEY 7
THOMAS LAVER 4	JOHN R. SANDOVER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. FOSSELL.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 6
KEITH HART 3	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 7
EDWARD C. GOREY 4	WILLIAM H. BARNER Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. MYERS Treble	WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
WILLIAM RICHARDS 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
ALFRED MITCHELMORE .. 3	GEORGE E. PARR, JUN. .. 7
HARRY BARTON 4	GEORGE E. PARR, SEN. .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED J. HESLIAN Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2	WALTER MALINS 6
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY .. 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Argyle and the brothers Stoneley's first peal in the method.

TONG, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble	JAMES PEACOCK 4
SAMUEL ODDY 2	EDWARD ODDY* 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	REV. R. P. FARROW Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD ODDY.

*First peal as conductor.

HOLBETON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDE. LAPTORN Treble	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 2	HARRY BARTON 5
WARREN S. HORNEROOK .. 3	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM G. ELEINS Treble	ALFRED J. CHUTE 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	HUBERT CHAFFEY 5
J. MANN 3	ALFRED J. CROUCHER Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT CHAFFEY.

First peal of Minor by the ringer of the treble, and first peal in more than one method by the ringer of the 3rd. Rung in honour of the Trinity.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The St. Michael Society, Stoke Coventry).

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK E. PEEVIN Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
WILLIAM PRYCE 2	WILLIAM H. BRUMSDON .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE .. 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4	G. HARRY KETTLE Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. First peal in the method by Messrs. Pryce and Kettle. The conductor's 150th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
SAMUEL WOOD 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3	ALBERT ADAMS 8
T. BOTTALL 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
FRED PAGE 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above band started to ring a 14,000. The ringing was not satisfactory to the conductor, so he decided to come round at the above peal.

Handbell Peal.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(ST. JOHN THE DIVINE SOCIETY)

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 4, KEYTHORPE STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor size 15, key C.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5-6
E. MADRICE ATKINS .. 3-4	H. EDWARD NORMAN .. 7-8

T. HENRY HARDY 9-10

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Royal by the ringers of 1-2, 7-8, and 9-10; and first peal of Royal rung on handbells in the county. Witness—Miss Hilda Willson.

TRIPLE HUNT MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

12345678
21435687
12346578
21436587

24163857
42613875
24168357
42618375

46281735
64827153
64281735
46827153

48672513
84765231
84672513
48765231

47856321
74583612
74856321
47583612

45738162
54371826
54738162
45371826

43718286
34157268
43512786
34152768

31425678
13245687
31426578
13246587

Plain 12364857 Lead

Bob 13425678 Lead

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By EDWARD MULLINS, Birmingham.

5184.

23456 1 5 6
34256 -
42356 -
32654 - -
26354 -
53624* -
36524 -
65324 -
23564 - -

Repeated five times. Single instead of bob at * in third and sixth parts.

H. W. WILDE'S 150 PEALS.

		Rung	Conducted
Minor--	Two Methods ...	3	1
	Three Methods ...	1	
	Four Methods ...	7	1
	Five Methods ...	1	1
	Seven Methods ...	5	
	Ten Methods (7200) ...	1	
Triples--	Plain Bob... ..	1	1
	Grandsire... ..	20	9
	Double Grandsire ...	1	1
	Union	2	1
	^a St. Clement's	1	
	Oxford Bob	3	2
	^b Double Oxford Bob ...	2	1
	Stedman	11	
Major--	Plain Bob... ..	16	1
	Double Bob	1	
	Little Bob... ..	1	
	Canterbury Pleasure ...	1	1
	^c St. Clement's Bob ...	1	1
	Oxford Bob	1	
	Double Oxford Bob ...	3	1
	Double Norwich... ..	14	3
	Duffield	3	1
	Kent Treble Bob... ..	25	1
	Oxford Treble Bob ...	2	
	Albion Treble Bob ...	2	
	Superlative Surprise ...	12	1
Caters--	Stedman	2	
Royal--	Plain Bob	1	
	Double Norwich	1	
	Kent Treble Bob... ..	2	
Cinques--	Stedman	2	
Maximus--	Plain Bob	1	

Total 150 28

^a First peal of Triples rung in the method.^b The only peals of Triples yet rung in this method.^c First peal of Major in the method.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE—On Monday, May 12th, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, 1152 changes in the same method J. B. Williamson, W. B. Kempton, Rev. A. H. F. Boughy, J. Taylor, T. R. Dennis, A. Wilkerson, F. E. Kempton, P. Dench (conductor).

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Holloway on May 12th, should not have been credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Owing to pressure on our space, through the inclusion of the Analysis Table and conclusion of report of Central Council Meeting, we are compelled to hold over several peals and a number of interesting items, which will however appear next week.

On Wednesday, the 28th inst., the Archdeacon of Hastings is to dedicate the two new bells which have been added to the peal at Mayfield Parish Church, to perpetuate the long and faithful services of the Rev. J. H. R. Kirby as Vicar, and Mrs. Kirby.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SEDBERGH.—On Whit-Monday, for Divine Services, 240 Bob Major, 97 Grandsire Triples, 336 Double Norwich, 504 Stedman, and 576 Superlative Surprise Major. J. Smith, T. Sisson, E. Pennington, R. Atkinson, H. Haresnope, W. Pennington, J. Pennington, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor).

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERFIELD (Sussex)—On Wednesday, May 14th, for practice at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Hammond, E. Harman, E. Bishop, F. Hammond, O. Holmwood, C. Brasier, H. R. Butcher (conductor), E. Bishop. Longest length in the method by the local band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD.—On Whit-Monday, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. H. Chinnery (Orsett), E. A.

Lebbon (Wanstead), H. Bottrill (Harlow), C. Petty (Wanstead), A. Keeling (Orsett), J. Marks (conductor), Wanstead).

BECKENHAM (Kent).—On St. George's Eve. at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. W. Smith (conductor), J. Town, E. Tigwell (first quarter-peal), G. W. Clarke, F. King, J. Lovell, F. Terry, W. Meek.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Tuesday, May 13th, for practice at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. *C. T. Clark, W. Weatherstone, H. Clark, T. H. Hawkins, W. J. Rawlings, †D. Hodgson, G. H. Daynes (conductor), †C. J. Millward. *First quarter-peal away from the tenor. †First with a bob bell. †First quarter-peal.

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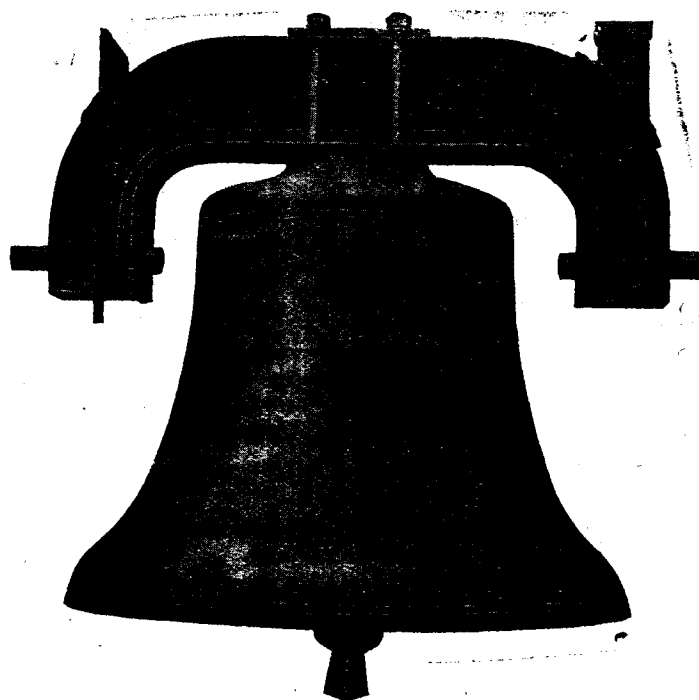
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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. —Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's Hackney, on May 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; all the others 8 p.m. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District. —The next meeting will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson), at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 4.30. Short service at 6. Tea at 6.30, by invitation of the Vicar, to those who notify Mr. W. Lawrence, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, by May 22nd.
Heston, Hounslow. H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District. —The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Peterborough and District Association.—A meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, May 24th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.30. Meeting after. Bells of St. Mary's (8), and St. Andrew's (6), available afternoon and evening.
F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec.
195, Gladstone Road, Peterborough.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford and Luton Districts. —The next meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 24th. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each.

John W. Barker } Dis. Secs.
Albert King, }

The Lancashire Association.—Half-yearly meeting at Bury, Saturday, May 24th. By kind permission of the authorities, the bells of Bury parish church (8), will be available from 2.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.

W. H. Shnker, } Branch Secs.
J. H. Banks, }

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The Annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing to commence at 11 o'clock. Service in the Minster, at 12.15. Preacher—the Rev. Canon J. M. J. Fletcher. Dinner in the Masonic Hall at 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the Wimborne branch. The towers at Cranbourne, and St. Giles (Poole), Canford, Lytchett Minster, and Sturminster Marshall, will be open for ringing.

N.B.—The day fixed is not Monday, but Wednesday, the 28th inst.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Elloe Deaneries Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Surfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of ten bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at The Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d, each. As Surfleet is a country village, it is absolutely necessary that intending visitors wishing to dine, must notify me not later than May 24th. Stations—Surfleet, G.N., 1 mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., 2 miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed. G. Ladd, Hon. Sec.
Pinchbeck, Spalding.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District. —A district meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, May 31st. 3.0—Bells (6) available. 5.30—Service. The Rector will address the ringers. 6.15—Tea in the old School. Tea tickets—Members 6d.

Visitors rs. Subscriptions are overdue, and should be paid at or before the meeting. John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

North Street, Guildford.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District. —The May meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 31st, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (Rev. W. Mills) is providing a free tea, and it is hoped a good number will attend a meeting at this old ringing centre. I should be glad if those who can will notify me before the day, so as to have some idea of the number for tea. All members and ringing friends will be welcome. W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District. —The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited. 149, Leacroft Road, Derby. Bart Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisbam District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (Association Form), and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 9d. each, at The Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possibly can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor buses to Farnborough, and thence 1½ miles through Lord Avebury's Park. Will those who wish for tea send me their names by Tuesday, June 3rd, the latest.

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

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District. —The next meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. LATTES, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District. —A bye-meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th at Bentley, South Weald. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to me on or before June 4th. Henry F. Cooper, Dis. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7. Members intending to be present, please notify Mr. W. Wheeldon, 45, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Thursday, June 5th. Rev. John Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th next. Service at 3 p.m. Thos. Best, Hon. Sec.
Blotchley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, May 14th, after the Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Graudaire Triples. J. Poole, R. Wood, F. G. Radley, W. Lincoln, H. Cooper (conductor), J. Walden, A. Edwards, W. Emery. Longest length with a bob bell by J. Walden.

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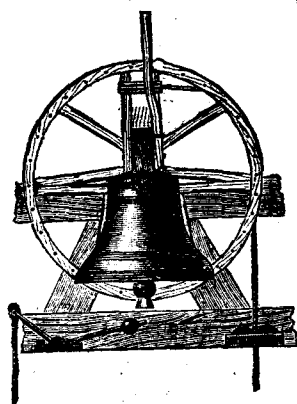
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NOTICE.

Owing to pressure on our space consequent on arrears caused by reports of Central Council meeting, several peals are held over till next week, as well as articles from Rev. T. H. W. Eyre and others. Will correspondents please note.

Will the correspondent who sent report of peal of Minor rung at St. Mary's, Potton, please send date on which it was rung and time occupied.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held on Whit Monday, at Torrington, in the extreme north of the county. In the early morning rain descended in torrents, and the prospect was not hopeful; however, when the majority of the members reached their destination, about 11 o'clock, the weather cleared up and the eye could revel in the charming scenery. Some well struck touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major by the Plymouth men led up to the service in the Parish Church at 12 o'clock, the address by Rev. C. E. Burkitt enforcing the necessity of reverence for things consecrated to the service of God, based on the story of Uzzah and the Ark. An excellent dinner was provided at the Torrington Hotel at 12.45, and just before the conclusion the Rev. E. V. Cox appeared on the scene, having left Birmingham at about 4 a.m. on a motor cycle. The company adjourned to the Town Hall for the meeting, there being present the Revs. M. Kelly (President), G. E. F. Molineux (Hon. Sec.), F. Emllyn Jones (Torrington), L. H. Lermitt (Monkleigh), C. E. Burkitt (Langtree), E. S. Powell (Holbeton), H. L. Pigot (West Down) and 86 members of the Guild. The Hon. Sec. proposed the adoption of the Report, making reference to the departure from the county of Mr. C. Pearson, who had taken a practical interest in change ringing, and had also published a handy little book, entitled "The Ringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Devon." A higher standard of ringing now prevailed amongst the members of the Guild generally, and the numbers of peals and the variety of methods was satisfactory evidence that progress was being made. The following 17 peals had been rung, 3 Grandsire Caters, 1 Stedman Triples, 3 Bob Major, 7 Grandsire Triples, and 3 Minor. It was desirable that representative bands of the Guild should attend Church Bell restorations and dedications more frequently, and the Committee had offered facilities in order that members might thus advance the promotion of change ringing. The Hon. Sec. advocated the formation of District Branches which had proved to be an enormous advantage by other Associations in regard to the affiliation of new bands and increasing the power of the Diocesan organisation. The Treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory position, the balance in hand being £57 2s. 3d. The election of officers was the next business. The Rev. M. Kelly was again elected President; the Vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the Rev. H. L. Pigot in place of Mr. C. Pearson. The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux found that the work of the post of Secretary in addition to the charge of a large parish, was more than he could undertake, and asked to be relieved, at the same time consenting to act as Treasurer. The two offices were then separated, the Rev. E. S. Powell being elected Hon. Secretary. As the Guild was entitled to a third representative on the Council, the latter was nominated until the new election in 1914. The meeting selected Paignton as the place for the Annual Meeting in 1914. The President

moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux for his services as Hon. Secretary for the fourteen years during which he had held the office, testifying to the thoroughness and zeal with which he had carried out the duties of the office, regretting that other duties compelled him to decline re-election. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to visiting various towers in the neighbourhood.

BARCOMBE BELLRINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday the 21st inst. the Bellringers' of St. Mary's Church, Barcombe, held their first annual outing. Accompanied by a few friends the party numbering sixteen left Barcombe Mills by the 8.37 a.m. train for Tunbridge Wells, which was reached about 9.30. After refreshing the inner man a move was made to St. Peter's Church where they were met by Messrs. W. Smith, J. Muggridge and S. Perkins, of the local band, and the peal of eight were soon going to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob. After about an hour's ringing, a very pleasant journey was made by autocar to Tonbridge. Here the party were met by Messrs. W. Steed and W. Wolfe, of the local band, and a move was made to Mr. Whinsetts dining rooms where an excellent cold lunch was successfully brought round. The tower of SS. Peter and Paul was next visited, and touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on this grand ring of eight (tenor 21cwt., about three times the weight of the Barcombe tenor). About 3 p.m. a start was made for Hadlow, where arrangements to have a ring were very kindly made at short notice by Mr. Reader, of the local band. During ringing here the tower was visited by the Vicar, the Rev. S. H. Monypenny, who very warmly welcomed the ringers. After about one hour's ringing an excellent tea was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, after which a return was made to Tunbridge Wells, where the 9.27 train was caught, and the party arrived home about 10.30 p.m., everyone expressing themselves thoroughly satisfied with their very excellent outing. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the various clergy and local ringers for so kindly granting the use of the bells and making the necessary arrangements.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Bury was chosen as the venue for the half-yearly meeting, when about forty attended from the county. Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent were rung during the afternoon and evening. At the meeting presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, regret was expressed that the Rector could not be present, owing to illness. The chairman gave them a resume of the C.C. meeting, which caused some discussion for and against. A discussion also on non-resident members was taken up, and hope was expressed that some scheme could be brought up to do away with it, and substitute something of a national scheme in its place. Evensong was said at 7 p.m., when some of the members attended, after which ringing was kept up till 9 o'clock, when a useful meeting came to a close.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER VI.—continued.

THE PROOF OF THE SURPRISE PEALS.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON, Past Presidents of the
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Table A, given below, presents an interesting set of figures for Superlative Surprise Major which appeared in print some years ago, and this we now propose to prove. In the first four columns appears the calling, followed by the actual course-ends, and it will at once be noticed that these latter would furnish a musical result. Another noteworthy point lies in the fact that we have here a further example of what the Author has stated about the non-necessity of transposing for the *natural* C.E., when the *actual* course-ends run in sets of threes, with the same two bells behind, as in every case all the N.C.E. are represented, so no transposition for them is called for. In the sixth and seventh columns are the rows resulting from the transposition of the actual C.E. by the false course-ends 32465 and 43265. A word of advice to the beginner when transposing a set of course-ends in this:—Rule your paper and arrange your course-end figures in tidy and easily distinguished columns, so that when you begin to transpose by 32465 you can take the third sub-section of such column and transpose it bodily for the front row of your false course-end, and so on; a few minutes work will then see you with the whole of the transitions made.

TABLE A.

B	M	W	H	Actual C.E.	False C.E. (32465)	False C.E. (43265)
-	-	-	-	23564	32546	53246
-	-	-	-	52364	25346	32546
-	-	-	-	35264	53246	25346
-	-	-	-	26354	62345	36245
-	-	-	-	32654	23645	62345
-	-	-	-	65324	56342	35642
-	-	-	-	36524	63542	56342
-	-	-	-	53624	35642	63542
-	-	-	-	46325	64352	36452
-	-	-	-	34625	43652	64352
-	-	-	-	63425	36452	43652
-	-	-	-	42635	24653	62453
-	-	-	-	64235	46253	24653
-	-	-	-	26435	62453	46253
-	-	-	-	63245	36245	23645
-	-	-	-	45236	54263	25463
-	-	-	-	24536	42563	54263
-	-	-	-	52436	25463	42563
-	-	-	-	43526	34562	53462
-	-	-	-	54326	45362	34562
-	-	-	-	35426	53462	45362
-	-	-	-	42356	24365	32465
-	-	-	-	34256	43265	24365
-	-	-	-	23456	32465	43265

Now taking in turn each actual C.E., and comparing it with the false course-ends under the columns headed by 32465 and 43265, you will find there is no repetition whatever, and internally the composition is true. This class of truth is quite easy to see, but we write at length for the student's benefit.

We have purposely left to the last that which should have been done first, namely the examination for truth of the bob and other such lead-ends. In the closing paragraphs by the author, scales were given for pricking the requisite lead-ends, but we propose to give an example of a better plan, of checking the lead-ends introduced by Sir Arthur Heywood, by tabulating them in their relationships to their course-ends. We touched

upon this in the closing chapter of "Ropesight," 6th edition, stating that we hoped to go further into the matter in this present work. We shall take for granted that what has therein been set out, is more or less known to our readers.

(To be continued)

RINGER'S WEDDING AT LEICESTER.

On Whitmonday, the Church of St. John the Divine was the scene of a marriage of more than usual interest, for there and then did James Harris take Ethel S. Bowman to be his lawful wedded wife for better or for worse—may it be always for the better. When other brother ringers entered the bonds Jim had laughed, but at length Cupid shot his dart and the BOWMAN was triumphant. The day opened auspiciously. A peal of Double Norwich Major was started for, timed to come round at the hour set for the sacrifice of bachelordom to Benedict, and as the bridegroom waited for his bride in the church below, he had the pleasure of hearing the peal roll home all right. The Rev. R. S. C. H. Wood, M.A., Vicar, conducted the ceremony, and the church was filled. As it would require a lady journalist to describe the bride's attire correctly, the writer refrains from detail except to say that she wore a wreath of orange blossom and was, in milliner's parlance, "a perfect dream" of silk and lace. Incidentally Jim also wore clothes and a No. 9. smile, which gradually expanded as a shower of confetti enveloped the pair as they left the church to the sound of wedding bells. As was fitting, ringers from other churches turned up, and Stedman Triples was the music from the steeple as the party dispersed. Afterwards all adjourned to the wedding feast and, ringers included, sat down to a splendid meat tea, the Vicar presiding. At its conclusion, Mr. J. Buttery proposed the health of bride and bridegroom in a few well chosen remarks, and it was accompanied with full musical honours. The following ringers were present: J. Buttery, A. Martin, G. Burrows, E. Smith, J. Vernon, J. S. Needham, E. M. Atkins, Miss H. Willson, E. Norman, E. Vallance, F. Herbert, W. H. Inglesant, E. H. Stoneley and W. Willson.

The festivities were kept up till the early hour of next day, the votaries of Terpsichore enjoying themselves to the full while vocal music of song, duet and quartette was not lacking. The wedding present from the Ringers' Society took the shape of a silver dinner cruet, and the writer, on their behalf, wishes them every happiness, with this rider: If Jim makes half as good a husband as he has been a faithful friend he will never regret the step he has taken, nor his choice.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WARSOP, NOTTS.

On Sunday, April 27th, the usual morning service took the form of a special service to dedicate the peal of four bells, which has just returned from the Loughborough Foundry. During the singing of the first hymn, No. 125 A & M, the clergy and choir, preceded by the churchwardens, went to the foot of the tower. There the special dedicatory prayers were offered by the Rector, the Rev. R. J. King, after which the choir returned singing hymn 303, "When morning gilds the skies." The Rector preached, and took for his text Psalm xcv. verse 6. He spoke of the different uses of the bells, also giving the various inscriptions on the Warsop bells. Finally he said: "I would fain hope we are not merely dedicating

so much lifeless material, as copper, tin, and iron, but our time and talent to the furtherance of God and His kingdom. One thing I am quite sure of, is that every churchman of Warsop ought not only to feel proud that he has such a grand and historical old church to worship God in, but to resolve to make a better use of it than ever he has done before, as well as to encourage his friends and neighbours to do the same."

Hymn 397, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving," was sung while the offertory made on behalf of the Bell Fund was being taken. Immediately after the service the bells were pulled off, and kept going in rounds, while the congregation dispersed. Messrs. Taylor and their workmen are to be congratulated on the splendid work. The treble, 2nd, and tenor has been recast, the 3rd quarter-turned, and the whole hung in a steel frame, supported by massive girders built into the wall. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired; they are in the following pitch—D, C, B, A. A scheme will shortly be on foot to raise funds for an additional treble and tenor.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

It was not an overwhelming crowd that assembled at Kenilworth for the monthly meeting of the Guild. Only nine members turned up, but as there were only six bells, these few were able to turn the occasion to some profit. They represented Stoke Golding, Warwick, Allesley, Berkswell, and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a ntc ring, tenor 14 cwt. The front five were cast by Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1875, who no doubt took away four

of the original five. The old tenor which was cast by Bryan Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1656, remains. The ropes are considerably out of proportion to the weight of the bells and the extent of the draught, and the bells do not lend themselves to very good striking, but some touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were indulged in for an hour or two. Two new members were elected, and the Vicar was duly thanked for allowing the use of the bells.

HAY (HEREFORD) PARISH CHURCH.

Regret has often been expressed that this church does not possess a peal of bells. We understand that the preliminary steps for the installation of a ring of six have been taken—estimates have been obtained and the tower has been examined with a view to ascertaining its adaptability, and an expert who carried out the inspection reports that it is quite safe for a heavy peal. What is required is the money. Here is an opportunity for some generous donor.

PRESTBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, May 14th, at the church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. T. Compton, J. Major, G. Tovey, H. Holford, J. J. Causon, W. Yeend, T. Pendry (conductor), A. S. Boar. Tenor 14½ cwt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. G. H. Phillott, of Charlton Kings, the wife of Mr. G. H. Phillott, one of the oldest members of the Cheltenham and District Guild. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th away from the tenor.

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LEEK MAJOR.

By E. A. RIDGWAY.

It has been my ambition for many years to discover a method worthy of the acceptance of the Exercise, and to which I might for a title give the name of my birthplace. After many failures I have discovered a method which will, I believe, compare favourably with any method yet published, and the following few particulars may be of interest. My ideal has always been to obtain a method in which each and every bell should do the same work throughout the course, and Leek Major is a method of this description. The changes are alternately quadruple and triple throughout, consequently all places are made the right way, i.e. at hand and back stroke, and, except when a single is used, there are no adjoining places. The method is divided into eight divisions of ten changes each, giving a plain course of eighty changes. At the head of each division the bells are in what may be termed the Bob Major coursing order, with the treble one of the working bells. The second division head (rounds of course is the first) is 68472513; and a glance will shew the coursing order of the bells to be as follows: 68753124. This will be sufficient proof that the tenors are always kept well together. The musical qualities of the method may be judged by the combinations with the tenor in 7-8 and in the plain course. There are three 7-8s including rounds, and three 8-7s; three 6-8s including "Queens," and three 8-6s; two 4-8s, including "Tittums," and two 8-4s; two 5-8s and two 8-5s. The method being a double one, the same combinations are found in 1-2, including "Rounds" backwards "Queens" backwards and "Tittums" backwards. The combinations of "Queens" and "Tittums" in one course is, I believe, now published for the first time. First place instead of 3rds place is made at a bob the three front bells only being affected. At a single the three front bells lie still. If bobs only are used and the tenors kept together there is only one false course-end against each course, viz., as is 126453 to 123456. With the sixth also a fixed bell the method has a clean proof scale, even if singles are used. When the sixth is shifted and singles are made use of there are *two additional false course-ends* 124635 and 125364. A bob before, which would be called at the end of the fourth division, shortens the course thirty changes, and has a similar effect to a single in changing the resulting course-end into an odd row instead of an even row; therefore, when a bob before is made use of the *two additional false course-ends* mentioned above must be taken into consideration in proving compositions.

The extent of Leek Major, tenors together, is 180 courses, or 14,400 changes. With the 6th a fixed bell 120 courses, or 9600 changes. These figures speak for themselves, the extent in Bob Major or other plain methods with a guiding bell being only 13,440.

Below I give the first division in full and the remaining seven division heads; also an example of bob and single, and a table of course-ends for conducting and composition, together with a peal of 5120 changes.

TABLE OF COURSE ENDS.

12345678	123456	3	5	6	8	Will run
21436587	243156	-	-	-	-	3 Courses
12463578	542136	-	-	-	-	5 "
21645387	512634	-	-	-	-	4 "
26154837	125634	-	-	-	-	2 "
62518473	425136	-	-	-	-	2 "
26581437	213654	-	-	-	-	2 "
62854173	132654	-	-	-	-	2 "
68245713	432156	-	-	-	-	2 "
86427531	521436	-	-	-	-	3 "
	541632	-	-	-	-	3 "
68472513	415632	-	-	-	-	4 "
	215436	-	-	-	-	2 "
53718264	143652	-	-	-	-	3 "
	431652	-	-	-	-	5 "
24163857	231456	-	-	-	-	3 "

WITH BOBS BEFORE.

123456	3	4	8	Will run in short courses
325461	-	-	4	"
253461	-	-	4	"
315264	-	-	6	"
153264	-	-	4	"

BOB.

86427531 N.B.—A bob before shortens the course by thirty changes.
84672513

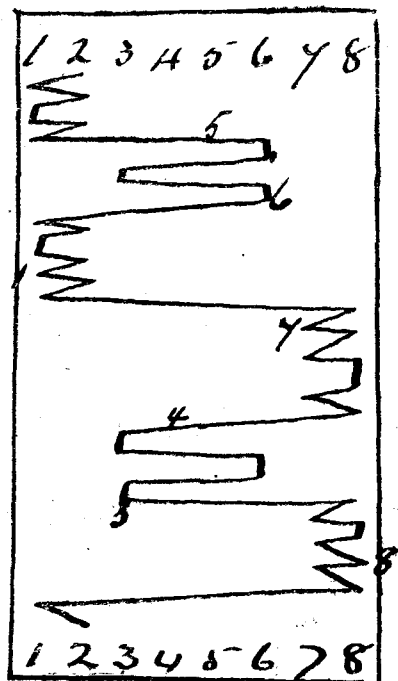
SINGLE.

86427531
86472513

5120.

12345	3	5	8
42513	-	-	-
25413	-	-	-
54213	-	-	-
45312	-	-	-
53412	-	-	-
35214	-	-	-
52314	-	-	-
12453	-	-	-
24153	-	-	-
41253	-	-	-
14352	-	-	-
43152	-	-	-
31452	-	-	-
13254	-	-	-
32154	-	-	-
21354	-	-	-

DIAGRAM.



Repeat three times.
Single instead of bob at 8 the last call in the second and fourth parts,

Composed by Geo. Baker, of Brighton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE BELFRY COMMITTEE, MAY, 1913.

At the 1912 Meeting of the Council the following (Belfry) Committee was appointed to endeavour to get into touch with the Institute of British Architects and with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings for the purpose of obtaining recognition by these bodies of the improved modern methods of arranging and hanging bells.

A meeting of the Committee was convened early in March at Sir Arthur Heywood's house in London, when all the members were present.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided (1) that, as a first step, the views of experts in regard to the best arrangement of towers for the reception of bells and to the most recent practice in bell-hanging should be incorporated in a short pamphlet to be issued with the authority of the Council, and (2) that this pamphlet should be brought to the notice of the above mentioned bodies in such manner as might subsequently be considered most opportune, in respect of which latter point a number of useful suggestions were made.

Sir Arthur Heywood undertook to draft the required pamphlet and to circulate it to the other members of the Committee for alteration and addition, after the manner adopted in several cases by other Committees of the Council. Appended is a letter now submitted by him to them, which explains itself. In whatever way the Council decide that the required pamphlet shall be produced, the Committee will do their best to bring it effectively to the notice of those whose interest it is necessary to engage.

To the Members of the Belfry Committee.

I undertook, when this Committee met in March, to draft the rough copy of a pamphlet dealing with this matter submitted to us by the Council; this to form a foundation upon which the other members might graft their views.

I spent some time in attempting to construct a suitable framework for the purpose, but failed for the following reasons: During the past thirty years I have personally and pretty constantly been dealing with the problems involved. Also, since the appointment of the Belfry Committee, I have been collecting a good deal of information from various quarters, of which that liberally supplied to me by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, is the most valuable.

In attempting to collate this information into pamphlet form I found it impossible to do so without making my personal experiences the basis of the text, which text, of course, the other members could not endorse.

I therefore suggest that the Council be asked to select one or other of the two following proposals:—(1) That I should complete the already half written pamphlet as entirely my work; publish it with the sanction, but not necessarily with the concurrence of the Council, at my own expense, and allow the Committee to make such use of it as they please. (2) That another member of the Committee should undertake the draft, in which case I would give all the information in my power, and the pamphlet would be published as the work of the Committee, with the authority (after submission) and at the expense of the Council.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Duffield, May, 1913.

TREBLE BOB METHOD.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In the last issue of the BELL NEWS, Mr. Dains gives a Method with three Hunts which he claims to be the first on the plan. That is not so. For several years I have had Treble Bob Methods with several hunts up to as many as nine, and indeed, their number is practically unlimited. You can take any Treble Bob Method you like and add any even number of Hunts you like. The result may, and probably will, contain repetition of rows, but that can easily be remedied by Kent Places or other means.

Such methods are of not much value for ringing, but they are interesting examples of Method Construction, and I give two. The first is Cambridge Major with three Hunts, the second, London Major. In the second case to avoid falseness Kent Places are substituted for the 6 5-6's (which come in 7-8). Otherwise the work of the Method is strictly adhered to, and although I am not claiming it as London Surprise Royal it is the nearest that can be had to that Method on ten bells.

CAMBRIDGE
SURPRISE MAJOR,
with
two Hunts added.

1234567890
2143658709
1234685079
2143860597

2418365079
4281630597
2418360957
4281639075

4826193057
8462910375
8426193057
4862910375

8469201735
4896027153
4986201735
9468027153

4986072513
9468705231
9647802513
6974085231

9647805321
6974083512
679485321
7609843512

679834152
7609381425
7069834152
0796381425

7093618245
0739162854
0793618245
7039162854

7301926845
3710298654
7301928564
3710295846

3172098564
1327905846
3172950486
1327594068

1237950486

LONDON
SURPRISE MAJOR
(slightly varied),
with two Hunts added.

1234567890
2143576980
1234759608
2143795068

2417390586
4271930568
2417395086
4271935068

4729153608
7492516380
7429153608
4792516380

7495261830
7945628103
9754261830
9574628103

5947682013
5496780231
4569872013
4658970231

6485907321
6849503712
8694057321
8960453712

9806435172
9086341527
0968435172
0698341527

6093814257
0639182475
0693814257
6039182475

6301928745
3610298754
6301927845
3610297854

3162098745
1326089475
3162804957
1326840597

1236485079

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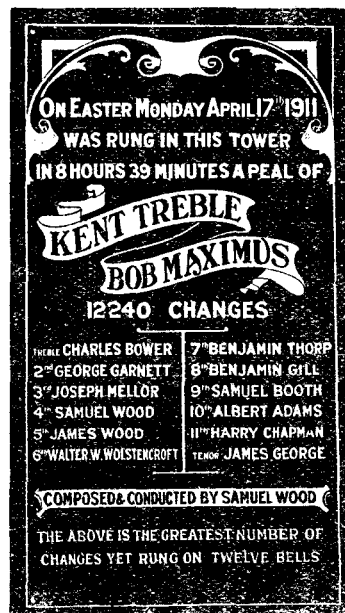
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1913.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADR 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4	ERNEST PYE 9
EDWIN F. FIRE 5	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Rung in honour of Empire Day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION).

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble	YORK GREEN 5
ALBERT A. HUGHES 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6
WILLIAM TRESS 3	HENRY TORBLE 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by THOS. FAULKNER.
*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

The Provinces.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	REGINALD BROUGH Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung on the 19th birthday of R. Brough, and on the 15th anniversary of W. Floyd joining the Police Force.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lb.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	ALFRED SMITH 6
FREDERICK BORRETT 3	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

KENDAL WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FUBNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH).

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALFRED NEWTON Treble	ERIC L. BENNETT 5
THOMAS KING 2	GEORGE WALKER 6
GORDON WHITAM 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 4	WILLIAM SALMON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

*First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. T. King, of London.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

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

BENJAMIN THORP Treble	FRANK J. BAILEY 4
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2	JOHN W. JONES 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. BISS.

First peal in the method as conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Chamberlain, the conductor of the St. John's band, Cardiff. The ringers wish to take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL Treble	HARRY TYSON 4
ALFRED MARTIN 2	JOHN W. BARKER 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Beverley, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. The two former are Class III., the rest Class IV. C. C. L. M. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. MARGETSON Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
HARRY TORBLE 3	JOHN MOOLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL ROYAL, H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

WARREN S. HORNBOOM* .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5
HARRY BARTON .. 2	ERNEST W. MARSH .. 6
WILLIAM RICHARDS* .. 3	WILLIAM FORD .. 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE .. 4	WALTER H. MARSH .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

*First peal in the method.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. CHELL, JUN.* .. Treble	C. PAGE .. 5
T. CHELL .. 2	J. GOODALL .. 6
S. CHURTON .. 3	P. PRESTON .. 7
E. COPE* .. 4	A. S. MARSH .. Tenor

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

*First peal.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDK. W. MIDDLETON .. Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 5
GEORGE S. SOAME .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS .. 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 3	GEORGE MOY .. 7
JOHN MOY .. 4	BEN S. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ben S. Thompson. First peal of Grandsire by the ringer of the treble, and 50th peal by the ringer of the 6th, a list of which appears elsewhere. First peal in the method on the bells.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild).

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. HARRY LEWIS .. Tenor	FREDERICK WHITE .. 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 2	WALTER NICE .. 5
FRED CHALK .. 3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York, and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES MARSH .. Treble	JAMES MARTIN .. 4
JOHN WILKINS .. 2	HERBERT H. BARKER .. 5
THOS. W. GILMOUR .. 3	HENRY FYLES .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BAKER.

This is the first peal on the bells.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

LOUIS ATTWATER .. Treble	JOHN LEE .. 5
HENRY PATES .. 2	FRANK N. ATTWATER .. 6
JOHN S. DANIELS .. 3	CALER DANIEL .. 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER .. 4	GEORGE LIDDIARD .. Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to the new Rector, the Rev. Brooks Jackson.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER .. Treble	ALFRED E. ACFIELD .. 5
GEORGE R. FINCH* .. 2	DAVID LEGGERT .. 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD .. 3	WILLIAM B. REEVE* .. 7
ROBERT MILES* .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First attempt for a peal in the method.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sunning Deanery Branch).

On Wednesday, May 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lb.

FREDERICK DENTY .. Treble	ALBERT E. REEVES .. 5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES .. 6
HARRY BUNGAY .. 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE .. 4	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been placed in the tower by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tone and "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected a member before starting. The Vicar kindly entertained the band after the peal.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

CLEMENT MORE* .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING .. 5
EDWIN WHITING .. 2	GEORGE SNELLING .. 6
JOHN SNELLING .. 3	FREDK. SEAGER .. 7
FREDK. MANSER .. 4	FREDK. BORRETT .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday May 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College Single, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.* Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
JIM BEACH .. 2	RICHARD HOPE .. 5
FREDERICK BUTCHERS .. 3	EDWIN LAMBERT .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day. Quickest peal on the bells.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS HILDA N. WILLSON .. Treble	ALBERT MASON 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	WM. HYDE INGLESANT 6
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON .. 3	T. HENRY HARDY 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS .. Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
CHARLES W. DYSON 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYER.

The band wish to thank Sergt. and Mrs. Williams for so kindly entertaining them before and after the peal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

CHAS. TODD Treble	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
W. H. BARBER 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
G. J. LUNGLEY 3	JOS. E. R. KEEN 8
W. W. SINCLAIR 4	R. RICHARDS 9
WILLIAM STORY 5	B. C. DIXON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

†First peal of Stedman. *First peal of Caters. This composition contains the 6th forty consecutive courses in 5th place, being its extent behind the 9th and 8th without singles

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN BOCK Treble	ALFRAEUS J. BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

This peal was rung to oblige J. Buck, who hails from Redgrave. It was his first peal of Minor. Also rung in honour of Empire Day.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR,

5040 CHANGES; In seven methods, viz.:-

London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
THOMAS H. VALLANCE 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on Empire Day, and for the Festival of Corpus Christi.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	CHARLES F. WHITE 6
HAROLD BURTON 3	HARRY FLANDERS 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT. Rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Victoria Luise of Prussia and Prince Ernst August of Cumberland. Prince Ernst is descended from William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, who was the founder of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	FREDK. H. DEXTER 6
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	ARTHUR S. PETTIT 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal on ten bells by E. Bartram, aged 17 years. Rung in honour of Empire Day, and is the first ten-bell peal for the Guild out of the county of Warwick.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lb.

LEONARD H. STEVENS .. Treble	JAMES H. COX 4
LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS 3	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob ball. Rung to celebrate Empire Day. Also rung as a birthday compliment on the 85th birthday of Mr. J. S. Reed, who is deputy chairman of the Parish Council and Overseer of the parish. He was for over thirty years churchwarden of the above church, from which office he retired about eighteen years ago.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD A. H. DORSON .. Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	WALTER H. MARSH 6
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	WILLIAM FORD 7
WARREN S. HORNEROOK .. . 4	FRANCIS W. PREESE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented from 6 to 8 by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" being excellent. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

SELSTON (Notts.)—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (40 singles), in 26 mins. T. Wharmley, W. J. Sevier, A. Elliott, C. Cottam, T. H. C. Hand, W. Wharmley (conductor). Also for evening service 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. A. Elliott, W. J. Sevier, T. Wharmley, C. Cottam, T. H. C. Hand, W. Wharmley (conductor). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Handbell Peal.

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

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL .. 1-2	JOHN SPARROW 5-6
FRANK J. LEVITT 3-4	ERNEST HUNT 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by JOHN SPARROW.
 Umpire—William Goodship.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 1-2	FREDERICK BARKER .. 5-6
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON† 3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WM. D. JAMES.
 †First peal on an inside pair. *First peal of Major.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 size, key C.

EDGAR VALLANCE .. 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON .. 3-4	H. EDWARD NORMAN .. 7-8
T. HENRY HARDY 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.
 Umpire—Sidney Shelton.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHEKOOK, and
 Conducted by SYDNEY J. COLEMAN.

Umpire—C. Rollings. Rung as a birthday compliment to the
 umpire and the conductor.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

FRANK DAINTY Treble	WALTER CROSS 5
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN .. 2	HUGH BEECHY 6
FREDERICK T. COOKE .. 3	GEORGE JUTSON 7-8
JOHN J. JUTSON 4	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.
 This is the first peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

THANET.—On Wednesday, May 24th, at St. Laurence's Church,
 594 Grandsire Triples. P. Petley, S. G. Twyman, R. W. Green,
 W. G. Birch, E. Wilson, A. E. Jarman, W. J. Jarman, J. Jarman.
 Conducted by S. G. Twyman. Also a plain course of Bob
 Major. P. Petley, S. G. Twyman, R. W. Green, W. G. Birch,
 A. E. Jarman, W. J. Jarman, H. Marsh, E. Wilson. First plain
 course by the ringers of the treble, 4th, and 7th. Mr. Green
 hails from London; Mr. Wilson from Birchington.

SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

Mr. A. T. King, writing on this subject says:—

During my recent visit to Newcastle, Mr. T. T. Gofton at my request was good enough to hand me the names of the Surprise Minor Methods rung by the St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, band, and hitherto unnamed, in order to complete the names of the Legitimate Methods published in the Central Council's Collection. The numbers unnamed were 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, but as some of your readers might be interested in having the whole of them, I append a complete list of the methods that have been rung and claimed.

LIST OF SURPRISE MINOR METHODS PUBLISHED IN THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COLLECTION.

1 Munden.	22 Lancashire.
2 Alnwick.	23 Lightfoot.
3 Canterbury.	24 Stamford
4 Morpeth.	25 Wearmouth.
5 Newcastle.	26 Westminster.
6 Chester.	27 Annable's London.
7 Whitley.	28 Netherseale.
8 Northumberland.	29 Norwich.
9 Carlisle.	30 Hexham.
10 Wooler.	31 Surfleet.
11 Sandiacre.	32 York.
12 Coldstream.	33 Durham.
13 Kelso.	34 Berwick.
14 London.	35 Beverley.
15 Wells.	36 Norfolk.
16 Lincoln.	37 Ipswich.
17 Cunecastre.	38 Primrose.
18 Allendale.	39 Cambridge.
19 Bacup.	40 Hull.
20 Bamborough.	41 Bourne.
21 Warkworth.	42 Superlative.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

The annual general meeting of this Society was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday, May 13th, when there were present, the Vicar, Rev. C. B. Law, in the chair, T. S. Blockey, Esq., P. Hargreaves, Esq. (Churchwardens), and all the members of the society. After the minutes came the election of officers. Mr. H. G. Rowe was again unanimously elected Conductor of the Society, Mr. G. Andrews was elected Treasurer. It was decided to erect a peal board in the tower, recording the first peal rung by a local band. At the conclusion of the business, the Vicar thanked the ringers for their services during the year and congratulated them on their success, hoped they would all meet again next year; a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and Churchwardens. The members have rung for each service on Sunday, and the average attendance has been nine present at each service; they have rung 17 quarter peals, and have taken part in four peals, and all work in harmony together under their conductor. For the benefit of any brother ringer who may visit the tower they meet every Sunday morning and evening at 10.15 and 5.45, and on the 3rd Sunday at 10 o'clock. All information can be obtained from H. G. Rowe, 160 High Street, Cheshunt, Herts.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Hayes, M. Digby, R. Smith, T. Easterby, F. J. Ring, J. Broom, W. Harper (conductor), A. Broom.

RINGING COMPETITION.

The annual contest carried out under the auspices of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, for the shield presented by Captain Kidston, this year brought out a larger record of entries, and this, coupled with the increased number of peals rung by the Guild, betokens greater interest in the Exercise.

The Hereford Guild has for its President the Lord Bishop of Hereford; Mr. Jno. G. Buchanan, of St. James's Road, Hereford, is the Master of the Guild; the Rev. J. S. Roper, Quatt Rectory, Bridgnorth, is the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and the committee is a large and representative one. Some 58 Church helpers are connected with this Guild, and included in the list are Brecon St. Mary's, Bulth Wells, Glasbury St. Peter's, Llanelly, Llangattock, and Talgarth. Mr. Short is the instructor, and on October 20th last he completed his century of towers in which he has conducted peals.

One of the chief supporters of the Guild is Captain A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernfed. Last year the Captain, being anxious to encourage the Art, instituted a ringing competition, providing a handsome shield and prizes for the winning team. The competition took place at Glasbury St. Peter's on Empire Day, and eleven bands of ringers competed, the Glasbury men winning the contest. In addition to providing a shield and prizes, the Captain, with his usual large-hearted generosity, entertained the visiting bands to luncheon, and took the greatest possible interest in the day's doings throughout. This year the contest was again held on Empire Day, but at the neutral tower of Clifford Parish Church. There was a very pleasing increase in the number of entries, and Captain Kidston was present, looking remarkably well after his long and serious illness, and showing the greatest concern for the comfort of the competitors, and the success of the competition. The day was gloriously fine, and the view from the churchyard was superb. The competition consisted of a 6-score of Grandsire Double, and the same number of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles.

There were nineteen entries, to ring in the following order:—Bulth, Bridgnorth St. Leonards, Foy, Bodenham, Ross, Glasbury St. Peter's, Talgarth, Brecon St. Mary's, Whitbourne, Leintwardine, Welshpool, Lugwardine, Llangattock, and Bredenbury. Each team was allowed a few minutes' practice, and at about 11.33 a start with the competition was made. Mr. Short, the instructor, was present to certify as to the bona fides of the members of each band, and the adjudicator, Mr. Harry Withers, of Selby Oak, was stationed in one of the rooms of the Rectory.

Lunch, which Captain Kidston provided, was served in the schoolroom at 12.30, by the proprietor of the Crown Hotel, Hay, after which Mr. J. Cartwright, of Foy, rose and said he had been asked to propose a vote of thanks to Captain Kidston for the very great kindness he had shown to them in providing the shield and prizes and paying all the expenses of the day, including return railway fares. It was the first gathering he had had the pleasure of being at, and he hoped it would not be the last. It would do a great deal in the way of promoting the objects of the Guild, for which he was very thankful, having been a member since it started. The competition had brought together the pick of the ringers and they had heard some fine ringing. It was with very great pleasure that he proposed the heartiest vote of thanks to Captain Kidston.

Mr. J. Overton, of Bridgnorth, in seconding, said that it was exceeding good of Captain Kidston to draw them

together in that way. Nothing could create the kind of feeling which was wanted better than those gatherings. He had never been to one before, and he hoped to come again. The vote of thanks was accorded with three times three and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Captain Kidston was received with loud cheering on rising to reply. He said it was a genuine pleasure to him to be there that day, and he hoped to see them all again another year, even more of them than on that occasion. Another year he thought of adding a handbell competition. They were indebted to the Rev. Trumper for allowing them to come to that lovely and heavenly spot to hold their competition. The tower was a neutral one, and so all had been placed on an equal footing. Last year Glasbury won the shield, and it was a great pleasure to him. He hoped they would win it again, but it would not do for them always to win it, as there would be no fun for the others. The Captain reminded his guests that they did not ring for filthy lucre, but for the honour and glory, and he had provided for the winners a memento of the occasion in the shape of medals suitable for attaching to their watch chains, which he hoped would remind them of the occasion to their dying day. [The medals were handed round and much admired.] Continuing, the Captain said that there were a large number of teams belonging to the Guild, and he hoped to see many more entering another year. In conclusion he asked them to show their gratitude to the Rev. — Trumper for allowing the use of his bells.

Hearty cheers having been given the Rev. Trumper, that gentleman said that instead of being thanked, he felt he ought to thank them for affording him such a treat in bell ringing. For them to collect in such numbers as they had, meant, he thought, a great deal of trouble for someone. He was an old bellringer himself, perhaps the oldest there, so that he knew something about the art, and he congratulated them on the very fine ringing he had heard. Bellringing was a high art and they were in a very privileged position with regard to the church. There could be no good ringing without good striking and that day the striking had been excellent.

The competition was then resumed.

The winning band proved to be Bridgnorth St. Leonard's—John Elcock, Ernest Foxall, Bertram Head, H. W. Overton, John Overton, and Wilfred Overton.

The second band was Bridgnorth St. Mary's—Geo. Case, Sidney Greatwich, Walter Hayward, Walter Hall, Geo. Jones, Jno. Rogers.

In addition to the shield the winners received silver medals with gold centres, and the second prize was a bronze medal. The medals bore the following inscription—"Glasbury Bellringing Competition, Empire Day, 1913." Before leaving tea was partaken of and Mr. C. A. Morgan, of Clifford, took photographs of the winners and of the whole group of ringers. Captain Kidston—who was accompanied by Mr. E. Butler, of Glasbury—stayed till all was over and all had gone. In addition to those mentioned valuable assistance was rendered by Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Dulas Terrace, Hay.

CHARLTON KINGS (Gloucestershire). — On Saturday, May 10th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. Shercliff, A. K. Harrison, C. Sanders, J. Austin, A. P. Wakley (conductor), A. S. Boar, J. T. Dyke, J. Bastin. Tenor 20 cwt. This was J. Bastin's first peal attempt.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, KENNINGTON.

BRIXTON—On Sunday, May 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 44 mins. H. D. Opher, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, A. Miller, Archibald Miller, G. W. Wild (conductor), T. W. Welbourne.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

METHERINGHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. F. Dawson, W. Green, G. H. Cooke, F. W. Stokes (conductor), H. Green, R. Fincham, J. Dawson, J. Foster. First quarter-peal on the bells, and first by all except the conductor.

ALSAGER (Cheshire).—At the Parish Church on Sunday, May 25th, for Divine Service in the evening, in honour of the new Vicar of the parish (the Rev. E. Walley), a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1344 changes. J. Johnson, G. A. Smith, J. Darlington, J. Godber, W. J. Washbrook jun., W. R. Washbrook, A. A. Clay, W. Thompson. Conducted by G. E.

Smith. The Tunstall ringers desire to thank the local ringers for kindly letting them have the use of the tower for the occasion.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, May 4th, for Divine Service at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 50 mins. *W. H. Worsley, L. Attwater, A. E. Artherton, A. W. Darlington, A. Cutmore. *W. J. S. Knights. W. J. Troughton, J. W. Driver (conductor), S. J. Collins, G. F. Edwards. Composed by C. Charge. *First quarter-peal in the method. On Tuesday, May 6th, the anniversary of the Accession of His Majesty the King, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 32 mins. W. H. Worsley, E. H. Cook, E. A. Artherton, S. J. Collins, L. Attwater, W. J. S. Knights, A. W. Darlington, J. W. Driver (conductor), W. J. Troughton, G. F. Edwards. Composed by A. Spittle, of Dudley.

WISBECH.—On Thursday, May 22nd, in the belfry, 720 Bob Minor. S. Andrews, 1-2; T. Haines, 3-4; R. Narborough (conductor), 5-6.

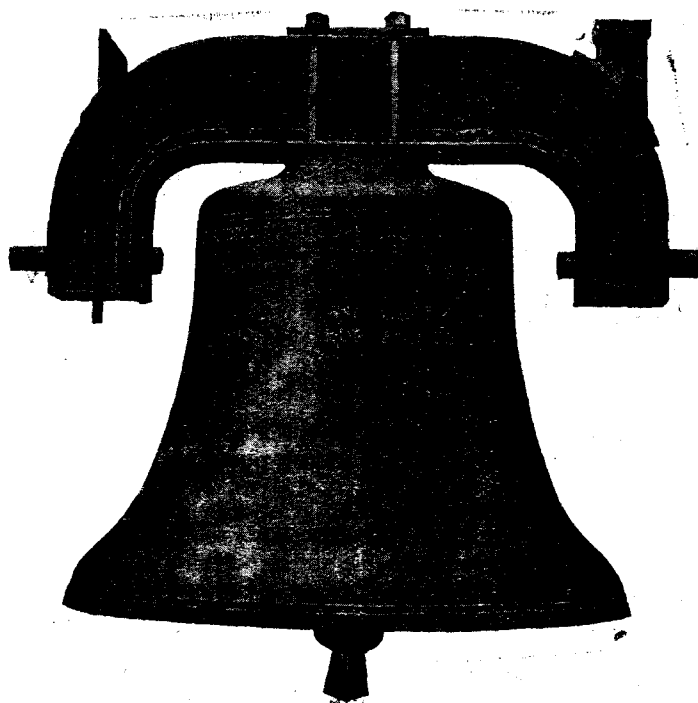
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Notices.

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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 June 5th and 19th; St. John's. Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 p.m.; all the others 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Surfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of ten bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at The Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. As Surfleet is a country village, it is absolutely necessary that intending visitors wishing to dine, must notify me not later than May 24th. Stations—Surfleet, G.N., 1 mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., 2 miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.

G. Ladd, Hon. Sec.

Pinchbeck, Spalding.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, May 31st. 3.0—Bells (6) available. 5.30—Service. The Rector will address the ringers. 6.15—Tea in the old School. Tea tickets—Members 6d., Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are overdue, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

North Street, Guildford.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—The May meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 31st, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (Rev. W. Mills) is providing a free tea, and it is hoped a good number will attend a meeting at this old ringing centre. All members and ringing friends will be welcome.

W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.

149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

Bart Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (Association Form), and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 9d. each, at The Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possibly can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor buses to Farnborough, and thence 1½ miles through Lord Avebury's Park. Will those who wish for tea send me their names by Tuesday, June 3rd, the latest.

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

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.

W. LATIER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th, at Bentley, South Weald. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to me on or before June 4th.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7. Members intending to be present, please notify Mr. W. Wheelodon, 45, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Thursday, June 5th.

Rev. John Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, next. Service at 3 p.m.

Thos. Best, Hon. Sec.

Blechley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The adjourned monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton (6 bells), on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Bnrton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Airewas on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.

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Bob Royal	2	2
	50	23

GLOUCESTER.—On Whit Monday, May 12th, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was attempted at St. Michael's Church, but after ringing 2 hrs. 45 mins. it had to be abandoned, on account of a wedding service. A. K. Harrison, W. Shercliff, C. Sanders, J. Austin, A. P. Wakley (conductor), J. T. Dyke, A. S. Boar, E. Davis. Tenor 26 cwt. First attempt in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th. The above touch was specially arranged for Messrs. Harrison, Shercliff, Wakley, and Sanders, who were spending a week-end in Cheltenham, on account of the re-union of the St. Paul's Training College.

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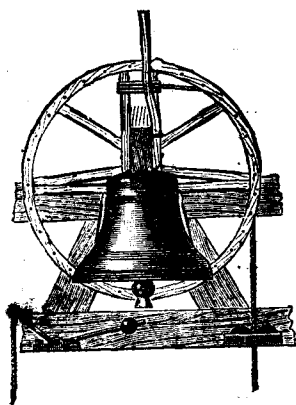
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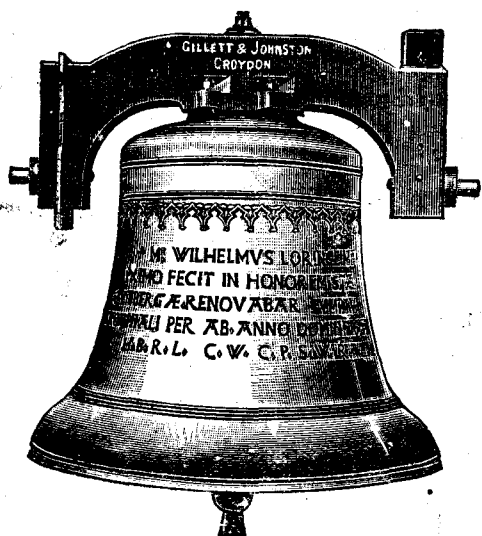
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Mr. F. H. Dexter's article will
appear next week.

OBITUARY.

We regret to record the death of
Mr. Walter Cook, a member of the
Ilkley band, and the Yorkshire Asso-
ciation, who passed away on May 24th,
after a long illness. At the funeral on
May 28th a large number of ringers
attended. Muffled peals were rung on
Sunday, May 25th, and on the day of
the funeral.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Whitsuntide meeting of the above Association was held on Whit Monday at North Shields. There was a splendid gathering of members, and quite a number of visitors who were in the North to attend the Central Council Meeting on the Tuesday attended. The bells of Christ Church, North Shields, South Shields, and Whitley Bay were open all day to those who cared to ring. A capital dinner was served at the Beach Hotel Tynemouth, sixty-nine members sitting down. The chair was taken by the President, Mr. C. L. Routledge, supported by the Rev. R. E. Holmes (Vicar of Tynemouth), Rev. B. Jealous, Rev. A. W. Lister, A. T. King, I.S.O. (president of the Middlesex Association), J. W. Taylor (vice-president Midland Counties Association), others present were R. Stephenson and C. Todd (joint secretaries of the Durham and Newcastle Association), G. Watson (hon. secretary of the Sussex Association), J. Cotterell (treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), B. Prewett (Herts), E. C. Gobey (Midland), H. Chapman (Lancs.), K. Hart, G. H. Howse (Sussex), G. Bolland, P. J. Jackson (Lancs.), C. Johnston (Surrey), J. S. Goldsmith, and others.

After "The King" had been honoured the president proposed The Visitors, to whom he extended a warm welcome. In response, Mr. A. T. King, in a happy little speech, thanked the president for his kind words of welcome and to all members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, who had done so much for the entertainment of the visiting members from other Associations. It struck him most forcibly that the further North he went the greater the hospitality shewn. He would return home with pleasant recollections of a most enjoyable trip. Mr. J. S. Godsmith, whose name was coupled with the toast, said what a pleasure it was to him to be there that day, and endorsed what Mr. King had said as to the welcome received. This was carried with acclamation by the visitors present.

The great event of the day was a presentation to Mr. C. L. Routledge, the genial President of the Association. Mr. G. T. Potter, Ex-President, spoke in high terms of him, of how he had unselfishly given his time and thought for the welfare of the Association. Over thirty years he has been connected with the Association, and many of these have been in office as secretary, vice-president, and president. Now he was president and no man more deserved that honour, and he hoped he might long be spared to enjoy it. Personally he wished to thank Mr. Routledge for all the assistance he gave him during the time he occupied the presidency. On behalf of the members of the Association he asked Mr. Routledge to accept three silver dishes which were inscribed "Presented to C. L. Routledge, Esq., President, by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Changeringers, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his past services; Whit Monday, May 12, 1913." Mr. Routledge received these amid cheering and singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." In returning thanks he said he thought he knew everything that was going on, but

this presentation had fairly bowled him over—so much that he was at a loss for words. He said he had done nothing to deserve this, and whatever he had done had been a labour of love. Mr. C. Todd, Joint Hon. Secretary read an apology for absence from J. H. Barker (Consett), who sent his good wishes to Mr. Routledge. This concluded the meeting, bands being afterwards made up for peal ringing in the evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT.

A Monthly Ringing Meeting of the above was held at Duffield on Saturday, May 31st, and was a most successful gathering, the most striking feature being the wide area represented, which shews the great attraction that ten bells have to change ringers. The following places were represented:—Alfreton, Burton-on-Trent, Crich, Darley Dale, Derby, Etwall, Ilkeston, Uttoxeter and Wirksworth, and we were also agreeably surprised to see the clergy represented, as the Rev. C. J. Sturton of Orston, near Nottingham, turned up and took part in a great portion of the ringing.

Tea was provided at the Bridge Inn, and a fair number sat down. At the subsequent meeting held in the belfry the Rev. Sturton was unanimously voted to the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, and the next place of meeting was discussed. It was pointed out by the Hon. Sec. that as the Quarterly meeting of the M.C.A. would be about the end of June, it would not be advisable to arrange a monthly district meeting for next month. It was finally decided that the next meeting be held at Brassington, in July, if arrangements could be made, Mr. Fox pointing out that Messrs. Taylor & Son, of Loughborough, had just put in a new bell, to make a peal of six, and as there is no change-ringing at the present time at Brassington it was an opportune time for missionary work there.

Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy and churchwardens for placing the bells at the disposal of the members, and also to the Rev. Sturton for presiding. The Rev. Sturton, in responding, remarked how delighted he was to visit the Derby District meetings, and said some of the happiest hours of his life were spent amongst ringers. He hoped in his closing remarks that they might have many more such gatherings.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening until 8 p.m., to the standard methods, and everyone was of the opinion that the meeting had been a great success.

BEDFORD —At St. Paul's Church, on June 1st, for Evensong, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major. J. Churrah, C. Chasty F. Webb, E. Tingey, H. Tysoe, H. L. Harlow, F. Smith, J. W. Barker (conductor).

EAST MOLESEY (Surrey).—On May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Brown, J. Howes, F. G. Woodiss, Miss E. Fisher, H. G. Naish, J. N. Friswell, C. Stade, H. Waters.

DEDICATION OF SURFLEET BELLS.

THE VICAR'S GENEROSITY.

Thursday, May 15th, was a great day in the history of Surfleet Church, and also in the history of local campanology. On that day the bells of the church were dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln. Hitherto Surfleet has only had six bells, but through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. H. Law James, four new ones have been added, four of the old bells recast, and the whole six re-tuned. The old bells were sent to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, some weeks since, and the ten bells were brought to the church on Wednesday, and placed on the floor beneath the belfry.

The Rev. H. L. James is well known as Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and there are probably few people in the county who have such a knowledge of ringing and of other matters connected with bells and bell ringing. The Bishop of Lincoln, in the course of his sermon on Thursday, paid the rev. gentleman a graceful compliment when he said that he (the Bishop) was aware that in referring to the history of bellringing he was speaking in the presence of experts.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The worshippers were called to the service in the afternoon by the ninth bell, as it stood with the others on the floor of the belfry, being "tapped" by one of the ringers, the sonorous sound echoing and re-echoing through the church with almost deafening vibrations.

There was a goodly number of people assembled in the church when the choir and clergy left the building to meet the Bishop of Lincoln. The clergy in the procession were the Rev. H. Law James, Rev. R. E. Clarke, M.A. (Bicker), Rev. H. B. Woolley (Vicar of Longstanton, Cambs), and the Rev. A. L. Richards.

The Bishop was accompanied by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., of Spalding, who acted as the Bishop's Chaplain.

Mr. J. H. Lilley, A.R.C.O., of Spalding was the organist at this service.

Among the congregation were the Rev. F. F. Wayet, of Pinchbeck, the Rev. C. J. S. Ward, of Moulton, and Mr. Taylor, a member of the firm of bellfounders.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. L. James, and the two lessons were read by the Rev. A. L. Richards and the Rev. R. E. Clarke respectively. The Psalms sung were Nos. 78, 29, and 150, and the anthem, which was very nicely rendered, was "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire" (by Thomas Attwood). For the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis G. M. Garratt's settings were used. The hymns were, "Hark, hark, my soul," "May Jesus Christ be praised," and another hymn especially appropriate to the occasion, the first verse of which was :-

Lift them gently to the steeple,
Let our bells be set on high :
There fulfil their daily mission,
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The choir and clergy accompanied the Bishop to the steps leading to the belfry floor, when his Lordship solemnly dedicated the bells, the Rev. H. L. James naming the saints to whom the new bells were consecrated. The ceremony concluded by the Bishop reading the six beautiful collects composed for such occasions.

As the procession returned to their seats, the bells were "tapped" by the following, Messrs. R. Richardson, W. Richardson, H. Richardson, R. Lane, and Dexter

His Lordship took for his text Philippians iv, 4. "Rejoice in the Lord alway," and in the course of a short but eloquent address urged the necessity of Christians being joyous.

After the service the ten bells were placed on, and near the steps leading to the belfry floor, presenting a spectacle not likely to be again seen in any church in the district for many a long year.

The members of the choir and ringers were entertained to tea at the Fraser School through the kindness of the Vicar. The ladies presiding at the tables were: Mrs. J. Richardson, the Misses Richardson, and Mrs. J. Reynolds.

THE EVENING SERVICE.

The service at Church in the evening, conducted by the Vicar, was not so well attended. The preacher was the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, Cambs, and the organist was Mr. D. Rooksby.

The Rev. Woolley is an enthusiastic campanologist, and in his thoughtful sermon drew a striking analogy between the Christian Church and the bells. He said—"If we desire a picture of the church, dwell in by the Holy Spirit, we have one in your beautiful bells, now lying on the belfry floor, ready at the appointed time to ascend to the place appointed for them above."

The collections at the two services amounted to £2 3s. 11d., and were devoted to the fund for the Ringer's Chapel in Lincoln Minster.

After the service the Vicar read and explained the inscriptions on the bells to a number of interested listeners.

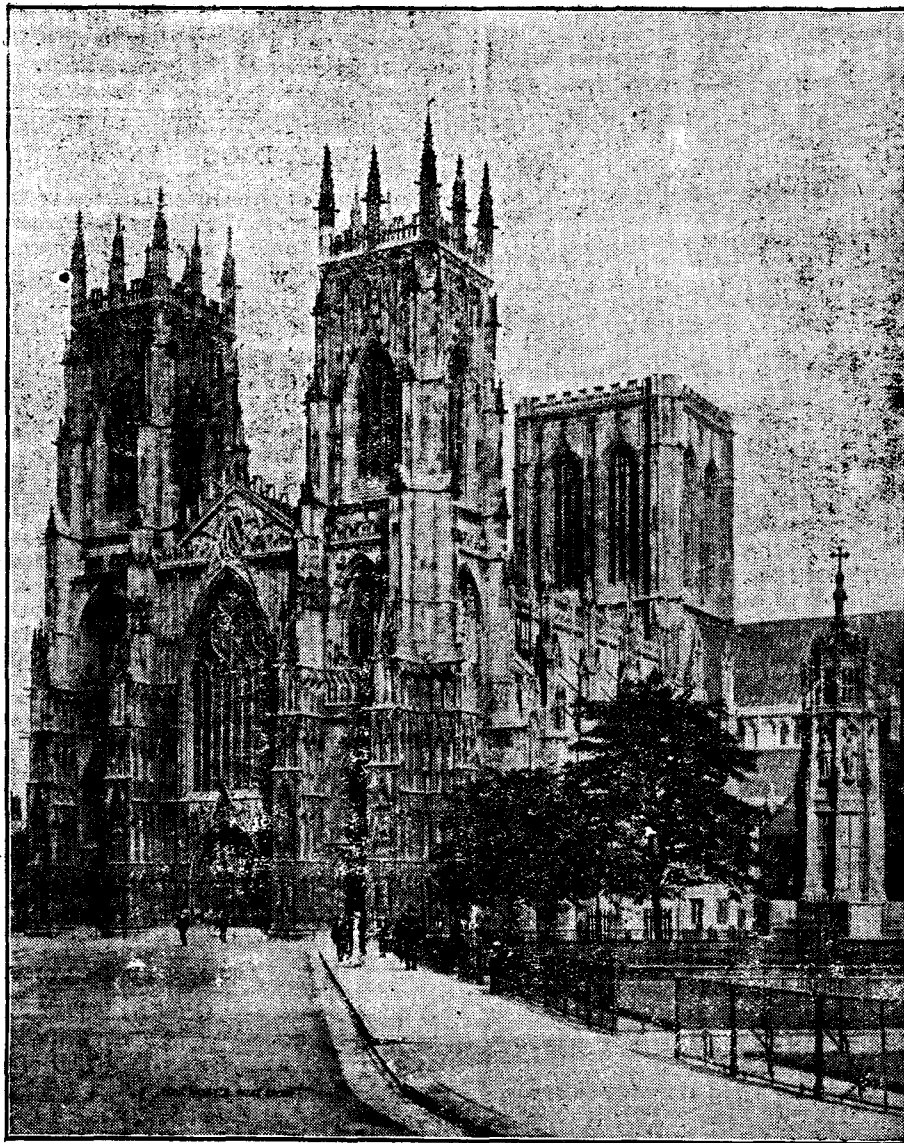
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WARWICKSHIRES ON THE WAR PATH.

Perhaps there is nothing more interesting than piloting a party of change-ringers through a district in which change-ringing is absolutely unknown—especially so when the party includes two capable lady ringers. Such was the writer's pleasant office last Saturday, when a little tour round of about thirty miles was successfully negotiated by a few members of the Warwickshire Guild. The programme was due to commence at Whitnash, near Leamington at 12 noon, but, without going into details and apologies, the motor-cycle contingent did not arrive until 12.30 p.m. Here we found a pretty peal of six, very easy to handle, and a touch or two of Grandsire Doubles were brought round. The Rector informed us that he used to do a little ringing, but could not be persuaded to take a rope with us.

Our next objective was Chadshunt, nine miles south, and far removed from the hurry and bustle of life. The church stands a mile distant from the village of Gaydon, and alone in its ancient glory. Here we picked up another member, who told us that Chadshunt was at one time a larger village than Gaydon, but appears to have been razed to the ground about the time of the battle of Edge Hill—in fact it was part of the battle ground itself. How the church escaped like demolition is a problem not easy to solve. Perhaps it served too useful a purpose as a stable. We found a ring of six of some quality in a very fair going order, and, with the addition to our band, some Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles was accomplished. Hailstorms on the way had delayed arrival here considerably, and so a move was made as soon as possible on to Kineton, where lunch was very welcome. We could not ring in this quaint old town, owing to bells and tower being out of order, and after lunch our two lady members had to make all speed back to Warwick. The rest of us wended our way four miles to the base of the Edge Hill, where nestles the old world village of Tysoe. This was the premier attraction of the outing, for here Messrs. Taylor had been at work last year, and both bells and tower had undergone thorough restoration. Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon and Birmingham fame, was waiting patiently for us, and the whole village appeared to have assembled to look at these strange men who could ring changes without talking—for we started with a plain course of Kent Minor. The bells are a fine-toned ring of six, and go magnificently, and the locals outside were heard to whisper that we had "rung bells before." Some Grandsire Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were brought round, a local man standing in for some part of the time on the tenor. Another refused to do so, saying "he did not want to be mesmerised!" Tea was enjoyed, at the Vicar's invitation, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells.

Oxhill was our next port of call—a light ring of five, which went well to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a few miles farther on another ring of five awaited us at Butlers Marston, with a tenor about 15 cwt. These proved very noisy indeed in the tower, but are nice bells, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles sounded well upon them.

This was the finale to a round which, it is hoped, may do something towards exciting the interest of South-West Warwickshire in change-ringing. It proved most enjoyable to all concerned, and our best thanks are due to the respective incumbents for their permission to ring, and also to the local ringers at every place who had everything in readiness for us. In all the towers visited, except Whit-

nash, there had never been any change-ringing done before; and a rather unique experience of the afternoon was that we never climbed a stair to ring. In every case the ropes came down to the ground floor. C. C. C.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts District of the above was held at Somersham, on May 31. Proceedings commenced with a tea at the "Black Bull" Inn at 4 p.m., followed by a meeting, at which, in the temporary absence of the Vicar, the chair was taken by the Rev. W. H. Hamilton. Among others present were the Rev. H. B. Woolley (District Secretary), and Messrs. W. J. Goss (Ramsey), T. Creasey and T. Medcalf (Somersham), T. Rowlinson, A. J. Abrams, D. Cooshleg (Chatteris), and E. Townhead (Sutton), etc.

Mr. G. D. Coleman (St. Neots), was elected to serve on the Committee with Mr. W. J. Goss, and several new members were admitted. It was decided to hold the next meeting (with the consent of the authorities) at Huntingdon, some time in October. Afterwards an adjournment was made to the tower where despite the bad "go" of the bells, which are sadly in need of repair, 360 Bob Minor and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round, besides a touch of Bob Major on handbells.

The tower was visited during the evening, by the Rev. A. H. Walker (Vicar), who had just returned from a holiday, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who took part in the ringing.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at the pretty old-fashioned village of Puttenham on Saturday, May 31st, and was attended by about forty ringers who came from Ash, Aldershot, Farnham, Frensham, Haslemere, Godalming, Cranleigh, Shalford, Guildford, Woking, Merrow, etc. The Vicar gave them a hearty welcome, and also some practical advice in his address at the service in the Priory Church. The tea was held in the Old Schools, and the business included the election of several new members. It was decided to hold the next combined practice at Wonerish in July, it being hoped that it may be the means of inducing the local band to join the Guild. The District Representatives were instructed to bring the absence of notes to the peals in the new Report to the notice of the Central Committee at the Annual Meeting at Winchester. The pretty ring of six were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods.

BIGGLESWADE.—On May 25th, 896 Grandsire Triples. E. Hussey F. Blood. J. W. Barker (conductor). A. Pratt, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow, W. Mayes, L. C. Franklin. The above was rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 2nd, for evening service at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins. H. Elson (first quarter-peal), G. R. Stroud, E. W. Marsh, W. Hooper (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), R. A. H. Debson, W. Hornbrook, W. H. Marsh, W. Rundle, F. Hockaday, F. Purse. Conducted by E. W. Marsh,

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER VI.—concluded.

THE PROOF OF THE SURPRISE PEALS.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON, Past Presidents of the
Revised by WM. SNOWDON, Yorkshire Association.

In table B—see below—are five columns; the first headed Bob B, denotes the calling position of a bob Before, and gives its course-end scale. The headings of the next two columns give the positions for bobs at the M and W, together, again, with their respective course-end scales. Then follows, in column four, the position of the Tenors before, whether bobbed or plain. The last column, H. or C.E. is reserved for the course ends in a manner similar to the other, and, again, the course-end scale is given for a bob H when called. In front of each of the filled-in course-ends a dash (-) is inserted where a bob is made.

TABLE B.

Bob B (35264)	M (43562)	W (52436)	Tenors Before	H or C.E. (42356)
- 35264	cut out	cut out	35264	- 23564
	23564	23564	23564	- 52364
	52364	52364	52364	- 35264
	35264	- 63254	63254	- 26354
	26354	26354	26354	- 32654
	32654	- 53624	53624	- 65324
	65324	65324	65324	- 36524
	36524	36524	36524	- 53624
	- 63425	63425	63425	- 46325
	46325	46325	46325	- 34625
	34625	34625	34625	- 63425
	63425	- 26435	26435	- 42635
	42635	42635	42635	- 64235
	64235	64235	64235	- 26435
- 63254	cut out	cut out	63254	63254
	- 23456	- 52436	52436	- 45236
	45236	45236	45236	- 24536
	24536	24536	24536	- 52436
	52436	- 35426	35426	- 43526
	43526	43526	43526	- 54326
	54326	54326	54326	- 35426
	35426	- 23456	23456	- 42356
	42356	42356	42356	- 34256
	34256	34256	34256	- 23456

Commencing to fill in the various columns, we begin with the bob B, and in its column enter its C.E. (course-end) 35264, then, but for the fact that a bob B cuts out the M and W, we should have continued to insert 35264 in all up to the H column. So we leave M and W blank, but insert it (35264) in the last column but one, as we there wish to compare it with all the other positions "before," whether bobbed or plain. Coming to the H or C.E. column, as a bob has to be called, we use its scale 42356 on the previous C.E. 35264, and enter the result, 23564, in this last column, and in this way complete our first horizontal line. Commencing our second line, as there is no bob until we again reach H, we enter in the M and W columns, and also in the Tenor-before column, the same C.E. figures as last obtained, as they represent the course in which the bells are still running: when, however, we again reach H, to secure that bob H result, we once more transpose by the H scale, and get 52364 as the last bobbed C.E. in our second line. Following this plan, the previous course-end is always kept running along, horizontally, in each new column until the next bob is called, and then the scale of that particular bob is used, and its course-end appears until it in turn becomes a thing of the past by the advent of a new bob, and so on. Other points in the table need a little notice; namely where the two bobs Before appear, so far as their own column. This column is placed first, in the order of its occurrence, but it will be noted that the resulting C.E. (omitted, as explained, under the M and W heads) are both entered in the "Tenors-before" column, in order that all "befores," whether bobbed or plain, may appear in one and the same column.

When the whole table is completed, it shows, in whatever

horizontal line you examine it, the particular row of figures which then and there represent the C.E. to which the bells are running.

If this is once grasped, that is, the system of laying out the current course-end in each column, then Sir Arthur's summing up may be intelligibly applied, namely:—"If in the whole table no duplicate rows are found in the same column the lead ends are true": or, in other words, there must not be found in the same vertical column, be that the M, W, Tenors-before, or H, any second use of the same course-end, otherwise the lead ends are false.

On examination the composition will prove to be involved in the ever deceptive position connected with the course-ends of a bobs Before, see 63254, which will be found twice over in the Tenors-before column, showing that the composer forgot, when he used the second B-bob, that he was using a lead that had previously turned up at a plain lead in the fourth course. In this composition the falseness does not however stop there, for in the M column, during the twelfth course, 63425 appears at a plain lead; but in the ninth course this same row had already been used at a bob, as the course-ends under the M column clearly show.

Those who have Sir Arthur's work on the "Duffield" method will find this question of proof of the lead-end by tabulating the course-end, gone into at first hand, and they will do well to re-read what is there written. The main thing to remember when composing with tricky calls, such as Before, In and 5th, 5th and 4th, and the like, when using this plan of Sir Arthur's, is not only to enter the course-ends of the call itself, in its own column, but to throw into that same column the figures of all the course-ends at which plain leads may possibly bring about a repetition of such a call or calls. In some cases it may be less confusing to use two columns for some of these double calls.

Reverting for a moment to the old plan it will be noticed that the Author gave no scale for finding the lead-end of a bob B, nor the same when followed by a plain, or bobbed, H. We propose no attempt to supply the deficiency, as we think it only another way of encouraging the use of a very puzzling mode of procedure. It would be necessary to give a scale both for a B bob, and also one for the "Tenors-before" at a plain lead, and we think no one acquainted with the more modern plan—here explained—would ever trouble to work out the necessary transpositions to meet the old system.

(To be continued.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers was held on Wednesday, last week, at Wimborne, which possesses the only "peal of ten" in the Diocese. The members were the guests of the Wimborne Branch, and the arrangements were made by the Rev. W. Percy Schuster (hon. sec.), and the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Headmaster of the Grammar School). There was an early arrival of some of the members, and soon after eleven they tried "a touch" on the Minster bells, which were renovated and added to during Coronation year. Those not engaged in the belfry were conducted over the Minster by the Vicar (Canon J. M. J. Fletcher, R.D.), and at noon a service was held at which an address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the Vicar. Dinner was held at the Masonic Hall, and afterwards the election of officers was proceeded with. In the afternoon the Vicar acted as guide to another party wishing to view the Minster. Brakes were provided by the branch, and parties were made up for St. Giles, Cranborne, Canford, Poole, Lytchett Minster, Sturminster, Marshall and Bournemouth, the belfries of the parish churches being inspected at these places and various peals rung.

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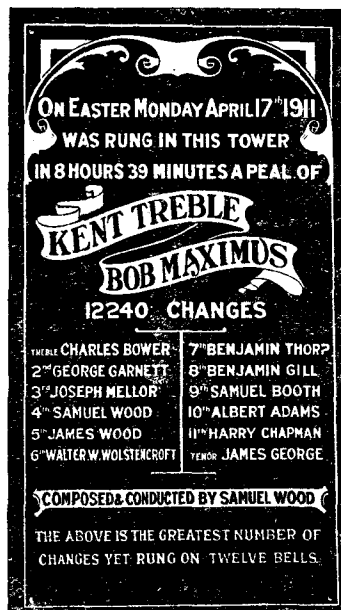
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1913.

The Provinces.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN HOLMAN	Treble	OLIVER DIXON	7
WILLIAM BURGAR	2	T. BOTTRILL	8
SAMUEL WOOD	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	9
GEORGE HOLMES	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	10
REV. A. T. BRESTON	5	SAM THOMAS	11
JAMES EVINSON	6	WILLIAM BIGGIN	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTESLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times [(extent) in fifths, and the 5th (out of course) extent home. It is supposed to be the first peal rung with these qualities in this exact number of changes.

CROSTHWAITHE, WESTMORELAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON	Treble	ERIC L. BENNETT	4
CHARLES E. WERE	2	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	5
GORDON WHITMAN	3	WILLIAM NOBLE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The ringers desire to record their warmest thanks to Mr. W. Noble (member of the Crosthwaite band) who so kindly provided them with a welcome tea at his residence before the peal, and also for providing refreshments after the peal; also to the Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar, for the use of the bells. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th belong to Ambleside; 2nd to Hawkshead; 5th to London; tenor to the local band.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Monday, May 26th, 774 Grandsire Caters. R. Christian, G. Clayton, C. Harding, W. Blyth, D. Hayward (conductor), H. W. Needham, H. Wright, W. Lee, F. Pestell, H. Hammond. H. W. Needham hails from Leicester.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

COMPOSITION 36.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MORRIS J. MORRIS	Treble	JOHN CARTER	5
GEORGE GARRISON	2	JOHN CORRIGAN	6
JAMES JONES	3	PERCY O. LAFLIN	7
WILLIAM J. MEERS	4	WILLIAM DAVIS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, and as a birthday compliment to Samuel Reeves. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also the towerkeeper for having everything in apple-pie order.

TWYFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY STRATTON*	Treble	THOMAS SPRATT	5
WALTER YOUNG	2	FREDERICK J. OXENBURY	6
WILLIAM G. CARTER*	3	LEONARD S. LAMPAED	7
SILAS E. WATERIDGE*	4	JESSIE PENTON	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. OXENBURY.

*First peal. First peal by a local band.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED J. CHUTER	Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY	4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER	2	GEORGE UPSHALL	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	3	THOMAS UPSHALL	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lb.

E. ROBERTSON*	Treble	OLIVER STAINES	4
W. MITCHELL	2	B. M. TARGETT	5
ALF. BACON	3	GEO. HAWES	Tenor

Conducted by GEO. HAWES.

*First peal.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

W. COMPTON	Treble	A. C. BAILEY	4
S. J. COLEMAN	2	S. STUBBINGS	5
G. D. COLEMAN	3	E. C. CHARTY	Tenor

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

PORTSMOUTH

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas a'Beckett.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lb.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	EDWARD REYNOLDS 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
FREDERICK BURNETT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
LIONEL H. PAGE 4	HENRY C. INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, and of the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar of this church, the Rev. R. S. Medlicott. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lb.

HOBART E. SMITH Treble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN* 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	JOHN C. SELV Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST NEWMAN Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WALTER BURST 3	JAMES FRECH 7
HENRY W. CATTEWELL 4	JAMES FLEUTY Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE BULL* 5
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3	JOHN H. SWINFELD 7
HERBERT HUDMAN 4	JOHN HOUGH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAING, and Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

*First peal in the method. Rung on Empire Day.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt.

W. TOM JEANES Treble	THOMAS J. LLOYD 4
HENRY J. CREED 2	ARTHUR WREADON 5
TOM W. CREED 3	ISAAC CREED Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5344 CHANGES

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
HENRY W. KINGTON* 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 7
ERNEST NEWMAN 4	DAVID H. ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

*First peal of Superlative. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt 3 qrs. 12 lb.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	FREDERICK MANSEE 5
JOHN SNELLING 2	FREDERICK BORRETT 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
GEORGE SNELLING 4	FREDERICK SEAGER* Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

*First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday May 26, 1913 in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. BRICE.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE A. JONES Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4
BASIL C. OWEN 2	JACK BUSLES 5
FREDERICK HAYES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal and first attempt by Basil C. Owen, who is to be congratulated on the excellent way he rang his bell, and the first peal of Minor by Herbert A. Holden. Both these ringers are members of the local band.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb.

R. ALDER GORTON Treble	ROBERT GORTON 5
ARTHUR PAYNE 2	GEORGE R. HARRISON 6
THOMAS R. PARCIVAL 3	THOMAS T. GORTON 7
JOSEPH A. GORTON 4	THOMAS M. WHITFIELD Tenor

Conducted by R. ALDER GORTON.

*First peal. First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt, and by an entirely local band.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH).

AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE GUILD.
 On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
 AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
 Tenor 31 cwt.

HARRY MORTON* Treble	FREDERICK JOHNSON 6
RAYMOR YOUNG 2	FRANK COOK 7
HERBERT JORDAN 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS 8
JAMES HEMMING 4	HARRY MIDDLETON 9
FRANK MOSS 5	WILLIAM WOREMAN Tenor

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

*First peal on ten bells and first attempt. This peal was rung with the bells half muffed as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. A. Holmes, who for the past three years has been Curate of All Saints' and St. Lawrence Churches, and who passed away at Tewkesbury old Vicarage on May 24th, and was interred at Tewkesbury Cemetery, on May 28th. This peal preceded a memorial service in All Saints' Church.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
 HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES EDWARD JOYNES* Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 5
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 2	EDWIN J. STRINGER 6
FREDERICK J. COPE 3	GEORGE PARSONS 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	JATOR SHABOEN Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL

*First peal of Stedman.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Stockport and Bowdon Branch).

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.
 Tenor 30 cwt.

HIRAM MEAKIN Treble	GEORGE ASHBURY 6
ALFRED BARNES* 2	GEORGE W. BEMERSE 7
JOHN HOLMAN 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 8
SAM THOMAS 4	JOHN FLINT 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERLEY, and Conducted by S. THOMAS.
 100th peal.

POULTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINDR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE MARIES Treble	GEORGE RAWCLIFFE* 4
FRED GREENWOOD 2	FRANK WHITESIDE† 5
JAMES BOLTON† 3	ROBERT CARDWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARIES.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells which have been in the Tower for 209 years.

HANDSWORTH (Birmingham).—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Johnson, W. G. Ellis, C. Starkey, T. Westwood, T. Verry, R. Faux, T. J. Bratton (conductor), R. Speakman.

BRAMPTON ASH.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT E. YORE Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN 4
BERT KILBORN 2	HARRY PEET 5
ROBERT G. BLACK 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

First peal of Minor by the ringers of the treble and 5th, and first peal in four methods by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

ORSETT, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

HARRY CHINNERY* Treble	ARTHUR R. KEELING 4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	ERNEST J. BUTLER† 5
GEORGE H. JAYE 3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Jaye and Keeling.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble	RUDEEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 TEDESTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. .. Tenor	WALTER SMITH 5
FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE SEN .. 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 4	WILLIAM LYDDIARD* Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Groombridge, Jun., the band wishing him "Many happy returns of the day."

Handbell Peal.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

STANLEY E. ANDREWS .. 1-2	THOMAS HAINES 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH.	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First double handed peal by the ringers of 1-2 and 3-4, and first double handed peal of Minor by the above Association.
 Umpire—George Yate.

HAGGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.
AN "ALL CONDUCTED" PEAL.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 1-2 | ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD .. 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3-4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8

First quarter composed by J. Pritchard, and conducted by A. W. Grimes; second quarter composed by J. Armiger Trollope, and conducted by A. F. Shepherd; third quarter composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by J. Armiger Trollope; fourth quarter composed by J. J. Brearley, and conducted by Wm. Shepherd.

Umpire—Mr. E. E. Grimes. This is the first time a performance of this description has been accomplished.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH),

On Monday, June 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HERBERT BENFIELD† .. Treble | GEORGE GARRISON* 5
MISS SARAH FIGOTT 2 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
HORACE HOWELL† 3 | JOHN BASS 7
WALTER FIGOTT* 4 | GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

*First peal of Major †First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. This is John Bass' 150th peal for the Worcestershire Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bass, and Mr. J. Swann, father of the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

On handbells retained in band,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2 | WILLIAM PYE 7-8
ERNEST PYE 3-4 | JAMES HUNT 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—J. E. Davis. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hunt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

TRIPLE HUNT MAJOR.

To the Editor.

SIR.—In reply to Mr. Trollope let me say, if he can point to an earlier published example than mine, I willingly agree to stand corrected. On examining what he has pleased to give us as Cambridge and London Surprise Royal, arranged by means of adding two hunting bells to the Major I come to the same conclusion as I did many years ago, viz.: that any method so treated is put in such an eclipse as to be scarcely recognisable and in fact it becomes almost an abomination, while of course you can make them the whole rings hunts if you chose. I don't think I should have done anything more with the example you published for me on the 24th ultimo, but for Mr. Trollope's letter, but I will now ask you to withdraw it for the purpose of, and to substitute another for it, which will be known as Triple Hunt No. 2. This contains a slight alteration in the work of some of the blocks which clear the scale of the lengthening leads for composition.

Mr. Trollope tells us also that his London slightly

varied, is the nearest example that can be had to "London Surprise Peal." Well, opinions differ. I consider it not as good, certainly no better than that which they have rung years ago; further, that which I composed and published subsequently is much the best of the whole of them.
H. DAINS.

TRIPLE HUNT MAJOR, No. II.

12345678	48672513	43517286
21346587	84675231	34157268
12435678	84762513	43512786
21436587	48765231	34152768
24163857	47856321	31425678
42614875	74853612	13426587
24168357	74586321	31245678
42618375	47583612	13246587
46281735	45738162	12364857 plain
64827153	54371826	
64281735	54738162	13425678 Bob.
46827153	45371826	

AUTOMATIC TOLLING APPARATUS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I have sometimes wondered why in churchyards where funerals are frequent some machinery connected with a clock (where there was one) was not made, whereby the bells could be tolled automatically so to speak, and relieve the sexton for other duties. I have been touring in the north of England, and amongst other places visited the village of Whalley, in the extreme north of Lancashire, placed in beautiful surroundings, and the Church one of the most interesting ones possible, with pre-Reformation benches and carved oak screens. In the belfry there was a ring of five bells and a clock, and in addition, a simple piece of mechanism, without any connection with the clock, whereby the tenor was struck by a hammer every minute. The motive power was a heavy weight, which had to be previously wound up. It was calculated to toll every minute for exactly half an hour, with the result that if the funeral were late, there would be no bell! In my younger days I have lived in country villages where the funerals were invariably an hour behind time. Such an arrangement as this would have been invaluable.
Yours, etc.,

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, June 3rd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 53 mins. †F. S. W. Butler (conductor), *W. Dickenson, *J. T. Bartram, J. C. Tinker, *P. Ballance, *C. H. Baker, J. T. Ladd, *H. Torr. *First quarter-peal in the method †First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CUBITT TOWN.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1312 changes). H. Clark, T. Cranfield, W. Theobald, Y. Green, R. Saunders, E. Andrews, H. Torble, A. C. Hardy (conductor).

TALLAND CHURCH, CORNWALL.

The tower and four bells of this church having fallen into a state of disrepair, which makes the bells dangerous to ring, a scheme has been set on foot to collect about £350 to make a thorough restoration, and add two more bells to make a ring of six, at the earnest desire of the ringers. Since Christmas £105 have been collected locally and from friends; but in such a poor parish it is difficult to see how the entire balance can be raised, and I, as Treasurer, have therefore decided to appeal to all the ringers of England (through the kindness of the Proprietor of the BELL NEWS), to help us.

The bells are all by the Penningtons. Two 1804, one 1773, and one 1788, and have not been rehung since the latter date, so they want it pretty badly.

I should be very glad to receive even the smallest amounts, as every penny helps, and I think all ringers will agree that it is a very worthy object.

C. F. JERRAM, Captain, R.M.L.I.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Royal Marine Barracks,
Plymouth.

June 2, 1913.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH OPEN NEW BELLS AT
SURFLEET.

The re-hanging of the Surfleet bells was completed on Friday, and on Saturday the residents of the village were charmed with the ceaseless flow of melody, which commenced at about eleven o'clock in the morning, and concluded at nine o'clock in the evening.

The occasion was a meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, which was attended by ringers from Donington, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Bicker, Fleet, Long Sutton, Great Hale, Heckington, Derby, and Peterborough.

During the day touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, and Little Bob Royal. The tone of the bells was pronounced to be excellent, leaving nothing to be desired from a ringer's point of view. Great credit is due to the founders, Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and the bell hanger, Mr. R. F. Lane.

An excellent dinner was provided at the Crown Inn by Host Battram, who, noted as he is for his proficiency in the culinary art, on this occasion excelled himself. The Rev. F. F. Wyatt, of Pinchbeck, President of the Branch, presided, supported by the Rev. H. Law James, M.A., Rev. B. H. T. Drake (Sandy), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. W. M. Blandford, (Lutton), Mr. J. Richardson, Mr. W. E. Burrill, (churchwardens), Mr. G. W. Hensman, and Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough). After dinner the usual business meeting took place, presided over by the Rev. Blandford. Messrs. W. E. Burrill and J. W. Taylor were elected honorary members, and Mr. J. W. Lakin a ringing member of the Guild. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Donington in October. Mr. Geo. Ladd, of Pinchbeck, the secretary of the branch, was among those present at the meeting.

During the afternoon a service was held in the church, which was attended by the ringers and a number of parishioners. The preacher was the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and he delivered an admirable sermon, based on Rev. xxi, 16. The offertory for the fund for Restoring the Ringers' Chapel in Lincoln Cathedral.

Tea was provided for the ringers in the Fraiser School at five o'clock, the ladies presiding being Mrs. R. Richardson, and the Misses Richardson, Mrs. J. Richardson, and Mrs. F. Tomlinson.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS'S 150 PEALS.

Methods	Rung	Conducted
1 Minor	4	1
2 "	1	
3 "	2	2
7 "	4	2
Bob Triples	1	
" Major	16	2
Grandsire Triples	21	
" Caters	4	
" Cinques	1	
Union Triples	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1	
" Royal	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Kent " " "	8	
" " " Royal	1	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	
Duffield Major	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	18	3
" " " " Caters	1	
Stedman Triples	20	3
" Caters	6	
Superlative Surprise Major	18	2
Cambridge " "	9	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
London Surprise Major	7	
Total	150	15

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HAND-BELL CONTEST.

The 10th Annual Contest for the Yorkshire championship will be held at Sunny Vale, Hipperholme, to-day (Saturday, June 7th).

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A joint meeting of the Bedford and Luton Districts was held at Marldon, on Saturday, May 24th.

The glorious weather drew out a large number of members, and the ringing of the bells gave additional zest to the local Empire Day celebrations. A considerable number of methods, including London, York and Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

About 5 p.m. the members sat down to an excellent tea and the business meeting followed.

It was decided that Luton district should hold the next meeting at Dunstable, on Saturday, June 21 or 28. The Bedford district to hold the next meeting at Bromham, on Saturday, June 21.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. A. Beresford concluded the meeting, and the members again attended to ringing.

During the evening a number of the members journeyed

to Ampthill, and expressed extreme satisfaction at being allowed to have a pull on the beautiful ring of six in the tower.

BARKING.—On Sunday, June 1st, at St. Margaret's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1280 changes). G. Cottis, H. Parker, T. Faulkner, C. Fenn, R. Blake, R. Fenn, A. C. Hardy (conductor).

Bow (Stratford).—For evening service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1312 changes). R. Turner, T. Cranfield, W. Truss, Y. Green, E. Andrews, H. Torble, R. Saunders, A. C. Hardy (conductor).

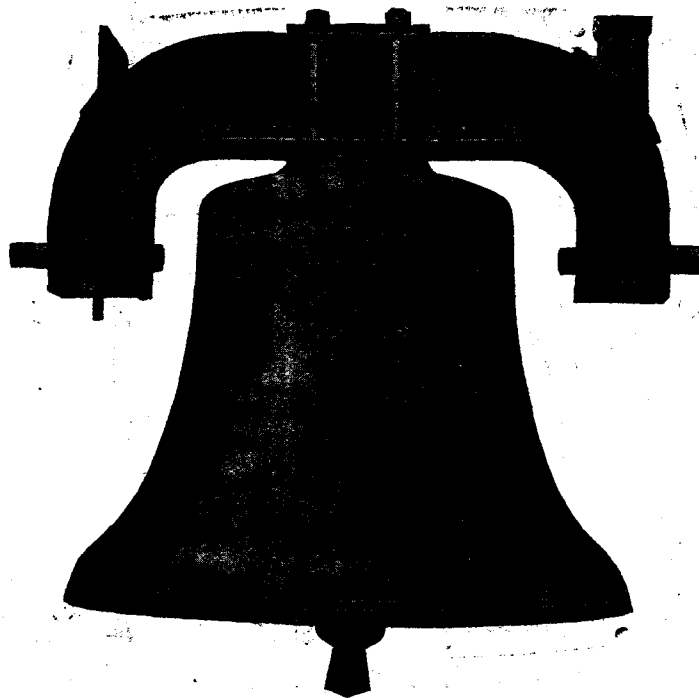
GORLESTON-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. H. Wright, R. Christian, A. Webber, H. W. Needham, D. Hayward (conductor), W. Lee. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Needham, who hails from Leicester.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 35 words, for the first insertion; subsequent insertions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 5th and 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 p.m.; all the others 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 Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Business meeting at 5.15. All ringers invited.

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

The Kent County Association.—Lewisbam District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (Association Form), and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar), at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow, 9d each, at The Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possibly can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor buses to Farnborough, and thence 12 miles through Lord Avebury's Park. Will those who wish for tea send me their names by Tuesday, June 3rd, the latest.

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

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3. Service in Church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2s. each, will be paid to members attending. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.

26, Dukes Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—A bye-meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th, at Bentley, South Weald. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to me on or before June 4th.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Service at 7. Members intending to be present, please notify Mr. W. Wheelodon, 45, High Street, Bucknall, not later than Thursday, June 5th.

Rev. John Reay, Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson,

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th next. Service at 3 p.m.

Bleichley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The adjourned monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton (6 bells), on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Airewas on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.

H. Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childwall, on Saturday June 14th. Bells ready at 4.30.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday,

June 14th. Bells (10) will be available at 3.0 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea (8d. each) will be provided in the Schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 11th.

9, Edward Road,

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

E. J. Dowler.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3.0. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rector. Tea at 6.0 o'clock in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports will be ready.

15, Rugby Street,

Wolverhampton.

H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersleigh, on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4.0 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.

R. G. Knowles,

Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3.0 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. Watson,

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.0 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton, on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars to follow.

E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

Taunton.

Essex Association.—Agricultural Show at Braintree, Wednesday, June 11th.—Ringing at the Parish Church all day. Visiting ringers will be welcome.

Chas. H. Howard,

Braintree.

THE SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

FORTHCOMING COMBINED MEETING.

A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available, Rye (8) and Iden (6) from 2 till 9. A special service will be held at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock, preacher the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.) who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery, immediately after the service, to be his guests at tea.

A short business meeting will follow the tea. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to the Sussex members who attend, on application to their Secretary, as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their Secretary on or before June 17th, as a large attendance is anticipated, and the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.

G. H. Howse,

"Kenilworth," Latimer Road Eastbourne.

Hon. Sec., Eastern Division, Sussex County Association.

C. Tribe,

British School Villas, Tenterden.

Hon. Sec., Ashford District, Kent County Association.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Monday and Tuesday, May 26th and 27th, the ringers of All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, and St. Barnabas, Linslade, combined their practice to have the pleasure of ringing with the Misses E. and D. Steele, of Bedford, who were on a visit in the neighbourhood. On Monday, at St. Barnabas, touches of Grandairs Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and on Tuesday, at All Saints, Grandairs and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

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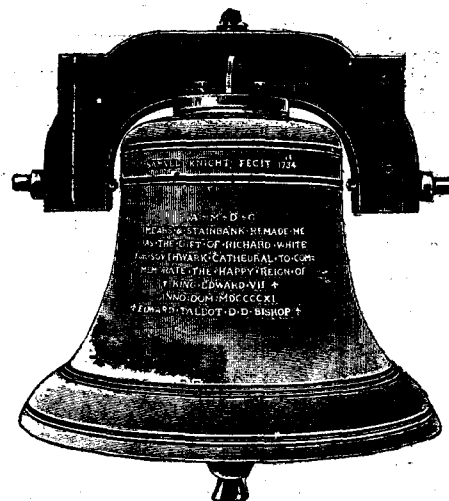
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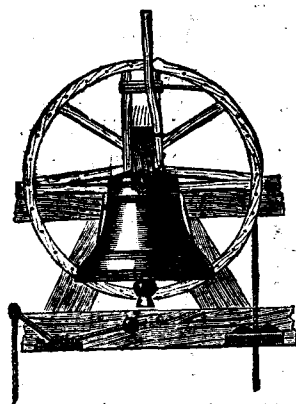
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The Rev. H. A. Hill, speaking at
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Burrington, laid particular stress on the
duty of ringers to attend service, the
need for more ringers than was actually
necessary to ring the bells in a tower,
so as to allow a margin for absentees,
and the desirability of the older men
teaching the younger ones, three
subjects on which all ringers will be in
accord with him.

The village churches of Atherington
and Burrington seem to keep time in
he matter of their bells. They were
cast in the same year, restored at the
same time and now again almost at the
same time.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The 15th Annual Meeting was held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 12th, ringers attending from Richmond, Tanfield, Stockton, Middleham, Thirsk, Sharow, Hemingbrough, Ripon Cathedral, Skelton, Marske, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Wath, Darlington, Pateley Bridge, Kettering, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Dinner was provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, presided over by the President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, supported by the Rev. R. Macpherson, Precentor Ripon Cathedral, Mr. W. W. Worthington and the Secretary, sixty sitting down to a most substantial dinner, as is usually provided at the above mentioned hotel.

After dinner the usual toasts were duly honoured. Letters of apology were read from Dr. Bishop (Tanfield), Canon Palmer (Sharow), and the Dean of Ripon. Before proceeding further with the meeting the President said in looking round the room he found that they had been honoured by a gentleman being able to pay them a visit on his way to the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, in the person of Mr. D. J. Nichols (Kettering), and he hoped he would have an enjoyable time. He also alluded to the presence of Mr. W. W. Worthington, and repeated the good wishes in his case. At this stage of the meeting he would like to alter the routine of the business, as the Rev. R. Macpherson informed him that he would have to leave them. He would take the opportunity of proposing that the best thanks of this Association be given to the Dean and Chapter of Ripon Cathedral and to Canon Palmer (Vicar of Sharow) for the use of the bells on this occasion.

The Rev. R. Macpherson, in replying, bade the Association, in the name of the Dean and Chapter, a most hearty welcome to Ripon. In the course of his remarks he said that when the President wrote asking him if he would join them at dinner at their annual meeting he was at a loss as to what to do or say in the matter, but in the end he made up his mind to say that he would accept the invitation. He was very pleased that he had come, as he had no idea that so much interest was taken in bellringing. Judging by the number that were there, willing to pay their own travelling expenses from a great distance to attend, it was quite evident that there was a great deal more in bellringing than the outside world was aware of. He was proud to be able to tell them that he had been appointed to take charge to a certain extent of the Cathedral bells and see to the wants of the bellringers; therefore, it seemed to him that by coming to this meeting he had grasped some idea of the work and pleasure to be obtained in this kind of work, and hoped that by the time the annual meeting of the Association came to Ripon again he would be able to go more fully into the art. In conclusion he hoped that they would enjoy themselves on the Cathedral bells, and be able to give a good account of their work. Having to take part in the services at the Cathedral he would have to leave them for the present, but hoped to join them again in the Cathedral tower later in the day.

The minutes of meetings held by the Association during the year were read and passed unanimously. The report of the Association's work during the year was read by the Secretary. Calling attention at the commencement to the Bill brought before Parliament to Disestablish the Church in Wales, he said they, as churchworkers and bellringers, should put their shoulders to the wheel and do everything that lay in their power to keep their ancient rights; because if this should become law in Wales there was no reason to suppose it would not happen in England; and if this was done it might very seriously interfere with the Art so many of them loved. Turning to the work of the Association the report complained of the slackness of tower secretaries in sending tower reports for the annual report. The report showed that 24 peals had been rung during the year, which was a record. They had been rung in the following methods: 1 peal of Grandsire Caters, 10 of Grandsire Triples, 2 of Stedman Triples, 1 of Bob Triples, 1 of Bob Major, 1 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 of Double Norwich Major, 2 of Minor; also 2 peals of Minor and 2 of Bob Major on handbells. Eleven conductors had taken part in these peals and fifty-seven ringers. The ringing compared favourably with previous years, being similar in point average. During the year 27 members have been elected, including honorary, life and performing members. The balance sheet showed that the Association stood in a good financial position, having a credit balance in the bank of £27 gs. 10½d., after paying all accounts and granting the sum of five pounds to the Vicar of Whorlton towards defraying the cost of repairing the church bells. The meetings held by the Association have been well attended, the ringing done at these meetings being mostly in the nature of practice, with the idea of bringing young ringers forward, and also of giving them the opportunity of ringing with the more experienced ringers. By so doing the Association considered that more good is done than by the more experienced ringers banding themselves together and taking up the whole of the time that is at their disposal, as a rule, at these meetings. In the closing sentences of the report the Secretary made special mention of their most genial President, the Rev. W. P. Wright, a gentleman whom the Association was most proud of. He attended all meetings possible, which is a great factor, considering that his parish is some sixty miles distant from the centre of the Association. In conclusion the report made sympathetic reference to the death of the oldest member of the Association—Mr. Joseph Baines—who died on Wednesday, April 9th, at the great age of 92 years. He did not go in for a great deal of peal ringing, having only rung one 5000, but as a Sunday ringer he was always to be found in his place. Punctuality was his motto; in fact he was a man whom a great many of the present day ringers would do well to take as a pattern. His ringing career commenced when he was about 22 years of age, under the tuition of his father, at Sharow, when there were only six bells. Following ringing at that time for about three years he thought that bellringing was not a fit and proper work for Sunday, so he gave it up, left the Church and joined a dissenting body and continued

in that work for about forty years. He then rejoined the Church and took up ringing again, but before he could satisfy himself that bellringing was a fit and proper Sunday work he had an interview with the then Vicar of Sharow, who laid his case before the Canon. The latter assured him that there was nothing wrong in any man ringing church bells on a Sunday so long as they were rung for the work that they were intended for. He had by this time reached the age of about sixty, but he set himself about the Art of change-ringing in the tower of his younger days, which had been augmented to eight. After ringing at Sharow Church for a few years he joined the Ripon Cathedral Society, and rang at both Sharow and Ripon for some time, the time for ringing at the Cathedral suiting so that there was time to get to Sharow. He picked up Stedman and Double Norwich quite as quickly as any of the younger hands. He finished his ringing career at Sharow, and though his home was some eight miles from the church he could always be found in the belfry ready to take his place at the rope up to about twelve months before his death. He was laid to rest in Sharow churchyard on Saturday, April 12th, there being a full choral service, his favourite hymn, "Rock of Ages," being sung. Several members of the Association attended the funeral and rang the bells deeply muffled and half muffled in his honour.

After the report was passed several new members were elected. The Rev. R. Macpherson was elected an honorary member, Mr. W. W. Worthington a life member, and four lady members.

The President reported that the following places had been recommended by the Committee to hold meetings during the ensuing year: August Bank Holiday, Middlesbrough; September meeting, Middleham; Easter Monday, 1914, Malton; and the Annual Meeting Whit Monday, 1914, Northallerton. The President then vacated the chair, Mr. W. W. Worthington taking his place *pro tem*. Mr. T. Stephenson proposed, and Mr. J. W. Newton seconded, that the whole of the retiring officers be re-elected. This being put to the vote was carried unanimously. Mr. Worthington, after saying that his duty had been a very pleasant one, asked the President to take his seat, which he did, thanking the members for electing him.

The next item was the election of two representatives for the Central Council. Proposed by Mr. A. McFarlane, seconded by Mr. W. Pollard, "That the President and Secretary be the representatives." Carried unanimously.

During the day a good deal of ringing was done, the bells at both Sharow and the Cathedral being kept going the greater part of the day, touches in the following methods being rung: Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Double Norwich Major, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Royal.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(JASPER SNOWDON SERIES).

CHAPTER VII.

The following article is from the pen of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., revised to date for this work:—

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.—The usual manner of detecting false changes within the leads is to compare the bells in 5-6 at the course-ends; if there be no course-end with the bells in 5-6 reversed, as compared with any other course-end, that is, as

6 5 is to 5 6, the composition cannot be false without showing it at the lead ends.

But although the absence of reversals in 5-6 at the course-ends is evidence of truth, their presence does not always imply the contrary.

It is well known that if a course-end—such as 23456—comes at a plain lead, 24365 also coming at a plain lead will not be false with it, because the two false course-ends that act against 23456 are 32465 and 43265.

At one time I was under the impression that Mr. N. J. Pitstow, a pioneer in Superlative composition, was the first to have made use of such pairs of reversed course-ends, but it appears that the late Mr. H. W. Haley composed and conducted such a peal, in 1852.* Mr. Henry Dains has, however, gone further, and by this means has hit off the first two-part peal ever composed in the method.* Here, apparently, the use of what I shall call reversed course-ends had stopped, one 5 6 and one 6 5, both plain lead course-ends, being seemingly deemed the extent to be had out of a pair of bells in these positions—at least this was so in 1886 when this article was first written.

Now there are four places in a course of Superlative where false internal changes may occur, viz.: (1) rows with the treble in 7-8 up and down in the second lead may repeat with one another; (2) the same may occur in the sixth lead; (3) also rows with the treble in 1-2 down and up between the second and third leads may repeat with one another; and (4) the same may occur between the fifth and sixth leads.

But in any course in which a bob Before is called there can be no false changes with the trebles in 1-2, because the leads that would contain them are cut out, so by a judicious use of bobs B it will be found possible to bring these reversed course-ends not only each at plain leads, but also at bob leads; or one at a plain lead and one at a bob lead; and, further, in this latter case to use a third 5 6 or 6 5, as the case may be, or their equivalents.

In order to show how much may be done on these lines I append a table giving the various reversals that may be had, taking the course-end 23456 to work from. The marks to the left and right of the course-ends show where it is necessary that they should be preceded or followed by a bob Before: also the course-ends marked H must come with a bob at Home, those not marked coming with a plain lead. The left hand half of the table shows the possible arrangements where 23456 is a plain lead, the other, the right-hand half, shows 23456 as bobbed at Home. The horizontal lines divide the various sets.

Preceded by bob B	Course ends.	Followed by bob B	Preceded by bob B	Course ends.	Followed by bobs B
(1)	23456 24365		(2)	23456 H 32465 H	—
(3)	23456 24365 H	—	(4)	23456 H 24365	—
(5)	23456 32465 H	—	(6)	23456 H 32465	—
(7)	23456 24365 H 32465 H	—	(8)	23456 H 42356 H 24365 H	—
(9)	23456 34256 32465 H	—	(10)	23456 H 34256 H 32465	—

On examination it will be found that several of the above arrangements are only the converse of others, but I have thought it simpler to present them all to avoid confusion. The set of course-ends under No. 9 is by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and is the more interesting, as it forms an alternative to No. 10 of my previous collection, what may be termed the "calls and omits," at H, being interchanged.

* Will be given amongst the peals later.

(To be continued.)



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEET AT WEST EALING.

A meeting of the Middlesex County Association that proved particularly successful took place at St Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 31st, over thirty members attending. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Thompson), the ringers heartily joining in the singing of the hymns. Subsequently all were entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs Thompson, amongst those present being Messrs A. J. F. Gunning and L. S. Guy (churchwardens), and Mr Walter Tyndale. After tea a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr J. H. B. Hesse (vice-president). Among the new members elected were two sons of Mr Geo. Hesse (West Ealing), who delighted the company with the way in which they rang a pair of handbells each in a touch of Grandsire Triples—a very creditable performance for lads so young. They were very heartily applauded by the company, which included such well-known ringers as Mr. I. Beadle (master of S. and W. District), Mr. H. C. Chandler (hon. sec.), Mr. Waghorn (Tottenham) Mr. Geo Ransom (Isleworth), Mr. Pratt (Hillingdon), Mr. Iles (Shepherds Bush), Mr. W. Elion (Earl's Court), Mr. Bird (Heston) Mr. Kibley (Willesden), Mr. Hunt (Barnes), and Mr. W. Lawrence (instructor St. Stephen's).

The local band is by no means strong and anyone desirous of joining should apply at the belfry on any Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9 o'clock. The instruction is given free.

RINGER'S OUTING.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

The third annual outing of this company was an unqualified success. A programme had been drawn up, which included a visit to Woolwich Arsenal as the principal item, and as a result of the excellent arrangements made the whole programme was carried through without a hitch. Leaving Bolney in wagonettes a most enjoyable drive brought the party to Haywards Heath Station in time to catch the 7.40 a.m. train to London Bridge. On arriving breakfast was the first order, after which the journey to Woolwich was continued. On reaching the Arsenal the party, which numbered 13, were divided into two sections, and conducted through the various shops and workrooms inspecting the many interesting operations connected with the manufacture of the implements and munitions of war. After leaving the Arsenal a move was made to Greenwich, where an excellent dinner was taken at the "Gloucester" Hotel, following which a visit was paid to St. Alphege Church, where permission had been given for a short pull. Here they were met by Mr. H. Hoskins, the hon. sec. of the St. Alphege company, and also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. I. G. Shade and other members of the Greenwich band. The back eight were found up in readiness, and the visitors essayed to try their hands on Grandsire Caters. But, perhaps owing to the heat, the number of bells, the weight of metal, the length of draught, or some other cause, the ringing was not of the highest order.

The failure to obtain good striking was quite compensated for by the cordial welcome extended to the party by the local ringers, for which the visitors wish to tender their sincere thanks. They wish especially to thank Mr. Hoskins whose kindness in securing the use of the bells, and making

such excellent catering arrangements was much appreciated.

The visit to Greenwich concluded a return was made to the City and a short visit paid to St. Paul's, followed by tea. Then a start was made for the final, The Palladium, where seats had been booked for the first performance. This was over in time for the trippers to catch the 9.50 train, Victoria to Haywards Heath, which was reached shortly before 11. Conveyances were waiting, and after a pleasant journey "Stand" was called at Bolney soon after midnight.

BURRINGTON DEVON

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AND RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The grand old peal of bells of Burrington Parish Church which date as far back as 1788, were reopened last week after rehanging, the ceremony being performed the Lord Bishop of Crediton. In conjunction with the event was held the annual festival of the Chulmleigh Deanery Bell Ringers' Association, and the day made a red-letter one for the parish, large numbers of people from the surrounding villages joining with the parishioners in the celebrations, upon which the sun shone gloriously, adding much to the success and pleasure of the day.

The work of rehanging the peal has been carried out at a cost of about £131, by Messrs. Stokes & Son, of Woodbury, in a manner that has given every satisfaction.

Parishioners and friends responded nobly to the appeal made for subscriptions to enable the work to be taken in hand, and up to Tuesday it was announced by the Vicar (the Rev. M. D. Buckingham), at the luncheon, a sum of £157 had been raised. With the balance it is hoped to carry out some very necessary repairs to the historic tower.

The task of collecting subscriptions has been admirable carried out by Messrs. J. H. Cook, J. Tucker, T. Ellicott, T. Rippin, C. B. Snell, T. Buckingham junr., P. Smith, and James Parkhouse. From an early hour in the morning and onwards at intervals through the day, the bells sounded in merry strain o'er the hills, the ringing being carried out by teams from the various parishes in the Chulmleigh Deanery. Those represented, in addition to the local ringers, were Lapford (2 sets), Atherington, High Bickington, Ashreigney, East and West Worlington, Chulmleigh and Chawleigh.

THE LUNCHEON.

A company of about 100 sat down to a splendid luncheon in the schoolroom, the Rev. M. D. Buckingham presiding, supported by the Bishop of Crediton, the Revs. H. A. Hill (Worlington, Hon. Secretary of the Deanery Association); W. Allinson (Chittlehamholt). Mr. Hosegood (treasurer of the Association), and Messrs. H. Stokes and Son, the contractors for the rehanging of the bells. A splendid report was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Symons, of the Barnstaple Inn, Burrington.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, the Chairman gave "Success to the Chulmleigh Deanery Association." He was pleased to welcome the members to the parish for the festival. Referring to the work carried out in connection with the bells, he said they were cast, together with those of Atherington and Landkey, by Pennington, in Atherington Churchyard, in the year 1788. Atherington bells as well as their own, were repaired in the same year, 1884, while there was a difference of only one year in the dates of their re-hanging, the work at Atherington having been carried out last year.

The Rev. H. A. Hill, whose name was coupled with the toast, in responding, said 13 years had elapsed since the

Association last visited Burrington for its festival. It gave them great pleasure to be there that day to take part in the rejoicing on the re-opening of the bells. They were glad to find them in an improved condition, but he did not claim that the credit for this was due to the Association. The effect did not always follow the cause, but the fact remained that that was the sixth tower in the Deanery in which the bells had been rehung since the Association had been started. Dealing with the question of ringers attending the services the speaker argued that it could not be denied that the man who called others to prayer ought to attend that prayer himself. He hoped all present would recognise, as an unwritten law, their duty to attend a service at least once on a Sunday. Mr. Hill then took up the matter of limiting the ringing in a tower to one set of ringers. He was of opinion that it would be an advantage to have more than a single set, as some members might leave the village and then there would be someone to fill the gap. It ought to be a pleasure to the older ringers to teach the younger members who wished to learn the art of ringing.

The Vicar, in submitting the toast of "The Lord Bishop of Crediton," said they could claim him as a North Devon man, and one whom they revered and whose genial face they were always glad to see.

The Bishop said it was a real treat to be present that day to meet the members of the Deanery Association. He began to ring a little when quite a youngster, but did not get very far in the art, but since then he had learnt a little more, and knew the value of it. He knew that all ringers who were as keen about it as those present were doing an immense service for our Lord in this country. They were re-hanging bells all over the diocese, and he was continually seeing the work that had been done by Messrs. Stokes & Son, and everywhere it was very highly spoken of. He congratulated the Vicar and churchwardens of Burrington on the fact that their bells had not been touched or re-cast, because there was some thought about that. There were some quite ready to destroy, thinking the new was better than the old but he thought they had before them that day an example of what could be done by the preservation of the old. Ringing was improving everywhere, and everywhere there was a desire for improvement in ringing. They were glad to see the younger members associated with the older ones. In all things they wanted the young members to carry on the work as the older ones passed away.

The Vicar next proposed "The contractors," remarking that a sum of £157 had been collected towards the cost of re-hanging the bells and repairing the tower.

Mr. Stokes suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The Treasurer of the Association, Mr. W. Hosegood, presented a satisfactory balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of £3 1s. 11d.

THE RE-OPENING SERVICE

was held in the Parish Church. The clergy present, in addition to the Lord Bishop and the Vicar, were the Revs. W. W. Arthur (Atherington), C. V. Wansborough (High Bickington), H. A. Hill (Worlington), W. Allinson (Chittlehamholt), and M. Parker (Eggesford). The service, which was largely attended, commenced with the hymn "O God our help in ages past," this being followed by evensong to the end of the third collect, and the special Psalms lxxvii and lxxxiv. Following the singing of the hymn "We love the place, O God," the Bishop and other clergy proceeded to the belfry, where five short appropriate prayers were offered, and at the conclusion a short touch was rung.

The hymn "Hark, on high the joyful music" preceeded the address, which was given by the Bishop, who took as his text Colossians iii, 23, "Whosoever ye do, do it heartily." In the course of his appropriate remarks, the preacher said it was remarkable how in the case of bells all the parishioners had an interest; how everyone within the borders of the parish united more than they would for any other purpose in re-hanging or increasing the number of their bells, which showed the harmony of spirit in the one body. That was just what was acceptable, for everyone, he thought had a love after all for the old Parish Church, though there might be some who did not worship in it continually. It was built by their forefathers, who also hung the bells in their ancient tower.

The service concluded with hymns "Now thank we all our God" and "Glorious things of thee are spoken," the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. The collection was devoted to the Bells Restoration Fund and the Deanery Ringers' Association.

A public tea followed in the schoolroom.

UNVEILING A PEAL TABLET AT THORNHAM MAGNA.

On Tuesday, May 27th, at the conclusion of a Confirmation Service, the Bishop of Thetford proceeded to the belfry, together with the Vicar, churchwardens and others, to unveil and dedicate a tablet placed there to record the peal of 10,080 changes in 14 Treble Bob Minor methods, rung by the Thornham Magna Company on Thursday, Dec. 26th, 1912. After the dedication the Bishop, in a few well-chosen words, commended the art of bell-ringing especially eulogizing the skill of the local company, who, he said, were rightly famous throughout the Diocese. In conclusion he reminded the congregation that the sweet harmony of the bells was a happy illustration of what the life of every Christian should be lived in harmony with the will of God.

The tablet is a handsome piece of work, executed in marblette, at the works of Messrs. Caspar & Co., of 33, King's Road, London, N.W. In saying this all is said that need be as to the style and workmanship. Their work is too well known among the clergy and Church authorities to need further commendation. All who have seen the tablet at Thornham Magna are exceedingly pleased with it.

Prior to the Confirmation Service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung by C. Nunn, E. Youngs, W. Clover, A. J. Berry, E. F. Poppy, and W. Rose (conductor). The same team rang a 720 of Double Court after the service.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Barthomley, about twenty members being present from seven different towers. Ringing was commenced about 4 p.m., and after touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob had been rung the members adjourned to partake of a capital tea, which had been kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Skene). After tea the usual business meeting took place, which was supported by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who made this his official visit. Afterwards the ringers again adjourned to the tower for other touches, etc., and a capital meeting was brought to a close about 8.30 p.m.

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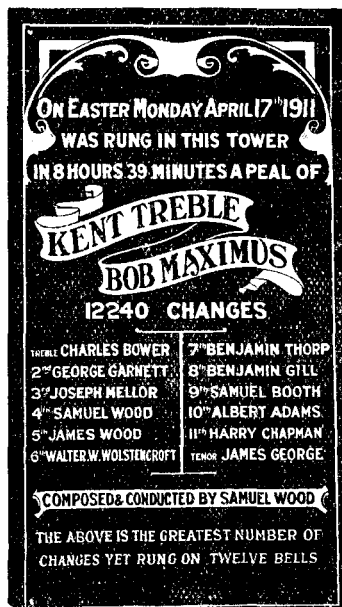
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1913.

The Provinces.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM G. MILLER 6
HENRY DAY 2	SIDNEY DAWK 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
JOSEPH E. SYKES 5	SEYMOUR R. BAREER Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. G. Miller, one of the St. John's Guild, who left Cardiff for the West Coast of Africa on the 11th inst., the ringers wishing him every prosperity in his new sphere.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	THOMAS W. GARRARD 5
WM. R. JOHN POULSON .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE .. 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	THOMAS REED† 7
ARTHUR KEEBLE 4	JOHN KING† Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

†First peal in the method. The ringers of 4, 6, 7 and 8 are of Monks Eleigh, Ipswich, Hadleigh and Polstead, Suffolk, respectively; others of Lavenham. This is Mr. Catchpole's 50th peal. The visitors wish to thank the Very Rev. Dean F. E. Carter for the use the bells.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clements, Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
JIM BRACH 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 5
EDWIN LAMBERT 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	CORPL. GEORGE GILBERT R.E. 4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 2	HUBERT CHAFFBY 5
ALBERT CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal by the ringer of the 3rd, and first peal in seven methods on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. E. Groves Variation of J. J. Parker's 12-Part.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYER Treble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
JOHN F. BALLINGER 2	THOMAS FENDRY 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS .. 7
GEORGE F. WALTERS 4	WILLIAM W. BASTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYER.

Rung with half muffled clappers as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Phelps, a prominent parishioner of Leckhampton. It was the first peal by W. W. Bastin who was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Bell News," to thank the Vicar for kindly granting them the use of the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

A. VICTOR MORGAN Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAWK 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY DAWK.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Kent Major for the Association. First peal of Kent Major for all except the ringer of the 5th.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913 in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College Single, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN* Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 4
ANDREW MARSHALL 2	ALFRED RELFE 5
JIM BRACH 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal in seven methods. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. Harding for making arrangements.

PUTNEY.—On June 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. H. Whanslaw, T. Bolton, W. Honeyball, A. Hubbard, C. Collis, jun., A. Jones, G. W. Honeyball (conductor), C. Collis, sen.

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

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
WILLIAM FISHER 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Lawrence, grandfather of the ringer of the 4th.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
FREDERICK SHAGER 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by C. BRICE.

*First peal in the method.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;
 Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part.

HERBERT HULBERT Treble	FREDERICK LAMBERT 5
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE 2	FREDERICK PEACE 6
LEONARD AMBROSE 3	LEONARD TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM HULBERT 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TAYLOR.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday May 12, 1913 in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

CHARLES HARDING Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 4
GEORGE CLAYTON 2	DENISON HAYWARD 5
FREDERICK KILBORN 3	WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

F. Kilborn, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Desborough, Market Harborough, and was elected a member previous to starting. First peal by the ringer of the 2nd.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

JOHN TAILOR Treble	ROBERT GREEN 4
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2	GEORGE H. KETTLER 5
HARRY HASTINGS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal of Minor with a bob bell. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor belong to the Stoke Society, Coventry, and the others are members of the local band.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Three Hours Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.
 IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS MURRAY 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal of Major.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL Treble	CHARLES LAYTON 4
DAVID HORNE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
CHARLES WROBLEY 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM G. EDWARDS Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON 2	EDWIN J. HARDING 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thrustans'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT W. LOVIE Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN 5
CRCIL O. SAYER 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
JOHN PICKERING 4	GEORGE PICKERING† Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

†First peal. *First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;
 IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lb.

CHARLES E. FISHER Treble	ALFRED E. ACFIELD 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 2	DAVID LEGGETT 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
ROBERT G. MILES 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.

*50th peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

OLD WARDEN.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Biggleswade Branch.)

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of—i, Woodbine; ii, Kent; iii, Oxford Treble Bob; iv, Double Oxford Bob; v, Reverse College Single; vi, Single Oxford Bob; vii, Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. MAYES Treble	CHARLES A. PRATT 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	GEORGE W. NEWTON 5
JOHN W. BARKER 3	FRED BLOOD Tenor

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT 7
EDWIN F. PIER 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to J. Prewett, Esq., an hon. member of the Association.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT WORCESTER.

A band of the Ancient Society of College Youths made an attempt for the first peal of Stedman Cinques on Worcester Cathedral bells on Whit-Monday. In every way great difficulties were experienced, and we are told by those outside that the ringing was good—the best in the method every head there. Permission had been granted to Mr. F. P. Dawe for this special honour some 29 years ago in the time of Lord Alwyn Compton, Canon Cattley, and Sir Edmund Beckett, but a continuity of obstacles intervened to prevent the attempt being made until now, and it is indeed very hard luck to find that owing to a painful eye trouble, from which he was suffering on the day of the attempt, but from which he is now completely recovered, Mr. Dawe unfortunately made a miss call in 28th course, after ringing 2 hrs. and 45 mins. in the most creditable manner. The band was: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taftender 2, H. Langdon 3, T. Miller 4, T. H. Reeves 5, A. Paddon Smith 6, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. H. Shepherd 8, J. George 9, R. T. Hibbert 10, A. B. Peck 11, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 12. Tenor 50 cwt. D flat. The conductor afterwards presented to each of the band an excellent mounted photo of of the Cathedral, recently taken by himself. All concerned wish heartily to thank the Dean and Chapter, and particularly Canon Whatley, for their kindness to the visitors, and also the Rev. G. F. Coleridge for his kind intervention on their behalf.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service at St. John's Church, 1216 Bob Major, in 43 mins. T. A. Easterby A. G. Bennington, F. Fraser, W. H. Daynes, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor). At 7 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins. W. H. Daynes F. S. Bacon, J. Law, W. Weatherstone, F. W. Richardson (conductor), E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries, C. H. Macklin. The conductor's 100th quarter-peal.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By YORK GREEN, London.

5248.

23456	M	B	W	H
25634	2		I	I
26354	I	—	2	2
23564	I	—	2	2
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26435		—	I	2
43265			I	I
62345			2	2
24365	I	—		
26543		—	2	I
25463			I	2
24653	I	—	2	2
52643	I	—	2	
25346		—	I	2
34256	I	—	2	I
52436			2	2
23456			2	

This peal has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th placed four course ends each way in 5-6, the extent in those positions without the 2nd in 5th or 6th. It also contains twenty-two each of the 8-3s and 8-6s, twenty 8-4s, sixteen 8-5s, and 8-5-7s. This is the first peal published on this plan with these qualities.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Thursday, June 5th, Brook's quarter-peal of Steaman Triples, in 49 mins. W. C. Wakley, E. I. Stone, A. P. G. Stone, H. Hurdman, G. Bull, J. H. Swinfield, A. P. Wakley (conductor), J. A. Sanders. Tenor 28½ cwt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Charles Sanders and Miss Bertha Clark and also that of Mr. J. W. Webb and Miss Olive Wakley, which were celebrated the previous day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BECCLES.—On June 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins. R. Goate, T. Beckett, E. Pipe, C. Parnell, G. Baxter, W. Spaulding, H. Ling (conductor), R. Freestone. This is the longest length by E. Pipe. Another quarter-peal in the same method, in 55 mins. R. Goate, T. Beckett, E. Pipe, G. Baxter, C. Parnell, W. Spaulding, H. Ling (conductor), R. Rush. This is the longest length by R. Rush. First quarter-peals rung entirely by the St. Michael's Company for several years.

PULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Borrett, R. Stacey, C. Baker, A. Smith, E. Whiting, W. Roope, C. Roope, F. Roope.

STARSTON (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 720 Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett, H. Piercy, Rev. E. G. Hopper, H. Garnham, E. Reeve, E. Lubbock.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Bloor, C. Woodward, H. Page, J. Woodward, C. Page (conductor), H. Austin.

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YORK MINSTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—As several statements have appeared as to the weight of the Tenor bell of York Minster, I would ask you to kindly publish this, to prevent wilful inaccuracy being attributed to the founders.

The whole of the twelve bells were cast by Mears at this foundry. In 1844 eleven bells were cast to agree with the old Tenor, which was saved from the fire. Five years later the old Tenor was recast, the present bell being invoiced in May, 1849, at 50 cwt. exactly. By an oversight the weight of the first bell has never been corrected in reprints of our catalogue, consequently the bell has been reputed to weigh 50 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lb., which was the weight of the original Tenor.

The many ringers who have succeeded in ringing peals on Southwark Cathedral bells, which we have lately restored, will be interested to learn that the recast Southwark Tenor is slightly heavier than that of York Minster.

Yours etc.

The Whitechapel Bell Foundry, ARTHUR HUGHES
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London, E.
June 9th, 1913.

NEW METHODS.—A CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Dains sent you a Method with three hunts, which he said was the first of the sort. I pointed out that that was not so, that many had been in existence for years; now he says, in so many words, that he will believe me if I can point to the publication of such a Method. He knows as well as I do that none have been published, the reason being partly because they are of no practical value, and partly because I have no particular desire to be numbered among those industrious gentlemen who are continually putting figures together, and as soon as they light on something that looks like a Method straightway send it to the Ringing Papers. Scores of useless Methods have been published, many of them (including Leek Major, the latest) being mongrels. I do not want to add to their number; nevertheless, if anyone wants new Methods I am prepared to supply in dozen lots, assorted, quality guaranteed, and to make a trade reduction of 10 per cent for wholesale quantities of not less than 100 each consignment. Some people seem to think that no Method exists till it has been printed. That is rubbish. There are heaps of Methods in existence that have never even been written down. Then Mr. Dains seems to suggest that I was adding one more to the number of Methods that are claimed to be London Royal. Nothing is further from my intention. I said from the first that London Royal did not exist; there is no such thing. The Method I gave was what I said it was, viz., London Major (slightly varied) with two hunts added, the slight variation consisting solely in substituting Kent places for the 5-6-5s, to clear the falseness. It is not London Royal, but when Mr. Dains says it is no nearer the Method than those published a few years ago, and not so near as his version, I join issue with him. Save for the variation afore-

said it is pure London Surprise. The Cambridge is pure Cambridge, without any exception. I will bet Mr. Dains sixpence to a farthing cake that I could find a good many first-class ringers who would go and ring either without ever seeing the figures. I should say to them "Ring London Major on the ten bells remembering that you have three trebles to pass instead of one, and that, consequently, above the treble all the work is two positions higher up, i.e., 5ths instead of 3rds, and 10-9-10 instead of 8-7-8." I could do it myself, and, goodness knows, I am not a first-class ringer.

Yours etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at All Saints, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th. Members were present from Rochdale, Milnrow, Newhey, Glodwick, Oldham, and the local company. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Clegg, of Glodwick. This was the first meeting held here since the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the ringers present being highly pleased with the go of them.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, June 10th, at Charles' Church, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Hooper, W. H. Marsh, W. S. Hornbrook, R. Dobson, F. Hockaday, W. Rundle, W. G. Hiscott, E. W. Marsh (conductor). First touch of Double Norwich by all the band.

Our readers will, we feel sure, sympathise with Mr. F. E. Dawe and the band who attempted the peal of Stedman Cinques at Worcester Cathedral. They will be pleased to know that he has completely recovered his usual health; in fact, as he puts it himself, he was never better in his life.

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B. 3, 14s.

At the conclusion of the peal rung at Cardiff on June 5th, as a farewell to Mr. W. G. Miller, that gentleman was presented with a nicely-fitted dressing case, as a parting gift from his brother ringers.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday, June 7th, for practice at St. Andrew's Church, a half peal (2592 changes) of Double Norwich Major. J. Cliffe. T. Murray, G. R. Newton (conductor), E. Counce, H. Fyles, E. J. Oliver, E. Breeze, J. Turner. Time 1 hr. 33 mins.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's Bethnal Green, on June 5th, the whole pull and stand, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Coombes. T. Benarden (conductor), G. L. Dorrington, E. Holman, H. Taylor, C. Kennedy, H. Hills, — Sackland, J. Monday.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Thursday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. George of Rugby. S. King, J. Mead, W. Sear, W. Mead, L. Meager, E. Marks, H. Sear (conductor), V. Sear. First quarter-peal by S. King, and first inside by W. Mead.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 896 Grandsire Triples. R. Dore, W. Newnham, V. Neale, A. Wright, H. J. Gray, W. Irons (conductor), G. Gray, G. W. Akers. It was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Gal-

way, a member of the local band, and Miss Reeves, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OBITUARY.

JAMES W. COOMBE.

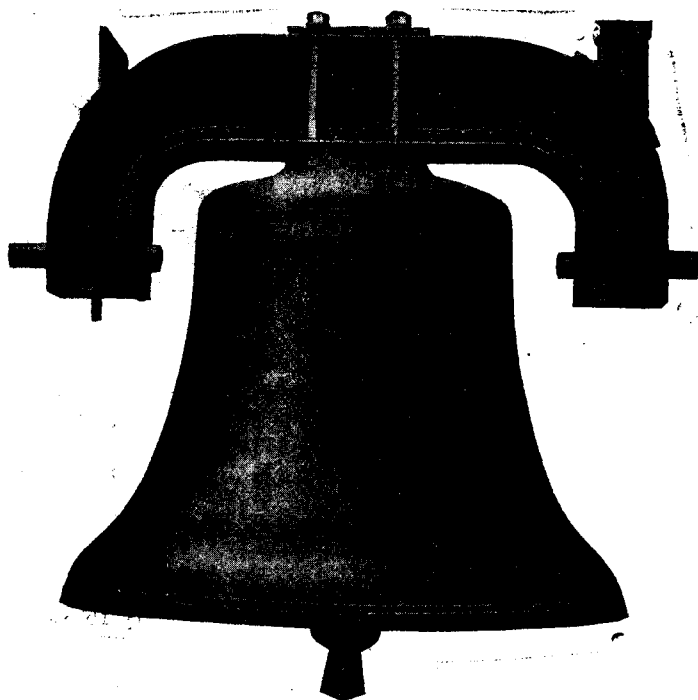
On May 29th, was laid to rest, at Southgate Cemetery the remains of James C. Coombe, a familiar figure among the older school of ringers, who for over 40 years was a regular ringer at St. Clement Danes, where he was taken to the belfry before he could walk. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, St. James's Society, Middlesex Association, Bethnal Green, Hackney, and other bands, beside being well known at Highgate, Hampstead, Gospel Oak, &c., and at each he was highly respected. He was not a peal ringer, the solitary peal in which he took a string being one of Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields some 66 years ago, conducted by Geo. Stockham. Many of his old comrades attended at the graveside, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by N. Alderman (one of the mourners). J. Barry, G. J. Smith, C. F. Winney, and E. A. Young.

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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. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 5th and 19th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 10th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 p.m.; all the others 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society). Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers invited.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (10) will be available at 3.0 p.m. Service in the Church at 4.45. Tea (8d. each) will be provided in the Schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 11th.

9, Edward Road,

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

E. J. Dowler.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3.0. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rector. Tea at 6.0 o'clock in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports will be ready.

15, Rugby Street,

Wolverhampton.

H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley, on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4.0 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. Knowles,

Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3.0 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

J. Watson,
Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.0 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—On Saturday, June 21st, the tower will be open for ringing till 7.30 p.m. Any visitor will be welcome.

A. Symonds.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Leek, on Saturday, June 21st. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, Dragon's Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, not later than June 20th.

Rev. John Reay } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. Bulpit } Hon. Secs.
W. Bentham

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton, on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars to follow.

E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

Taunton.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester, on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2.0 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m., preacher the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first Secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5.0 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

West End, near Southampton.

Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea provided at 6.0 o'clock. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. Chandler.

Hon. Sec.

Heston, Hounslow.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m., preacher Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.0 p.m. Tea at "The Globe" Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m., and St. Nicholas by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.

Rev. C. C. Cox.

Hon. Sec.

Shotton.

Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the "Bull" Inn, at 5.30, 9d. to members who notify me by June 25th. All ringers and friends invited.

H. Rumens,

Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue.

Walthamstow N.E.

THE SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available, Rye (8) and Iden (6) from 2 till 9. A special service will be held at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock, preacher the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.) who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery, immediately after the service, to be his guests at tea.

A short business meeting will follow the tea. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to the Sussex members who attend, on application to their Secretary, as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their Secretary on or before June 17th, as a large attendance is anticipated, and the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.

G. H. Howse,

"Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

Hon. Sec., Eastern Division, Sussex County Association.

C. Trite,

British School Villas, Tenterden.

Hon. Sec., Ashford District, Kent County Association.

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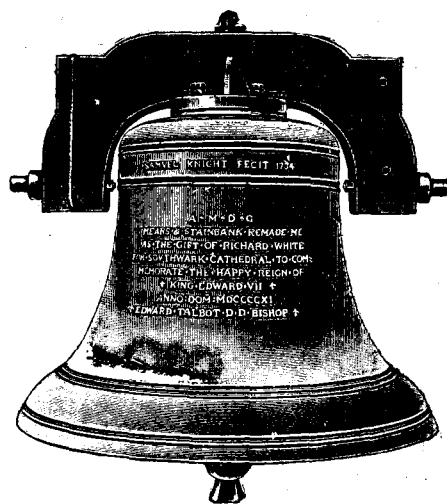
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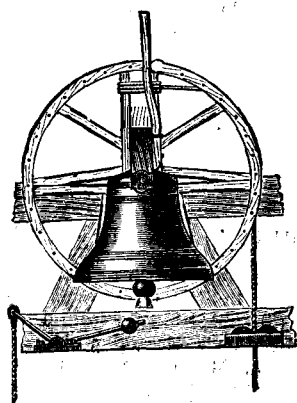
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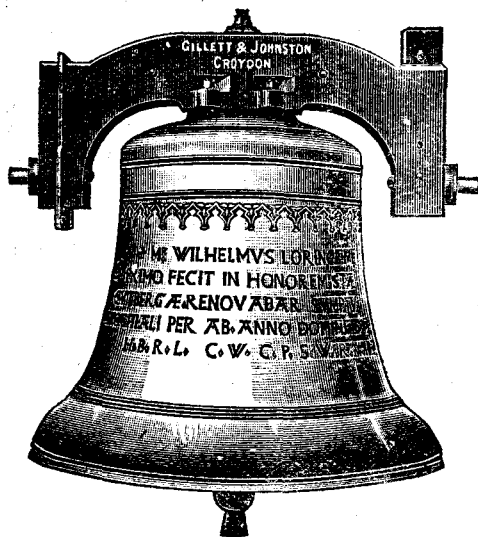
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A new church is being built at Hull as a memorial to King Edward VII. It is to be dedicated to St. Nicholas, and will accommodate 700 worshippers.

The new church at Anghrim, co. Wicklow, is built of white granite from a local quarry. It has a circular chancel and lofty roof.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL RINGING MEETING.

A Ringing Meeting in connection with the above Association was held at Bentley, near Brentwood, on Saturday, June 7th. Tea was provided on the Parsonage Lawn by the Rev W. Ripley, and 20 members partook of the good things provided. After tea a little business was done in the way of adding to the list of members of the Association—7 at Bentley, 4 at Ingatestone, 1 at Fyerning, 1 at Shenfield, and 1 non-resident Life Member. Mr. Edwards, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ripley for his kind invitation and hospitality, and to the ladies who assisted at the tables, reminded the members that they had a duty to perform beyond the mere fact of calling the congregation to worship, that of attending regularly themselves. The Rev. W. Ripley, in replying, assured those present it gave him much pleasure to meet the Association on this their first visit to Bentley, and he would be glad to welcome them whenever they chose to come. Between tea and the commencement of ringing the rev. gentleman piloted the visitors round the small but beautiful church, pointing out the interesting parts and relating their history. During the evening Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung, all the new members taking part, and one sharing the conducting. The handbells were also brought into play, and a touch of Grandsire Triples rung by Messrs. Kirton, Edwards, Cooper and Lincoln; also a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Lincoln, Kirton, Edwards, Cooper, F. W. Edwards and A. Rainbird. Shenfield was visited early in the afternoon, Grandsire and Bob Minor being rung. The towers represented were Boreham, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Ingatestone, Shenfield, Writtle, and the local company.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON ON TRENT DISTRICT.

A Ringing Meeting of the District was held at Alrewas on June 7th, members attending from Burton, Lichfield, Alrewas, Tamworth, Rolleston, Newhall and Etwell. The bells are a very nice ring of six, tenor about 15 cwt., the go of two or three of them however leaving much to be desired. Touches of Minor and Doubles in various methods were rung before and after tea, provided by the Vicar, who presided. He gave a hearty welcome to the ringers present and said he was pleased to meet them that day, and hoped they would pay another visit to his Church on a future occasion. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed, one new ringing member was elected and the place of the next meeting was left for the Local Sec. to arrange. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. A. G. Wakley, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, was accorded the Vicar for so kindly providing tea, for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. The meeting over an adjournment was made to the tower, the bells being kept going until it was time to disperse for home.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The Quarterly Meeting of this district was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 14th, about 40 members being present representing, Old Hill, Tipton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Stourbridge, Hallow, Worcester, Redditch, Northfield, King's Norton, Clent, Edgbaston, Wolverley, Elmley Lovett, Birmingham, Selly Oak, and the local ringers.

Service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar Rev. H. T. Noel Patterson giving a very interesting address. The preacher took for his text Proverbs xviii. 10. In passing he said he was pleased to welcome them there, and spoke of the Church which had been a landmark for the last 500 years. There was a great deal of talk about war, but the battle which they were fighting was much greater. He alluded to the loss which they had sustained in the death of the captain of the Bromsgrove Band—the late Oliver James—who was a straightforward conscientious man. As time rolled by the gaps would have to be filled and it gave him much pleasure to see so many young men among them taking such a great interest in the art of change ringing, for it was a great art, and one which required great skill, patience, and endurance, but as members of the Church they made it a labour of love.

After the Service the tea which was kindly provided by the Vicar was taken in the Vicarage grounds. The business meeting followed. Redditch was selected for the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 27th: the quarterly peal to be attempted at Bromsgrove and a very old and respected ringer, Mr. Geo. Hayward was selected to be the conductor. It was decided to hold a meeting for practice at Halesowen on Saturday, July 19th. the methods to practise to be Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob. Mr. J. R. Newman the General Secretary, who represented the Association at Newcastle gave an account of the Central Council Meeting. Two things he specially spoke of were, the representation on the Central Council of the Ladies Guild and Peal ringing in regard to the public. He said no vote would be taken at that meeting as it would come before the annual meeting in due course. Mr. Rock Small strongly advocated the claims of the ladies to be represented on the Council saying there was no doubt about it, ringers would be all the better for their presence among them. He was speaking from practical experience as it had been his pleasure to ring peals with some of them. He also referred to the splendid meeting they had at Harborne on Whit Monday, Mr. H. Mason while advocating the claims of the Ladies Guild said they should move slowly in the matter until it was shewn that they would be strong enough to be represented on the Council. In the discussion on Peal Ringing, which followed, the Vicar said his opinion was that the Central Council should have nothing to do in the matter. It was one for the local authorities only. As Vicar of a Church where they had a good peal of Bells and he lived in the shadow of the Church, he was never tired of hearing them ring, a remark which was greeted with applause.

On the proposition of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. R. Small, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mrs. Noel Patterson the former for his address and for his kindness in providing them with such a splendid repast. The Vicar in responding said it was eight years since the last meeting was held there, but he hoped it would not be another eight before they came again. He was very much gratified at the number of young men who were taking up the art. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triple and various other methods brought to a close a very successful meeting.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Enford, and favoured with fine weather there was an attendance of upwards of fifty members from the various towers comprised in the branch, who made good use of the time at their disposal for ringing. Not only the bells at Enford but those of Upavon and Fittleton were in use. The Rev. W. H. Branfoot (Vicar) and Miss Branfoot had provided tea in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding over the company, which included, beside the ringers, the choir and a number of visitors, amongst whom were the Master of the Guild (Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett), the President of the branch (Rev. J. A. Sturton). A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Vicar and Miss Branfoot for the kindly welcome accorded the visitors. After tea a short service was held in the church.

The towers represented during the afternoon and evening were Beechingstoke, Cherton, Christchurch Priory, Devizes (St. John), Enford, Fittleton, Great Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marlborough (St. Mary), Potterne, South Broom, Swindon and Upavon.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above was held at Downe, on Saturday, June 7th, when twenty-three members attended from the following towers: Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, Farningham, Hayes and Lewisham. The bells were raised at 4 p.m., and touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round. Divine Service was held at 5.30 p.m., the Association form being used. The Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) had most kindly secured the services of an organist and some choir boys, which made the service very bright, and an admirable address was given by the Vicar.

Tea followed at the Queen's Head Hotel, the Vicar presiding, and justice was done to the good things provided by host Wills. Mr. W. J. Jeffries, in a very nice way, explained the advantages of belonging to the Association, and trusted the Downe band would soon become affiliated. In conclusion he proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly arranging the service and for the use of the bells; and to the organist and choir boys for their kindness. This was seconded by the district secretary and carried with applause.

The Vicar, in reply, said it had given him very great pleasure, and he trusted the Downe band would become affiliated. He (the Vicar) was very interested in change-ringing, but at present lacked rope-sight. It would give

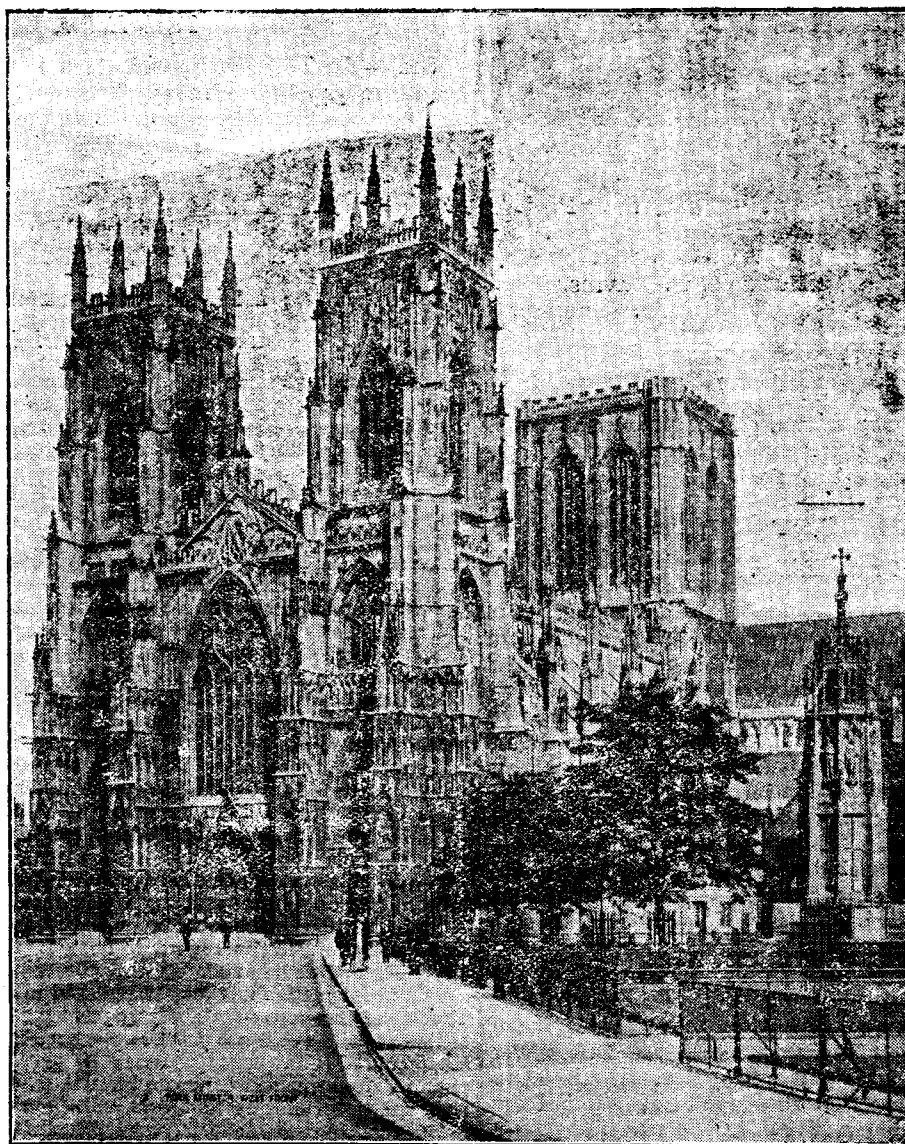
him great pleasure to become an hon. member of the Association.

A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung on the Vicar's handbells. The tower was again visited till 8.30 p.m., various touches being rung, including two 6-scores of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

LECTURE ON BELLS

Recently, before a large audience at the Albert Hall a Stamford Mr. G. F. Page delivered a lecture on "Bells." Mr Page is a very keen student of the subject, and for several months had been busy in studying numerous books, visiting belfries in the district, and also gaining information from local bell-ringers several of whom were present at the lecture. In dealing with the antiquity of bells Mr Page said it was impossible to find out who the first bellfounder was. Bells, however, had been in use several centuries before the dawn of the Christian era, Small handbells were used by Greek sentinels, the Romans used them to announce the hours of bathing and of business and the Egyptians also had bells in connection with their religious rites and festivals. Leaving the historical side of the question Mr. Page proceeded to give an interesting account of bellfounding. He also mentioned that Stamford in the 17th century had, a noted bell-foundry carried on by the famous Tobie Norris, he having cast some of the bells in the tower of St. Mary's, All Saints', and St. George's, Churches also at several other towers in the district. It was news to many to hear that Tobie Norris is buried in the North aisle of St. George's Church, with a plate of his own bellmetal as a memorial. By his own handiwork Mr Page was able to exhibit a model of a bell in a wooden frame, and he gave an exhibition of how a bell is "set" and "rung." The model is a great credit to the maker and a small bell, of very sweet tone, had been specially cast by Messrs. John Taylor, Loughborough. Diagrams drawn by Mr. Page were on view showing the different sections of the framework in the belfries, how the bells are rung, etc. The theory of "change ringing" was elucidated, also chiming of bells; in short, every phase of the wonderful work of bell-ringing was clearly explained. At the close to the lecture Mr. Page answered many questions put to him, and received the congratulations of all. The Rev. Percival Thompson, who presided, made a few observations, as did Messrs. J. Thompson, A. Jones, C. Dalton, H. N. Bnrbridge, and L. Woods. Musical items were contributed in the course of the evening by Miss. G. Guyler, and Mrs. Hume (pianoforte duet), Miss. Line, Miss. Robinson, Messrs. L. Woods, G. Band (quartette), while Mr. Arthur Jones gave an elocutionary recital, Poe's "The Bells," which drew forth loud applause.

WISBECH.—On Thursday, May 22nd, in the Belfry of the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. Stanley Andrews 1-2, Thomas Haines 3-4, Ralph Narborough 5-6. Witnesses: A. W. Wenlock, George Yate, Frank Piggins and R. H. Wilkinson. On Sunday, June 8th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. George Duffield, Stanley Andrews, Harry A. Piggins, George E. Piggins, Thomas Haines, Ralph Narborough, Horace Cheesewright, George Yate. Conducted by Stanley Andrews. George Yate's first 720. On Tuesday, June 10th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. Stanley Andrews 1-2, Thomas Haines 3-4, Ralph Narborough 5-6 (conductor). On Thursday, June 12th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells. George Yate 1, Arthur W. Wenlock 2, Stanley Andrews 3-4, Ralph Narborough 5-6 (conductor). George Yate's first 720 on a working bell.



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CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

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.

TRIPLE HUNT ROYAL.

To the Editor.

SIR.—Although not a sportsman in the general sense of the term I will accept Mr. Trollope's challenge on his own terms, but there should be no coaching of the band, and the performance should take place without delay.

I am obliged for his views on publishing one's own productions, but am not yet a convert; all this fuss seems to me something like much ado about nothing. Briefly it is this: Mr. Trollope had a Method not good enough, he thought, for publication, but directly I publish one on the same plan—not the same example—his Method suddenly becomes so interesting that he at once publishes it, and claims first honours for its production. Then he complains of the mode of procedure adopted by others. If this is not rubbish what is it?

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Re Leek Major. The first division of it is the first ten changes of the first lead of the plain course of a musical method on the Alliance system, which I designed and published in the BELL NEWS some 15 years ago, as Mr. G. Baker will no doubt remember. I do not mention this with the idea of making any claim to it.—Yours etc.,

HENRY DAINS.

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LEEK MAJOR.

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SIR,—The false course-end given in Leek Major should read "126543," not "126453," as published. Thanking you for your kindness in publishing the method so fully.

Yours, etc.,

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

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CHAPTER VII.—*Concluded.*

It will be understood that the course-ends in each set do not follow one another, as they may appear in any order, singly, at any part of the peal, provided that the requirements as to bobs Before preceding and following the given course-ends are duly observed, together with the bob at Home, where marked.

The dashes show the position of the bobs Before; those marked as "preceding" must appear in the very same course that brings up the particular course-end; and those marked as following must be brought in at the beginning of the next course.

Bobs B additional to those in the table may be freely employed, but the ones shown are essential to truth.

To use the table it is only necessary to take any course-end which it is desired to reverse, and transpose from it as the course-ends in any of the sets given in the table are transposed from 23456, taking care that in the composition the bobs B (whether preceding, or following, or both), as well as those at H, are brought in exactly as in the example chosen from the table.

To test a composition having reversed course-ends, these must bear the same relation to one another as to those in one of the sets of course-ends in the table, with the bobs B and H correspondingly the same; if so found these course-ends are true; if not they are false.

It may be as well to caution the student as to the misleading custom that obtains of placing a (resulting) course-end in front of the calls that precede it and bring it about, so that he may avoid any confusion in regard to bobs B that precede or follow any particular course-end.

The proof of the table may be checked in the following way:—Transpose the course-ends by 32465 and 43265, and, noting which of those in the table are followed by bobs B, strike out from the false course-ends those produced by 32465, because the false changes from this source would be in the third lead, which third lead the bob B in question cuts out. On the other hand, to prove the course-ends in the table preceded by bobs B it is first necessary to unmake any bobs at H, after which the natural course-ends, now all plain ones, must be transposed as before by 32465 and 43265. From the resulting false course-ends now strike out those obtained from 43265, because the particular bob B in question cuts out the fifth lead of the course, and, with it the false changes which this latter false course-end 43265 deals with.

The question of the desirability of bobs B in Superlative, where they obliterate the changes at the M and W, is not here under discussion, but manifestly certain definite cadences in the music are lost, the only counterbalancing advantage being connected with the fact that the next course-end is brought up in a less number of changes. When, however, a problem is raised of obtaining some result such as the thirty course-ends in a limited number of changes, the case is, of course, quite a different one.

As Section (8) in the table given on June 14th appeared in- correctly, its true form is annexed:—

	-	23456 H	
(8)	-	42356 H	-
	-	24365	-

(Conclusion of Chapter VII.)

(To be continued.)

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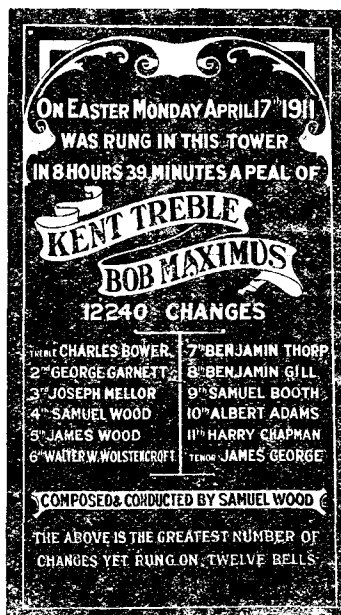
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1913.

Combined Ringing Meetings seem to be coming more and more in vogue, and cannot fail to be of inestimable good to those who take part in them, more especially to the younger members. Not only do they give an opportunity for ringing in a greater variety of methods, but widen the area over which practice is extended. Thus the members become acquainted with rings of varying weights and which have difficulties more or less apparent, which tend to make the go easier or harder as the case may be. It all tends to widen the experience and gives the ringer more command over the bell he is called to manipulate.

In another column the Secretary of the Central Council calls attention to the decision arrived at by the Council at its recent meeting, to place all its publications in the hands of a member, and announces that it has become an accomplished fact. All the Reports, etc., published by the Council are now in the hands of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, the popular Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who has been appointed Hon. Librarian. There are advantages in this arrangement, since the Council will be able at practically any moment to ascertain just what books and papers are in print or not, how many copies they have of each, and form an estimate as to whether or not they are worth reprinting. Added to this they are in the hands of a member of the Council who has the welfare of the whole Exercise at heart, and will doubtless see to it that those books most likely to be of use to the members do not get out of print. That the Council acted wisely in coming to such a decision is not denied, and we shall be much surprised if time does not abundantly justify the action.

Mr. Dains, in a letter published in this issue, accepts the challenge thrown down by Mr. Trollope to find a band of ringers who could ring London Major, London Surprise or Cambridge Surprise without ever seeing the figures. He of course stipulates that there is to be no coaching of the band, and to make this impossible suggests that the trial should take place without delay. Whether Mr. Trollope will carry out his challenge we cannot say,

but judging from the character of Mr. Trollope we should say he will not only make the attempt to prove his words, but will succeed. He has not spoken without having duly weighed the possibilities for and against success in the venture.

The Secretary of the Maidstone District, Kent County Association, is Mr. Kenneth W. Mumford, 22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

The Metropolis.

LONDON, W.C.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT E. MILLETT Treble	HENRY RUMENE 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. .. 2	WILLIAM J. COOPER 6
ALFRED HOWELL 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.

First peal by ringer of the treble.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, B.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
EDWARD T. WIGG 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7
THOMAS H. HAWKINS 4	DALRY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. A. Donaldson, who left for Canada on the 19th.

The Provinces.

NUNEATON.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Three Hours Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND POLLARD Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. .. 6
THOMAS VALLANCE 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS 7
ERNEST STONE* 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The St. Michael's Society, Stoke, Coventry.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Haley's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
WILLIAM PRYCE 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
JOSEPH H. WHITE 4	G. HARRY KITTLE Tenor

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William T. Cox, an highly esteemed member of the Stoke Society.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Woodbine, and three each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON* .. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 4
FREDERICK BAKER 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON .. 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

*First peal on Tower bells.

TURVEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

MISS DOROTHY STEEL .. Treble	EDMUND HOBBS 5
HERBERT H. HARLOW 2	EDWARD WHITE 6
HORACE SMITH 3	FRANK WEBB 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal on eight bells by ringers of 1, 5 and 6; first peal of Treble Bob Major by ringer of 3rd; first peal of Treble Bob Major inside by the ringer of the 4th.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE Treble	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN .. 5
GEORGE CROSS 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
TOM PAGE 3	JAMES CROSS 7
JOSEPH SYKES 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

First peal in the method by ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th. First peal in the method on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HERSE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEW 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	JOHN SPARROW 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday June 14, 1913 in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE .. Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON .. 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES 6
WALTER HAIR* 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 4	ALBERT WAGG* Tenor

Conducted by J. GRIFFIN.

*First peal in the method.

TOLLESHUNT, D'ARCY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild).

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCHINGHAM .. Treble	WALTER NICE 4
FRED CHALK 2	ALFRED SOUTH 5
FREDERICK WHITE 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

LYTHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Fylde District Branch).

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of the following methods: Superlative Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Kent, Oxford, Stanstead, College Single, Oxford Single, Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

C. H. KERR Treble	THOMAS ALLANSON 4
D. MCLELLAN 2	JOHN HARDMAN 5
JOHN TIPPING 3	EDWARD TIPPING Tenor

Conducted by E. TIPPING.

First 5040 as conductor. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung by the Fylde Branch, and all are members of St. John's belfry.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE W. TOMKINS .. Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON 6
HARRY BROWNJOHN 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	WILLIAM STOWELL 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
GEORGE CONDICE, JUN. .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by FRED. DENCE, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

The conductor's 100th peal. Rung on the occasion of the great demonstration in Bristol against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART.

EDWARD R. TRENDALL* .. Treble	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 5
IYO HADLOW 2	HORACE GILBERT 6
ALFRED T. W. BOWS 3	EDWARD TRENDALL 7
FRANK ELSBY 4	PERCY J. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

*First peal, aged 14 years.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Sunday, June 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. H. F. Akers, W. Irons, R. Dore, H. J. Gray, V. Neale, A. E. Creasey, G. Gray, A. H. Akers. Composed by Harvey Reeves and conducted by V. Neale. Rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Rector, Rev. E. Killer Roberts, who died suddenly on the 9th inst. He was president of the St. Andrew's Company, and a patron of the County Association. All the ringers belong to St. Andrew's band. R. Dore's first quarter-peal with a bob bell.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST DAVIES*	Treble	THOMAS WOOD	4
DAVID THOMAS	2	ERNEST WILLIAMS	5
JAMES PARTRIDGE*	3	ROBERT SHARP	Tenor

Conducted by T. Wood.

*First peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells; also Miss Llewellyn for kindly providing tea after the peal.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

EDWIN WHITING	Treble	FREDERICK MANSEY	5
JOHN SNELLING	2	GEORGE SNELLING	6
ERNEST WHITING	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
BERTIE TURNER	4	FREDERICK BORRETT	Tenor

Composed by N. J. FITSLOW, and Conducted by E. WHITING.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER	Treble	JOHN THOMAS LADD†	5
WILLIAM DICKENSON†	2	CHARLES HENRY BAKER†	6
JOHN THOMAS BARTRAM*	3	PREGY BALLANCE†	7
JOHN CHARLES TINKER	4	WALTER AYRE†	Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Arranged for W. Ayre, who hails from Lenton, Nottingham.

CHAWTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED R. ELKINS	Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER	4
ALBERT CROUCHER	2	CORP. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E. ..	5
HUBERT CHAFFEY	3	CHARLES EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. It is believed to be the first time that 720 changes has been rung on these bells. As a result of this visit the local ringers are joining the Guild.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN	Treble	JOHN LUCKEY	5
ALFRED PRIOR*	2	THOMAS JORDAN	6
HENRY J. TUCKER	3	THOMAS J. WATTS	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	WILLIAM WATTS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. WATTS,

*First peal and hails from Leyton.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY O. WHITE	Treble	FREDERICK J. HERBERT	5
PETER ROOPER	2	WALTER WILLIAMS*	6
SAMUEL POOLE	3	WALTER MALINS	7
ARCHIBALD J. ROSS	4	WILLIAM G. TILCOCK	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WILLIAMS,

First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells conducted by a local man. Messrs. Malins and White hail from Rugby: the remainder are members of the St. Mary's Society.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Isham Society).

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5524 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s as follows: i, Double Court and Single Court; ii, Double Bob and Plain Bob; iii, Double Oxford Bob and Oxford Bob; iv, St. Clements Bob; v, Woodbine Treble Bob; vi, Oxford Treble Bob; vii, Kent Treble Bob; and 480 of Little Bob.

Rex T. BUSWELL	Treble	WILLIAM C. LEWIS	4
WALTER T. WILSON	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
FRANK H. TALBUTT	3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

The above is the first peal in eleven methods by the Association and by all the band. It was rung on the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH),

On Monday, June 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS MAUD PIGOTT†	Treble	GEORGE GARRISON*	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	6
J. HERBERT BENFIELD†	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
HORACE HOWELL	4	JOSEPH PIGOTT	Tenor

Cymposed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

†First peal of Major. *First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor.

Handbell Peal.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FRANK DAINY	1	HUGH BEECHY	3
THOMAS VAUGHAN	2	WALTER CROSS	4
GEORGE JUTSON	5-6		

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At St. John's, Deptford, S.E., on Sunday, June 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1184 in 52 mins. J. Crowder, F. S. Bacon, F. W. Richardson, T. A. Easterby, A. G. Bennington, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor).

COMBINED MEETING.

KENT ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD AT
WOODCHURCH.

A meeting of the Ashford Division of the Kent County Association, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, was held at Woodchurch. Usually the Guild assembles at this tower in the depth of winter, but the present experience proved that summer was a far better time of the year for the visit. The members were pleased to notice that the belfry had undergone complete renovation since their last visit, and presents a far more comfortable appearance. Change-ringing has also been taken up, and the young band has made a capital start under the tuition of Mr. C. Tribe. All these alterations are due to the energies of the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall) who intimated to the Guild members over twelve months ago, his intention to revive method ringing in the parish. Now that a start has been made, it is hoped that continued progress will be made. The new band ring Bob Doubles proficiently, and two of their members participated in several courses of Bob Minor on inside bells. The other ringing consisted of several 120s of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor. The towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Rye, Ten-terden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rolvenden and Biddenham.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and it was decided that the combined meeting of the Sussex and Kent Associations at Rye on the 21st inst, would suffice for the June Meeting of the Guild.

The Rector and the Woodchurch band were invited to attend this gathering and, in reply, the reverend gentleman said he would do all he could to get his ringers to be present. He would like to be there himself, and offered to drive some of his own ringers over.

Mr. Percy Milton, of Woodchurch, was elected a member of the Guild, and it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rolvenden on the 14th inst. The Guild were very unlucky with their last monthly peal at Appledore. The place for rounds to come up was reached, but a shift course had taken place during the last ten minutes.

The Rector extended to the visitors a warm welcome to Woodchurch. He thought it was good for them to meet together, for by so doing, it produced a harmony of bells and hearts. He owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Tribe for all his labours in assisting the Woodchurch ringers, and he heartily thanked him. When they came again, he would be pleased for the party to visit the rectory and partake of tea, prior to the ringing. Continuing, he referred to the great progress made in the status of the ringer during the past twenty years. Ringers had become Church workers, and were reverent and of good behaviour. They were grateful that such an improvement had taken place.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business.

A tablet has been unveiled in Exeter Cathedral to the memory of General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C. It is a large slab of marble, with a sculptured portrait medallion of the general at the top, and was designed and executed by Mr. Herbert Read, of the Saint Sidwell's Art Works, Exeter.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for Sale with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—**CHARLES BARBER**, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks.

F. SEAGER'S FIFTY PEALS.

Minor (including peals in 10, 14, and 21 methods), 17; Treble Bob Minor (including one in 14 methods), 8; Surprised Minor (including peals in 10 and 14 methods), 11; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent, 1; Double Norwich, 3; Superlative Surprise, 1; Norfolk, 3; London, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; total, 50.

CHIMES AND CARIILLONS.

Among the methods of producing sounds from bells is that of striking a stationary bell on the outside with a hammer, a process which can be extended to ulay tunes on bells by means of machinery. Ordinary clock chiming is effected by a system of wires connected with small hammers striking the bells on the outside of the rim and connected with the works of a clock, so as to play an artificially arranged chime at definite intervals. When it is desired to produce regular tunes, requiring a considerable compass of notes, the chiming hammers may be set in motion by similar wires, but with a third train of wheels and a chime barrel with pegs; or by means of a keyboard like that of a piano or organ.

It is obvious that with the ordinary ring of eight bells, the selection of tunes is limited to those within the compass of a single octave in the key of the tenor bell, without any accidentals. Of late years the machinery of carillons has been greatly improved by Messrs Gillett of Croydon, who have made most of those now in use in the country.

There is a church tower in England, where the Belgian form of carillon may now be heard, at Cattistock in Dorset. The Vicar appointed to this parish in 1853, Rev. H. Keith Barnes, was a fervent admirer of the Belgian carillons, and had a great desire to introduce them into his own country. For this purpose he rebuilt the church tower in 1876, and only resignation on the ground of ill-health prevented his seeing the carillon completely installed. The was in 1882, when thirty-three of the chime of thirty-five bells were in position, and shortly afterwards eight large bells forming the "ring" were added. The chime was completed by two small bells added in 1899, the mechanism of the carillon having been put up under Mr. Barnes' successor, the Rev. R. P. Stickland.

The bells are all the work of the famous Louvain founder, Severin van Aerschoot, except the two of 1899 which were cast after his death by his son George. The mechanical part was constructed by Messrs. Denyn and Somers, of Mechlin, the former of whom still visits Cattistock every summer, to give a performance on the bells. With the exception of the eight for ringing, the bells are all hung "dead," and struck with hammers on the lip when the mechanical apparatus is used, or by clappers in connection with the keyboard when played by hand. The thirty-five bells cover a compass of three octaves; they play tunes hourly from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There was until recently a similar carillon at Boston, Lincolnshire, also supplied by van Aerschoot, consisting of thirty-six small bells for chiming, besides an hour-bell and three quarter bells for the clock; the hour bell was also the tenor of the ring. Good carillons also exist at Eaton Hall (the Duke of Westminster), Cheshire, and at Messrs. Taylor's foundry at Loughborough.

Mr. Fred R. Borrett writes:—Peal No. 30 of Double Norwich in C.C.C. is false in its shortened form, and peal rung on May 8th last at Sail cannot be booked.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

MR. A. BOWELL BUSY.

The grand old ring of six with a tenor of 18 cwt. in E, at Yalding, Kent, have been quarter-turned and rehung with steel headstocks and all modern fittings, by Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich. The old oak frame has been strengthened with new timber and massive iron braces and tie bars. Guides have also been fixed to steady the ropes in the rather long draft. On a recent evening several members of the Kent County Association met to try the bells, from Maidstone, Boxley, Linton, Peckham, Hadlow, Horsmonden, Marden, etc., and 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung. All the visitors expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells, and it is to be hoped that the local ringers will now take up change-ringing, a thing impossible with the bells before they were rehung.

The same firm has also the following restorations in hand; Recast the ring of six and rehang them in steel frames with all modern fittings, at Fenny Stratford, Bucks. Recast the ring of five, add a sixth, and hang the peal in a new steel frame with all modern fittings, at Stutton, Suffolk. Recast the tenor and 4th and rehang the ring of five in steel frames with all modern fittings, at Cosgrove, Northants. Rehang the heavy ring of six at Hoo St. Werburgh, Kent, with modern fittings. and add sixth at Melbourn, Cambridgeshire. Rehang the three middle bells of the heavy ring of five with modern fittings, at Eastry, Kent, Mr. Howell having done the tenor not long ago.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch took place at Westbury-on-Trym, about 20 members attending. The bells are a peal of six, and during the afternoon Cambridge Minor was rung on them, while a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on Mr. Condict's handbells. Service was afterwards held in the church, and tea followed at Mr. Clark's. At the subsequent meeting, the curate-in-charge (the Rev. A. J. Bartlett) was voted to the chair, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. George's; or if not convenient there, at Abbots Leigh on July 12th. Various methods were rung on the tower bells in the evening, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung on the splendid peal of handbells belonging to Mr. C. H. Edwards, who has made the generous offer to present them to his company when they get the tower bells made into a peal of eight.

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MEMORIALS DEDICATED.

Four memorials were dedicated at St. Saviour's Church, Woodcote Park, Bristol, to the late Canon Prideaux, M.A., Mr. Edward Thomas Collins, and Mr. Thomas Paul. The memorials to Canon Prideaux consist of a chancel-screen of wrought iron and a two-light window of stained glass. The reredos in memory of Mr. E. T. Collins is in the Early English, or 13th Century, style of Gothic Architecture, and is built of finely-grained stone, with supporting columns to the panels, which, like the retable, are of variegated alabaster. Divided into three main compartments, each of these display sculptured groups modelled in high relief. The central one is reserved for representation of the Ascension. The panel upon the north side is a pictorial one of the Nativity. On the other side stands St. Joseph. The sculpture on the south side records the meeting in the garden of Mary Magdalene with our Lord soon after His Resurrection. The reredos was carried out at the studios of Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, of Exeter. The fourth memorial dedicated was a window in the north aisle to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Paul, churchwarden for some years.

MHE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT.—On Thursday, May 8th, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. W. G. Darbyshire, G. Maxim, L. G. Thurgood, H. Cornwell, H. G. Rowe (conductor), F. Jelf, H. Simmons, D. Tucker. On Whit Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, H. G. Rowe, G. Maxim, C. Dilley, F. Jelf (conductor), R. Smith. Also, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (composer), C. Dilley, H. Cornwell (conductor), H. Simmons, R. Smith. After service an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, but came to grief after ringing 1120 changes, through the breaking of the 3rd rope. On Sunday May 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), G. Maxim, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. Contains the 12 4-6s. On Thursday, June 5th, for practice, 168 Stedman Triples. H. G. Rowe (conductor), G. Maxim, G. L. Thurgood, H. Cornwell, F. W. Richardson, F. Jelf, H. Simmons, R. Smith. Also on Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, F. Jelf, W. G. Darlington, H. G. Rowe, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, G. B. Lucas (conductor), O. Twist. The ringers of the 7th and tenor belong to Walthamstow.

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The rector of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, says that two further portions of the site of this priory church have been recovered. One which was the site of the Sacristy, has been obtained by exchange, and the other, which was the site of the northern end of the prior's house, is the gift of the patrons of the benefice. It is desired to clear away from the second portion the three-storied house which covers the foundations of the ancient south apsidal chapel of Rahere's church, and a member of the committee has offered to build, at a cost of £500, a substantial choir Vestry in stone on what remains of the wall of the old south chapel. It is also decided to restore the electric lighting. The cost is estimated at £2,430, towards which £930 is in hand.

WANSTEAD.—On Sunday, June 1st, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. George T. Clayton, E. A. Lebbow, Fred Newman, C. Petty, J. Marks, J. B. Marks (conductor). First 720 by G. T. Clayton.

Viscount Falmouth has unveiled a stained-glass window which has been placed in the transept of St. Michael Penkevill Church, Cornwall, to the memory of his parents, Viscount and Viscountess Falmouth. The subject of the window is "Christ blessing little children."

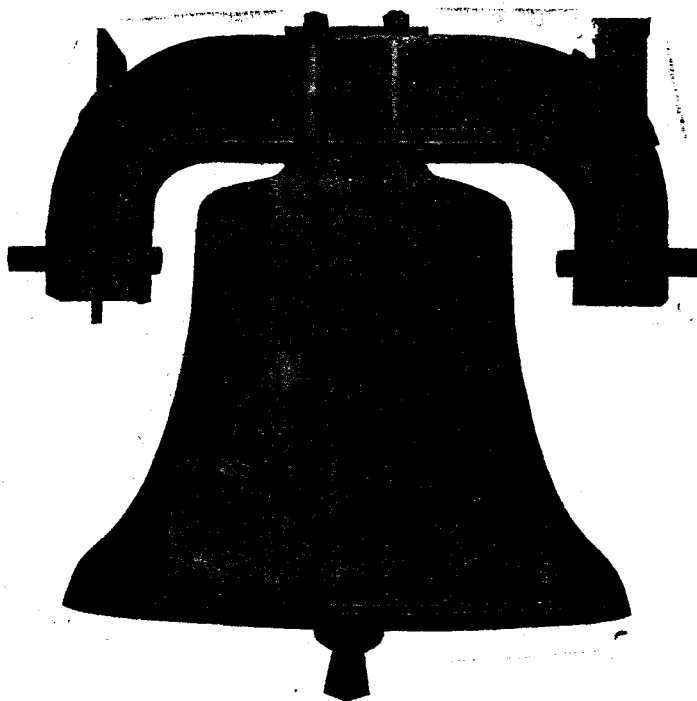
"Sumer is icumen in."—A tablet to commemorate the old English Canon, "Sumer is icumen in." will be unveiled in the chapter House of Reading Abbey by Dr. H. P. Allen, of New College, Oxford, Choragus of the University, on June 18. The tablet which has been designed by Mr. W. Ravenscroft and executed by Mr. W. S. Frith, has been presented to the Corporation of Reading by Dr. Jamieson B. Hurry. It is made of yellow magnesium limestone, measuring 4 ft. by 3 ft., and on it is the song in facsimile, the notes and words being cut into the stone and filled in with black mastic cement.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30 p.m.; all the others 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A District Meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided for all those who send their names to me by July 1st. A Social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society), Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6.0 p.m. to 8.0 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers invited.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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

The London County Association (late St. James' Society).—The Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at St. Giles in the Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Sec.

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

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3.0. Service at 5.30, with an address by the Rector. Tea at 6.0 o'clock in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports will be ready.

15, Rugby Street,
Wolverhampton.

H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersleigh, on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4.0 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.

R. G. Knowles,

Branch Sec.

Madresfield, Malvern.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3.0 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. Watson,

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.0 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—On Saturday, June 21st, the tower will be open for ringing till 7.30 p.m. Any visitor will be welcome.

A. Symonds.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Leek, on Saturday, June 21st. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, Dragon's Croft, Westwood Road, Leek, not later than June 20th.

Rev. John Reay

J. Johnson

Hon. Secs.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. Bulpit.

W. Bentham.

Hon. Secs.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Winchester, on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2.0 p.m. Service in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m., preacher the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first Secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5.0 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.

George Williams

West End, near Southampton.

Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea provided at 6.0 o'clock. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. Chandler,

Heston, Hounslow.

Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m., preacher Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.0 p.m. Tea at "The Globe" Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m., and St. Nicholas by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.

Rev. C. C. Cox,

Shottery,

Hon. Sec.

Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the "Bull" Inn, at 5.30, 9d. to members who notify me by June 25th. All ringers and friends invited.

H. Rumens, Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Vernham Avenue, Walthamstow N.E.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, June 28th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

A. King, Hon. Sec.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at Taunton, on Saturday, July 5th. Particulars to follow.

E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

Taunton.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at East Malling, on Saturday, July 12th. Further particulars later.

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Sec.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

THE SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye, on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available, Rye (8) and Iden (6) from 2 till 9. A special service will be held at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock, preacher the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.) who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery, immediately after the service, to be his guests at tea.

A short business meeting will follow the tea. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to the Sussex members who attend, on application to their Secretary, as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their Secretary on or before June 17th, as a large attendance is anticipated, and the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.

G. H. Howse,

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STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 23rd, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Bloor, C. Woodward, H. Page, J. Woodward, C. H. Page, S. Churton, G. F. Page (conductor), H. Austin.

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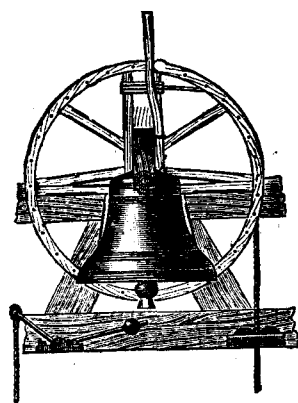
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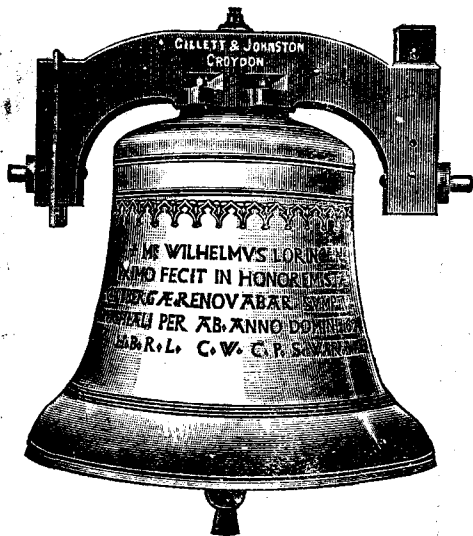
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does duty as a vane on it. The height
of the former is now given as 169ft. 5in.
while the length of the latter, which has
been taken down for repair is found to
be 2ft. 11in. The various estimates
ranged from 3ft. upwards. There are
spires in Lincolnshire over 100ft. higher,
that of St James, Louth is 294ft. and St.
Wulfran's, Grantham, 279ft.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A well attended meeting of this District was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and at 5 a special service was held, the Rev. McNeil officiating. He gave an excellent address. After the service the members adjourned to the Castle grounds where an excellent meat tea was provided by the kindness and generosity of Miss Leny, who, to the great delight of the members was able to be with them again. Upwards of 70 members sat down, the Rev. McNeil presiding. At the conclusion of the tea the District Secretary in proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Leny for providing the tea, said that he knew he was voicing the wish of the members in expressing their great pleasure in welcoming Miss Leny amongst them again after her severe illness. He was in hopes that this meeting would have been held at Sevenoaks, for when Miss Leny went to reside there she said that her great object would be to get the Sevenoaks Tower open to the Association. Early in the year Miss Leny and her sister Mrs. Mackinnon saw the Rector of Sevenoaks by appointment, and they no doubt eloquently pleaded the cause and explained the objects of the Association. The Rector promised to consider the matter, and a week or two later sent the following letter to Miss Leny.

"My dear Lady. I think for the present that St. Nicholas Belfry had better be left alone. Perhaps some day we may be able to see our way clearer as regards the Association, with many thanks.

I am, most truly yours, J. ROOKER."

The District Secretary said he could not understand why the Rev. gentleman should be so embittered against them, and also why he should refuse the opportunity of speaking to a body of men such as were present that day; he was very sorry for Miss Leng and Mrs. Mackinnon, as he took it that they had been snubbed for the members' sake, and he was sure that the members thanked them very much for their efforts to get the meeting at Sevenoaks.

Miss Leny in replying expressed the great pleasure it gave her to again meet the members, and she wished to personally thank them for the handsome brooch they had presented to her. She was very pleased with it, and always wore it when in company of ringers. Referring to her interview with the Rector of Sevenoaks she said it was the first time that she had been refused admittance to a belfry, and she was very sorry that they were not successful in getting the Tower, but if the members would like to come to Sevenoaks next summer without ringing, she would be very pleased to entertain them at Speldhurst Close.

Votes of thanks to all concerned in arranging and carrying out the meeting to which Mr. W. J. Wolfe replied, terminated the meeting, and the members adjourned to the Tower when the bells were kept going until 9.30. Mr. Wolfe read letters of apology for non-attendance from both Churchwardens.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH.

Ombersley, a village on the main road between Worcester and Kidderminster, was the place visited on Saturday last by members of the above Branch for a quarterly meeting. Members arrived about 3 o'clock, some by motor bus, more by cycle, and a few others more fortunate by motor car.

Ringing commenced with two courses of Kent Treble Bob. Service was held in the parish church at 4 o'clock, at which about 40 members attended. The Association form of service was used and the Rev. J. Webster, Vicar, gave a very practical address.

The local ringers had exerted themselves to provide a tea, was very acceptable. This was made the more enjoyable by being laid out on tables on the Vicarage lawn, a true sign of Vicar and Ringers working well together.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding over an attendance of 50; representing every tower in the Branch.

After the minutes &c. had been read, Ombersley was chosen for the next quarterly peal, Mr. L. Longney to be conductor. The next meeting will be at Powick on October 11th. Two honorary and 18 performing members were elected, including the bands of Shrawley and Welland.

After the usual votes of thanks, the tower was again visited and the bells kept going in various methods, bringing to a close a very pleasant and instructive meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Oakham, on Saturday last, the weather being all that could be desired, and the bells being a good peal of eight in first rate ringing order a very enjoyable time was spent by those who attended in spite of the fact that no daylight can enter the ringing chamber nor is there any ventilation other than by the doom.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Room at about 5 o'clock, and afterwards the general meeting was held in the same room, the Vice President taking the chair. Amongst others present were the Rev. C. J. Storton (Orston). Messrs. C. J. Phillips (Churchwarden), W. C. Wakley, Honorary Treasurer, J. J. Jackson, R. W. Baker, etc. The Vicar of Oakham (Rev. J. H. Charles) came into the room and gave the company a hearty welcome and was sorry that owing to a prior engagement he could not stay for the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed, one honorary and twelve ringing members were unanimously elected. The chairman briefly reviewed the peals rung since the annual meeting (25 on Tower and five on Handbells) and drew attention to the peal of St. Clements Triples rung at Darley Dale, which was the first in the method by the Association. He also gave a short account of the recent meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle-on Tyne.

Thanks were accorded to the Oakham Ringers for making the arrangements, and to the Clergy and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and Church Room. Replying on behalf of the Clergy and Churchwardens, Mr. C. J. Phillips said they were pleased to welcome the Association to Oakham, and to do all they could to make the meeting a success and, with respect to the lighting and ventilation of the ringing room, he would bring the question before the Church Council and he hoped they would be able to do something to remedy the defects in the near future. An adjournment was then made to the Tower where the company having been reinforced by Mr. J. H. Shepherd the bells were inspected and touches rung in various methods until about 8.30.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Stafford on Saturday last, when more than forty members assembled from various towers; all the more satisfactory as the county town is situated somewhat out of the way from the thickly populated district of the Black Country where church towers containing rings of bells are more thickly studded. Beautiful weather prevailed, which tended in a great measure to make the gathering a happy one.

Ringling began soon after 3 o'clock and continued during the afternoon, when some of the local band were able to take in Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Stedman Triples—their first attempt, after having recently been instructed in the art—during which time the Rev. L. Lambert (Rector), and Dr. Mitchell (Churchwarden), entered the belfry and gave the visitors a hearty welcome. At the committee meeting, the Rector in the chair, the usual routine of business was got through, which included the election of one honorary and nine performing members. A short service was held in church, when the Rector gave an interesting address taking for his text: "The calling of assemblies."—Isaiah i. 13.

After tea a summary of the business transacted in committee was given by the clerical secretary, followed by the usual votes of thanks. The visitors were invited to a friendly game of bowls on the Rectory lawn, where the amateurs caused some amusement to the onlookers by their lack of skill. A return to the tower for more ringing ended a pleasant half day's outing.

It is hoped by the authorities to be able to turn their attention ere long, to the much-needed rehanging of the bells.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The Annual Festival was held this year at Hereford, and no trouble had been spared to present the members with a good day's programme. That the Dean and Chapter are only too ready to give all the encouragement in their power to ringers as church workers was plainly evident from the fact that the Cathedral bells were available for about four hours during the day.

The proceedings commenced with a fully-choral service in St. Nicholas' Church at 10.15, at which the special preacher was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who took for his text Eph. vi, 10—"Be strong in the Lord"—and emphasised the duty of ringers as church workers to strengthen the hand of him who was sent to minister among them by their own conduct and example in fulfilling their obligations of church membership, especially in the matter of being regular and devout communicants. The service was intoned by the Rector, the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Wil-

son, and the special lesson was read by the Secretary, the Rev. J. S. Roper, Rector of Quatt. A collection was taken for the funds of the Guild, and amounted to well over £1.

The business meeting in the College Hall occupied the next hour. The Rev. A. C. Lee, Vicar of Lugwardine, presided in the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan. The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. After a letter had been read from Coalbrookdale tower suggesting that the festival be held on a Saturday, the feeling of the meeting was taken and found to be unanimously in favour of a Saturday not being entertained. "Minorities must suffer." However a very good suggestion was thrown out that interim meetings might be arranged unofficially for combined practices. Apparently, quarterly meetings are as yet unknown in this Guild, doubtless owing to the peculiar difficulties inseparable from workers in purely agricultural districts. The next annual festival was fixed to take place at Church Stretton.

An adjournment was then made to dinner at the Wellington Hotel.—The Secretary apologized and made it quite clear that not he but the caterers were responsible for this "hide-and-seek" game. However, "All's well that ends well," and a party of nearly 90 sat down to an excellent dinner.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Wilson proposed "Success to the Guild," and coupled the toast with the name of the secretary, who, in his reply, drew attention to the afternoon's programme, and announced that the Rev. A. C. Lee was very kindly providing tea at Lugwardine for all who were going to ring there.

Beside the Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) in the city, the following towers were visited: Burghill (8), Holme Lacy (8), Lugwardine (6), Sioke Edith, Tarrington and Withington. Ringers were present from the Cathedral. St. Nicholas Lugwardine, Quatt, Ross, Newent, Birmingham, Ludlow, Walsall, Gloucester, Stoke Edith, Allensmore, Kingsland, Clifford Leominster, Withington, Eardisland, Pembridge, Stokesay, Tarrington, Llangorron, Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury, Handsworth, Swindon, Madeley, Norton Cannon, and other places. On learning that no official record of the meeting was going to be sent to the ringing papers, the writer has penned these notes with the conviction that such a festival was worthy of some printer's ink, and a place among the records of other similar gatherings.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Long Stanton, members being present from Cambridge, Cottenham, Fen Ditton, Stapleford, Ickleton, Lolworth, Royston, and the local tower.

A short service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) giving a very encouraging address from Hebrews x, 25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

A meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, and Mrs. Woolley being also present. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Ickleton, in September. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the kind welcome he had given to the Association, and for the use of the bells, and for his address, on the motion of Mr. T. R. Dennis, who, referring to what was said at the Central Council meeting regarding peal ringing and the public, urged all members present to see that the striking was good, even if it was only in a simple method, whenever they rang peals, as good striking pleased the public, although they did not understand the art themselves. The resolution was seconded by Mr. P. Webb, who endorsed all Mr. Dennis had said, and suggested that ringers, when they met for peals or even at meetings, should give a penny each to help the restoration of bells at various places. Though only a small sum, it would all help on the work.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Long Stanton.

During the afternoon and evening, the sweet little peal of eight bells were rung in the following methods, the Vicar taking a rope in most touches: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major,



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Ringers' Outings.

THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.

The Annual Outing of this Society took place on Saturday, June 14th, in pleasant weather. Meeting at the Church at 8 a.m., a start was made by brakes to Barnet which was reached at 9.30, and permission for a touch having already been obtained the bells were soon going to Steadman Triples, their tone being greatly admired. A plain course of Bristol and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples finished the ringing here, one of the local men taking a rope in the latter. Adjourning to a neighbouring hostelry a pleasant half hour was spent in the company of Mr. J. Sumpter, the genial steeplekeeper and the evergreen Mr. Dolton. Again boarding our brake we proceeded to Southgate where we whiled away a pleasant half hour in watching the cricket match between M.C.C. v. Southgate. Dinner at the Cherry Tree was the next item and we were agreeably surprised when our Rector walked into the room, he having motored over from Bushey in order to be present. Having done justice to an excellent spread we were piloted to the church by Mr. J. E. Miller to have a pull on the famous peal in the tower there. Here we rang two touches of Steadman Triples, three leads of Kent and of Oxford Treble Bob and a plain course each of Double Norwich and Bristol. After taking leave of the Rector who had to go back to Bushey to take a service, we drove to North Mimms, where the Church is pleasantly situated in a park embowered in trees. Here we found a grand little peal of six and tapped off touches of Grandsire and Steadman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor, a touch of Oxford with Mr. A. Lawrence, who is instructing the local band, being lost in the last few leads. A charming, though rather rough road, through the park brought us to South Mimms where tea at the "Greyhound" was very welcome. After tea our Secretary trotted us off to the church where we rang Steadman Doubles, Kent and plain Bob Minor, the long draught and the huge ropes being rather too much for the nerves of some of the band who preferred listening to ringing. Leaving here at 7.45 a pleasant drive through undulating country brought us to Aldenham, where we spent a social hour with some of the local men at Host Jones'. We arrived at Bushey soon after 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day and our best thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of their bells and to the steeple-keepers for having them ready for us.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

The Annual Outing of the above Society took place on Saturday, June 21st. Uxbridge and Hillingdon was the venue and the following ringers:—Messrs. E. Markham, G. White, F. K. Biggs, J. Gransbury, W. Phipps, R. Wheeler, F. Boxall, S. Goodchild, G. Twitchen, and J. W. Wilkins journeyed by train. On arriving at St. Andrews this nice handy ring was raised in peal, and some capital touches resulted. Every one of the following being well struck and brought home: 252, 408, 504 of Steadman Triples conducted by S. Goodchild and J. W. Wilkins; 336, 168 of Grandsire Triples conducted by G. Twitchen and F. Biggs; 224 of Bob Major conducted by G. White.

A course of Kent Treble Bob Major brought ringing to a close, the bells being rung down in peal. A visit

to St. John's for a touch or two was the next item, and though a note was handed them to make the ringing short as possible owing to illness, it was decided to see what they could do with Steadman Caters before tea. So raising the back eight for a feeler, the ten were soon humming their grand musical tones in that delightful method, and a good well struck touch of 459 was brought round conducted by J. Wilkins, everyone expressing their admiration for the peal. Tea in the Gardens of the neighbouring hotel (kindly arranged for them by Mr. J. Pratt of local fame) was much enjoyed and then to the belfry for another touch of Steadman Caters, 327 in number brought ringing to a close, the bells (as usual with Wycombe Ringers) being lowered in peal. Inspection of them followed, and to the top for a good look at the surrounding country finished the Tower proceedings; then a return to the Gardens for a social hour with handbells and a friendly chat brought departure time. All are extremely obliged to Messrs. Wake at St. Andrews, and Chandler at St. John's for having the bells in good fettle and their assistance in ringing, and the same remarks apply to the genial J. Pratt, whose efforts enabled all to spend a right good time.

OBITUARY.

WALTER J. SORRELL.

The Exercise in Kent has lost a good member by the death after several month's illness of Mr. W. J. Sorrell of Herne Bay. Mr. Sorrell was a talented ringer, and had rung 52 Peals, which with one exception were rung during the years 1892-7 in London and the Provinces. During these years he resided in London, but after removing to Herne Bay, his opportunities for peal ringing were very few. He was, however, a regular Sunday ringer at St. Martin's, Herne, where there is a fine-toned ring of six and after these bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank in 1905 he was instrumental in getting the local band to take up change-ringing. He will be greatly missed by the band as well as by a large circle of friends, ringers and others.

Deep sympathy is felt for his widow and children in their loss. The funeral took place on Saturday, June 14th, and in the evening a few of his ringing friends from the neighbouring villages met at Herne Church, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung by C. Holman (Herne Bay), S. White (Wickhambreaux, conductor), F. Jones (Chislet), H. Smith (Wickhambreaux), E. Hartop (Herne), and E. Slingsby (Sturry). Messrs. J. Bubb and W. Curtis of the local band also took part in a touch of Grandsire. Mr. Sorrell was a life member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and among his peals was the first peal of Duffield Major to be rung in London, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 18th, 1896. The following is a list of his peals:—Grandsire Triples, 5; Caters, 3; Steadman Triples, 7; Caters, 4; Bob Major, 4 (conducted 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (conducted 2); Royal, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Duffield Major, 1.

An inscription on a church bell at Upwood (Huntingdon) reminds us that "A penitente harte is good," while one at Houghton, runs "Man taketh paine, but God giveth gaine." Another at Passenham, Northants, says: "A trusty friend is harde to fynde, 1585."

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5024.

23456	I	4	6
65324	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
32465	-	5	-
24365	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24536	-	5	-
35426	-	-	-
54236	-	8	-
42536	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

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23456	I	4	6
65324	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
32465	-	5	-
26435	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24536	-	5	-

NOTE.

The calling of the last 11 courses of previous peal to be used here, and the whole of each to be repeated.

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SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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(1) 5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
54326*	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
34256	-	B	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

(2) 5056

23456	M	B	W	H
45236*	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
25346	-	B	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-	-

These compositions are one and the same. 2 obtains from 1 by commencing the calling at * positions. 1 contains the extent on the plan of 4 and 6 each at eleven course-ends, being reversed in 5-6. 2 contains the same qualities for 5-6 in 5-6 at course-ends: 2 and 3 never in latter position at course-ends.

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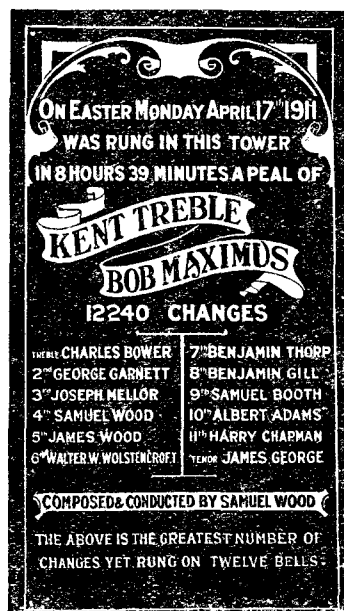
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'DUFFIELD': A MUSICAL METHOD FOR 8, 10, AND 12 BELLS. A Broadsheet containing full directions for ringing the above may be obtained, gratis, from SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., Duffield, Derby. The pamphlet on this method is now out of print.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1913.

Fortunately for the Ringing Exercise there are few incumbents who take up the attitude adopted by the Vicar of Sevenoaks towards the Kent County Association. If it were so the art of change-ringing would speedily deteriorate. The rev. gentleman seems to have made up his mind that come what will he will not permit the Association to use the bells of his church. We have no doubt that he has a good and sufficient reason for his determination, but does not state it in his reply to Miss Leny's request on behalf of the Association. Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon, interviewed the Vicar and there is no doubt pleaded the cause of the Association with all the eloquence they could command, but all to no purpose. After taking a week to consider the matter he replied that he thought the belfry should be left alone for the present. There is just a ray of hope that the uncompromising attitude will not be maintained for ever, as he closes his note with the remark that perhaps some day, he may be able to see his way clearer with regard to the Association. This is all very well, but why maintain, even for a single day, any antipathy to a body of men whose object is to serve the church in their respective parishes, while occasionally meeting together for mutual help and intercourse. As church workers they are entitled to recognition by all the members of the church, from the Archbishop down to the humblest individual, and it is pleasing to record that is so in all but a very few cases. There are, of course, cases in which it has been necessary to shut individuals and sometimes whole bands out of the belfry, for some flagrant misbehaviour, but when it comes to refusing admittance to a county association there must be some misunderstanding which a friendly meeting ought to clear away. This being so it should be quite easy, were both parties so disposed to arrange such a meeting and so clear away the doubt. The Vicar appears to have some prejudice against the Association, why it is difficult to say, seeing that it appears to be managed on sound lines, its officers are business men, and its members generally up to the average. What more can anyone want? The Vicar of Sevenoaks ought not to object to the presence of such men in the belfry of his church, seeing that they are all of them members of some tower in the county, and have all been accepted by their respective Vicars as church-workers.

The Ringing Chamber at Oakham Parish Church must hold a unique position, seeing that it is devoid of both light and ventilation. It is quite easy to understand that when the church was built no one thought of the need of light or air seeing that in all probability there was no thought of a band attending there to have a ring; but how it has been allowed to go on in the same state in these days of fresh-air fads and the craze for more light is a mystery. Oakham must be one of those quiet, sleepy, conservative places, where what did for father does for son, but even so, it is scarcely conceivable that in this twentieth century such a state of things can exist. To ring even the shortest touch, or rounds for church service, must cause great discomfort under the circumstances, and it is surprising that a band can be got together to ring there on a special occasion, such as the meeting of the Midland Counties Association, much more so to find a team to ring on Sundays, morning and evening. If the authorities have any good-will towards their co-workers they will see to it that something is done to make their surroundings more in accord with their position. At the very least some effort might be made to put in a window, which would supply both needs at one time. Here is a chance for some one to do a good turn and earn the gratitude of the ringers of Oakham.

Mr. Ernest Morris of Leicester, writes:—"I am very sorry to say that the two peals of Double Norwich published in your issue of June 21st, are utterly false. I don't know how I came to make such a silly mistake as to send these figures, and can only apologize for my foolish carelessness in doing so."

The Metropolis.

MUFFLED PEAL.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Society, Barking).

On Thursday, June 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Carter's Variation of Parker's 12-Part,

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON Treble	GEORGE CARTER 5
ALBERT C. HARDY 2	JAMES NORRIS 6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 3	CALEB FENN 7
HENRY E. PARKER 4	ERNEST G. FENN Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to D'Oyley S. Simons, a member of the above Society, who was buried on the above date.

The Provinces.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913 in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN BRVAN* Treble	JOHN GWYNNE 4
ALLEN GWYNNE 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

*First peal. First in seven methods for all. The ringers are all members of the local company, and the peal was rung on the first occasion the complete band met to make the attempt.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDRICK J. HOWCHIN Treble	BENJAMIN THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM HEMPEL 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	FREDERICK MIDDLETON Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

First peal in the method on the bells. This was the first of a series of farewell peals to the ringer of the 2nd prior to his leaving the district.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS* Treble	JOHN C. DICEN* 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT* 7
SAMUEL WESLEY 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 8
GEORGE LEWIS 4	THOMAS W. GORE* 9
CLEMENT GLENN 5	ARTHUR KNIGHTS* Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method by the Association. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th and 8th.

WYKEHAM, NEAR SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6 scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire, called in eleven different ways. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS COLE* Treble	FRANK DAVISON* 3
HARRY GIBSON 2	HERBERT MILNER 4
JOHN R. BARTON Tenor	

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

*First peal away from a covering bell. First peal on the bells, which were installed by Taylor and Sons in 1901. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

BOLTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARRER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	JOHN MCKELL 6
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
JOHN B. JACSON 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Gill, a member of the local band.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL (Northants).—At the Parish Church on Sunday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Thomas Wells, Albert York, Frederick Kilborn, Thomas York, Ben. York, Arthur York, Harry Peet, Horace W. Sharman. Conducted by Harry Peet. Rung on the anniversary of the Church Schools, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday June 14, 1913 in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	OLIVER SIPPETIS 6
HORACE ROFFE BUTCHER 3	KEITH HART 7
EDWARD C. MEREITT 4	WILLIAM JENNER Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as the usual quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the county.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
ROBERT E. STAVEET 3	WILLIAM SEELEY 7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEELEY.

Mr. Edwards hails from Chiddingstone, Kent.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES

Tenor 33 cwt.

HARRY M. HAWESWOOD* .. Treble	HERBERT JONES 6
HARRY MITCHELL* 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 7
FREDERICK DARBALL† 3	BENJAMIN CLARK 8
HAROLD GIBSON* 4	ALBERT LITTLE 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 5	EDWARD F. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal. †First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 6
GEORGE CHESTER 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
ALBERT C. DARNELL 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN* 8
J. FRANK PROCTOR 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
TOM PYLE* 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Caters. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong in the tittums and inverted home positions. Arranged for Messrs. Chester, Pyle and Freeman, of Lincoln, and as a birthday compliment to Miss K. M. Thorpe, sister of the ringers of the treble and 6th.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins. A. Boxall, jun., A. J. Perkins, A. Boxall, sen., J. Trappitt, B. Morris, A. J. Clayton (conductor), C. Gordon, A. J. Plowman, T. King, N. Brassett.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

J. MOTTS .. .. .	.. Treble	W. MOTTS	7
W. L. CATCHEPOLE	2	E. G. STIBBONS	8
W. A. GARRARD	3	W. F. GARRETT	9
E. PEMBERTON	4	W. E. GARRAED	10
G. J. SEDLEY	5	R. H. BRUNDLE	11
H. C. GILLINGHAM	6	C. A. CATCHEPOLE	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd, 8th and 10th, who hail from Kensington.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE .. .. .	.. Treble	HARRY BECKFORD	5
EDWARD T. WIGG	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
HAROLD W. CLARK	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE	4	WILLIAM HORSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Horsley.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

ERNEST TIGWELL* .. .. .	.. Treble	FREDRIC KING	5
WALTER SMITH	2	GEORGE DUELING	6
GEORGE W. CLARKE	3	FREDERICK TERRY	7
GEORGE WICKENS†	4	FREDERICK SCUTCHER*	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs.

LOUIS A. WILSON* .. .. .	.. Treble	FRANK LOOKER†	5
ROBERT W. HYNER	2	HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
GILBERT H. HARDING*	3	GEORGE LANCASTER	7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER†	4	CHARLES J. GARDINER*	Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE, and

Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

Rung to welcome the home coming of Mrs. Mathias, wife of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. S. Mathias, after several months absence through ill health. Gilbert H. Harding was elected a member of the above Association before starting the peal. First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. †First peal of Major. ‡First peal on eight bells. §First peal in the method as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OATLANDS (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Walters, F. Shepherd (conductor), R. Stevens, G. Warrington, C. J. Hamblin, J. H. B. Hesse, F. J. Shepherd, W. Gray.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently.

FOSTER DEACON .. .. .	.. Treble	BERT KILBORN	4
HARRY PEET	2	FRED KILBORN	5
FREDERICK KILBORN	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

First peal in five methods by a'l except the conductor, to whom the peal was also rung as a birthday compliment.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD HAWKINS .. .. .	.. Treble	GEORGE JAYE	5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	FRANK NEWMAN	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	JOHN DALE	7
ERNEST J. BOTLER	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur C. Chaplin and Mr. Robert Jaye, father of the ringer of the 5th.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .	.. Treble	GEORGE HINTON, JUN.	5
ERNEST E. BARRER	2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	6
WILLIAM C. JONES	3	WILLIAM PAGE	7
J. H. R. FREEROEN	4	GORDON CHECKETTS	Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung on the anniversary of the King's Coronation.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, two of College Single, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR FRENCH .. .. .	.. Treble	GABRIEL CHALELEY	4
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	RICHARD KILBY	5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	3	THOMAS LANGDON	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

First peal by the ringer of the treble. First peal of Minor inside by the ringer of the 5th. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son. Also in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frederick Sear, one of the local ringers.

The first portion of the new church of St. Barnabas, Bolton, was consecrated on June 10th. The portion consists of east end, chancel and apse, side chapel for weekday and other services, clergy and choir vestries and organ-chamber; also first three bays of nave and side aisles, and basement, with beating cellar, etc. This leaves two bays of the nave and the west-end tower for future extension. The church has been built with best Accrington bricks, with brick window-arches, brick piers, and nave arcade of dignified proportions. A marble floor of suitable design has been laid to the chancel and altar pace, and also the altar pace of side chapel and baptistry. The aisles and passages are tiled and, floors under seats and to vestries boarded.

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.

NON-SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—At the Central Council meeting a few years ago, at Exeter, I called attention to several methods which have the full number of Surprise places without being Surprise Methods; and amongst them was Imperial Bob as given in Stedman's "Campanalogia," of 1677, page 184. This Treble Bob method, which lies open before me as I write, is specially interesting, far more so than I thought previously, so I annex a half lead. This I have taken the liberty to divide into the four sections on which it must have been originally based.

IMPERIAL BOB.

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

As, later, these figures are bound to come under review, I am wondering if the discerning members of the Exercise would like to be looking them over, in order to see whether they can recognise any "new" friends!

Yours etc.,

WM. SNOWDON.

MR. TROLLOPE'S CHALLENGE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I hope nobody reading last week's BELL NEWS, will think that I have taken to drink and been talking folly. I half wondered myself as I turned up my last letter and there I found that I said, I could pick a band who could ring the two ten-bell methods printed a fortnight ago without seeing the figures because they were really London and Cambridge Surprise Major with two Hunt's added. This by a little exaggeration and just a little pulling of my leg comes out that I offered to get a band together who could ring London and Cambridge without seeing the figures.

Yours etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—I have replied to Mr. Bakers letter privately.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

BELLS RE OPENED.

After an interval of only two years the energetic villagers of Brassington have added a treble to their pretty ring of five, and Wednesday, June 18th, was the day fixed for the opening ceremony. The weather was delightful, and a good congregation assembled during the ringing of some well struck Bob Doubles. Evensong was said by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Wedge, the special lesson being read by the Rev. C. L. Currey Rector of Carsington. The clergy and the choir then proceeded to the tower and the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. A. Gamble, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Bradbourne. The new bell was then raised and 120 Doubles were rung by the local men:—Treble, John Truman; 2, John Watson; 3, John George Mellor; 4, Josiah Dakin; 5, Jesse Mellor (cond); Tenor, Thomas Dakin.

The Rural Dean then delivered an instructive discourse on bells and their uses. During the closing hymn a collection was taken in aid of the Bell Fund. Whilst the parishioners were wending their way to the Vicarage garden, where tea was served and a Sale of Work held, the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following band: Treble, Rev. A. Gamble; 2, J. H. Midlane; 3, Frederick Johnson; 4, George H. Browmer; 5, John Wardmau; Tenor, William Fox (cond).

During the evening the ring was kept merrily going and the additional bell gave the greatest satisfaction. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. John Talyor and Sons of Loughborough.

RINGING IN U.S.A.

RINGER'S OUTING.

May 20th, is a holiday in America devoted to the honour of the veterans who lost their lives in the Civil War of the early sixties, and the day is marked by the decoration of their graves. This year the day was rendered noteworthy from a ringers point of view by its being the occasion of the first outing of Ringers in the States.

The Boston Guild, now equipped for any service, contributed to the celebration of the day by ringing in three towers in detached districts, giving in each locality a meritorious performance. Inasmuch as it was thought expedient to admit the curious public to the ringing chamber, and even the belfry, no peal was practicable; but the regularity of rhythm with which the touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were tapped off did not fail to impress the listeners as a novel treatment of bells, conveying the conception of a kaleidoscope of agreeable, musical changes.

After performing at Watertown and Christ Church, the band dined at the house of Dr. Nichols, and then proceeded by train to Hingham. Here it was arranged that to the ringers should be assigned a prominent part in the public ceremony, and as the procession of soldiers and civilians marched around the memorial tower containing the fine ring of ten, the bells were set in motion deeply muffled, except the back stroke of the tenor, and rung until the audience was seated in the adjacent church. Upon the conclusion of the services the bells were again rung for nearly two hours to an appreciative throng which had been attracted by previous announcements in the schools and local newspapers of the visit of the English Ringers.

The men were assured that one result of this visit was the demonstration of the wisdom of the committee in charge of the tower in selecting English bells adapted to half-pull ringing. The following members took part in the outing:—P. J. Allfrey, Wm. Bashford, Frank Bugar, Jas. F. Laker, G. Mackman, G. Moore, R. Newton, Dr. Nichols, S. J. Perkins, S. W. Sturgis, At the Perkins' Institute on May 23rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob

Minor was rung in 34 minutes by:—P. J. Allfrey 1, S. J. Perkins 2 Geo Moore 3, J. F. Laker 4 Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5 R. Newton 6.

BOSTON TO THE FORE.

AN ASSOCIATION FORMED.

We are indebted to Dr. A. H. Nichols of Boston for the news that a start has been made in the Art in the United States. A band has been formed at Boston, five of whom rank as conductors which will ensure success. A society has also been organised under the name of the Boston Association of Change Ringers, Dr. Nichols having been elected President and Secretary, and Mr. P. J. Allfrey, Master.

The Association has by special invitation, given an exhibition of change ringing before the Boston Society of Architects, and other friends. This meeting was organised with a view to educate the community as to the advantage of installing musical peals of bells, and encouraging skilled ringers.

DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD.

ST. PETER'S BURNHAM, BUCKS.

Last Saturday Surprise practice at this tower, was considerably varied by two pleasing little ceremonies, carried out in a quiet and prompt manner under the Secretaryship of Mr. J. J. Parker. At 7 p.m. a peal tablet was unveiled by the Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Penruddock, M.A., with appropriate word and deed, a white ensign flag having previously obscured the record, fixed to the belfry wall, perpetuating peal No. 1965 for the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, a 5056 Superlative, rang last December, when most of the band earned their stars, it being also the first Surprise on the bells.

Gathered in the belfry were a dozen well-known ringing faces from neighbouring towers in Bucks. and Berks. Messrs. Parker, Welling, Garraway, Buckland, Mayne, blackmore, Cox, Henley and Fussell, also the Curate the Rev. H. J. S. Davis, late of Chalfont, and past and present Churchwardens, Messrs. H. A. Carter, W. H. Williams, and G. Edney.

The second item of the evening consisted of the presentation of an eight day marble striking clock to Mr. George Martin of Maidenhead, one of the most deserving members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild and a truly qualified instructor. This duty was also kindly undertaken by the Vicar, a list of the 16 subscribers names, with an address forming part of gift, being handed over with the clock which bears a neat gilt plate in front inserted as follows:—"Presented to Mr. George Martin, as a mark of respect from a few ringing friends, Burnham, Bucks, 21st June, 1913.

In returning thanks, Mr. Martin was quite unable to give expression to all he wished to say to those who had very kindly thought so well of his endeavours to help on advanced ringing in the Branch. He was taken completely by surprise and stood watching with unconcern the unpacking of a mysterious brown paper parcel, till the Vicar crossed the belfry floor and gently placed the time-piece in Mr. Martin's astonished hand.

A course of Cambridge Surprise followed, six of the team being members of the Superlative band, and then came a few complimentary speeches during which Mr. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens, for their presence with the ringers, and also for the kind permission given through the Steeple-keeper Mr. J. Alder, so readily to practice at Burnham during the past two years.

These gentlemen having responded, Mr. Churchwarden Williams took a spell on the sixth bell, when we ascertained

he began ringing at Llandaff Cathedral, and many years since helped to restore Bedwas bells, a ring of six at his father's church. After a friendly good night all round several touches of Cambridge Surprise were attempted by the visitors one being lost in the last lead, but another completed in capital style, and the Belfry closed at 9 p.m.

Facing the Church Gates stands "The Five Bells," an ancient house of refreshment with its projecting sign, well adorned with painted bells, their number coinciding with those of the church at one time. To this house the company retired until the reasonable hour of closing, 10 p.m. Mine Host surname Frost suffering from the heat of Midsummer was able to satisfy his guests with good supplies of Marlow Ale; otherwise known as "donkey beer," and some wholesome bread, cheese, lettuce and spring onions. "George" was voted to the chair. Future meetings were arranged for Farnham Royal, July 5th, and Beaconsfield July 12th, and Alders history of the new peal board revealed the fact that it was originally a table top, one of its legs forming the cornice. At parting time all the ringers were found to have a two wheeled steed in readiness and were soon winging their aerial flight homewards like a bevy of aeronauts, having put in a "finale" to the longest day of the year.

The new church day and Sunday Schools of St. Stephen, Kearsly Moor, are completed, and the opening ceremony took place on June 11th. The old schools having become unsuited to modern requirements, a building committee was appointed, and the design of Mr. Frank R. Freeman, architect of Bolton, was selected in competition, and he was appointed architect for the work. The new school provides accommodation for 300 mixed scholars. It is a one-story building, and the plan consists of a central assembly hall which will seat 350 persons, with three classrooms on each side for 48 and 40 scholars each, divided by movable screens, by means of which the whole area of the hall and classrooms can be thrown into one large room for entertainments, bazaars, etc., giving total seating accommodation for about 700 persons, and one classroom at end of hall has the floor raised to serve as a platform.

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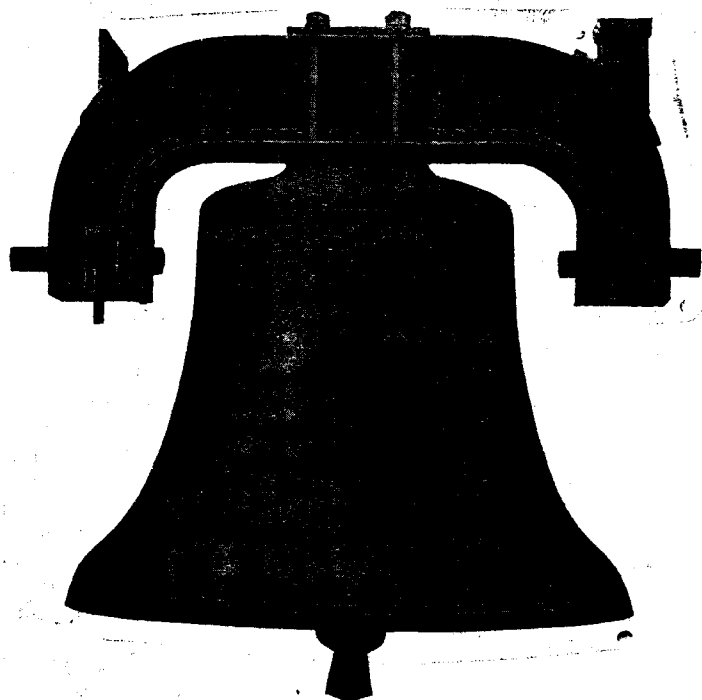
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A District Meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall for all those who send their names to me by July 1st. A Social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the "Greyhound Hotel."

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late St. James' Society).—The Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at St. Giles in the Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Sec.

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

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. Bulpit. } Hon. Secs.
W. Bentham.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea provided at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends heartily welcome.

H. C. Chandler,

Heston, Hounslow.

Hon. Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Warwick, on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m., preacher Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.0 p.m. Tea at "The Globe" Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m., and St. Nicholas by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.

Rev. C. C. Cox,
Hon. Sec.

Shotton,

Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the "Bull" Inn, at 5.30, 9d. to members who notify me by June 25th. All ringers and friends invited.

H. Rumens, Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow N.E.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, June 28th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

A. King, Hon. Sec.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Taunton on July 5th, 1913. Dinner in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Church Square, at 1.30 p.m. Business Meeting to follow. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary's (10) after 12 noon, St. James (8) and Wilton (6) all day.

E. E. Burgess, Sec.

62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside Church, Oldham on Saturday, July 5th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important, a good attendance is requested.

J. H. Barton, Branch Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at East Malling, on Saturday, July 12th. Further particulars later.

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Sec.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

Oxford. Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30, preacher the Rev. A. H. F. Boughy (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers), Business Meeting in the Church House at 12.30. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner Tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members ONLY who send the money with the Order to me on or before Saturday, July, 12th. One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the Dinner; but members failing to send for their Tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.

Albert E. Reeves, Guild Sec.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A Meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dist. Sec.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Mr. W. Latter has removed from 25 Dukes Road, to 11 Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

CORRECTION.

In our report of the muffled quarter peal, rung at Hertford on Sunday, June 15th, the method was given as "Stedman." It should have been Grandsire.

It has been decided to proceed with the completion of St. Alban's Church, Llanelly. Hitherto the congregation has been worshipping in the Crypt, which was completed in August, 1912, at a cost of £2,129 14s. 1d. The completion will cost from £7,000 to £8,000.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand).—In honour of the visit of H.M.S. "New Zealand" to Auckland, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Matthew's Church, in 50 mins., for morning service, on Sunday, May 4th. J. Heather, N. Smallwood, S. C. Hamblin, O. Throssell, J. Davies, E. J. Hamblin, A. J. White, P. W. Barringer. Conducted by A. J. White. For for Divine Service in the evening on May 4th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Heather, N. Smallwood, O. Throssell, E. J. Hamblin, J. Davies, S. C. Hamblin, A. J. White, P. W. Barringer. Conducted by A. J. White.

DOVER (Kent).—On Wednesday, June 18th, for practice, 382 Bob Major. W. Corteen, C. R. Millway, A. Roberts, R. Stevens, H. C. Saywell, W. E. Pitman, F. Houlden (conductor), P. Gibbs

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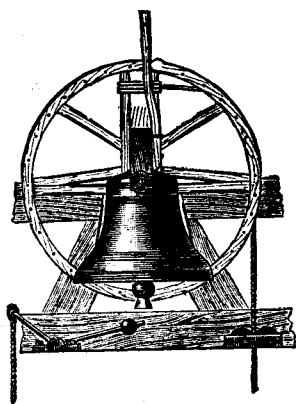
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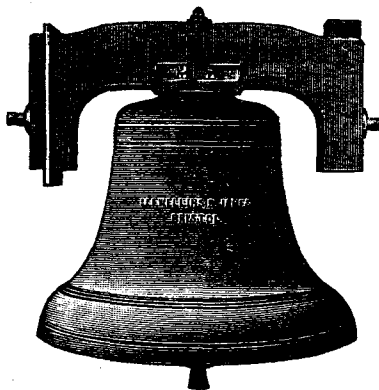
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MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

A meeting of this Branch was held on Saturday last, June 28th, at Calne. The western end of the area, worked from Marlborough as centre, has always been the most enthusiastic, and in that part the meetings have, as a rule, been best attended. On this occasion, however, the attendance was not so large as had been expected. The ringers met at Calne at 3 o'clock, and, after raising the bells, proceeded to ring a touch of Grandsire Triples. A party then journeyed to Bromham, where Mr. H. Brownlee West, Secretary of the Devizes Branch, had obtained the Rector's permission for the bells to be rung. Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and a return was made to Calne in time for tea at 5 o'clock. Seventeen ringers sat down at the Church House. The business meeting followed. The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Rector of Beechingstoke and Master of the Guild, was in the chair, the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, the branch President, being absent owing to slight indisposition. Five new members were elected, and a discussion was held as to a proposed instruction centre. It was decided that Hilmarton was the best centre, and it was left to the Secretary to find out how many ringers from the neighbouring towers would wish to receive instruction. A suggestion was made that it should not begin until the autumn months. The ringers then returned to the tower, where Stedman Triples were brought round. A number then left Calne for Hilmarton, and, the Rev. E. W. W. Payne having kindly given permission, rang several touches there. Later they went on to Lyneham, where there are five bells of splendid tone, and brought home a few touches.

Although the number at the meeting was not large, ten parishes were represented: Calne, Beechingstoke, Bremhill, Hilmarton, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Lyneham, Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Marlborough St. Mary. Thanks are accorded to Archdeacon Bodington for allowing the meeting to be held at Calne, and to the Incumbents of the other parishes for granting permission to ring in their towers.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting was held at Hornchurch on June 28th, when various towers in the district were represented. Ringing commenced at about the advertised time, but owing to a funeral the bells were silenced from 4.45 till after tea, which was partaken of at the "Bull" Inn at 5.30. This was followed by a business meeting with the District Master (Mr. G. A. Black) in the chair. The Hon. Sec. was called upon to read the minutes of the last meeting, and these having been confirmed the election of one new member was put before the members. Romford was selected as the place for the annual meeting, to be held in

September, and Barking was suggested as an alternative, in the event of Romford being unavailable. Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Hornchurch for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having things in readiness, closed the meeting. The belfry was again visited and ringing was kept up for some time.

RINGING MEETING AT LAVENHAM.

TO BECOME AN ANNUAL FIXTURE.

On Saturday last the tower at Lavenham was opened for ringing, and an invitation was given to all and sundry to pay a visit and assist in what it is hoped was the first of a series of annual gatherings of a similar character. The proceedings commenced at 7.40 a.m., at which time the local company rang a touch of 800 Kent to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Hopkins, the wife of the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins. The band stood as follows: A. Symonds, (conductor), W. Fayers, G. Lambert, J. Moore, F. Parker, W. Dent, T. Pryke, and W. R. J. Poulson. During the day quite a number of ringers visited the tower and took part in the ringing, among the places represented being Bocking, Braintree, Earls Colne, Foxearth, Great Tey, Rayne and Coggeshall, Essex; Tooting, London; Preston, Monks Eleigh, Felsham, Sudbury (St. Peter's, St. Gregory's and All Saints), Bury St. Edmunds (St. James), Suffolk; Thetford, Norfolk. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent, and a touch each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. A splendid tea was prepared by host Wells at the "Cock" Inn, to which many of the ringers sat down. The Lavenham band hope to make this a yearly fixture for the Saturday nearest the 27th June, so that they may meet their brethren from the other churches, and the visitors may get a pull on these grand bells.

BELL DEDICATION AT HORWICH.

ANOTHER EIGHT FOR LANCASHIRE.

Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, has had its peal augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the old six having been recast and two new ones added, and the whole hung on the latest principle. The dedication took place on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by Canon Chapman, Vicar of Bolton, and Rural Dean, assisted by the Vicar of Horwich and the Vicar of Deane. The local company opened the bells with a short touch.

After-tea a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by G. Pincott, J. Potter (conductor), J. Weisby, T. Barlow, A. Potter, W. Pennington, J. W. Taylor and R. Allred. Satisfaction was expressed at the go and tone of the bells, which was only to be expected of the work of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

RESTORATION WORK.

MANY PEALS AT THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Messrs. Gillett & Johnston report the following contracts in hand, apart from sundry Clock Chimes:—

Northowram, Yorks.—New ring of 8.

Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.—New ring of 8.

Bicester, Oxon.—Recast and rehang the ring of 8 in a new frame.

Tichmarsh, Northants.—Recast part of the ring of 8 and rehang in a new frame.

Caldicot, Monmouth.—Rehang in a new frame and tune the ring of 8.

S. Mary Cray, Kent.—Recast and rehang the ring of 5 in a new frame and add a treble.

Higham, Suffolk.—Recast and rehang the ring of 6 in a new frame.

East Bridgford, Notts.—Rehang in a new frame and tune the ring of 6.

Kineton, Warwicks.—Rehang in a new frame and tune the ring of 6.

Ditchling, Sussex.—Rehang the ring of 6.

Pythley, Northants.—Rehang and tune the ring of 5 and recast the treble.

Cold Higham, Northants.—Recast the ring of 4, Rehang in a new frame, and add a treble.

Whatton, Notts.—Rehang the ring of 5.

Brentford, Middlesex.—A new chime of 6.

The following contracts have just been let in the Llandaff Diocese, and the work is being proceeded with:—

Peterstone, Marshfield, Monmouthshire. The ring of six to be rehanged in a new steel frame and two trebles added by Messrs. Warner & Sons, London.

St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouthshire.—The ring of eight to be all recast and rehanged in a new steel frame; the frame to be built for ten by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

Pontypridd, Glamorganshire.—A new ring of eight to be put in by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

With regard to St. Woolos Bells, we are able to give the following particulars:—"A generous gift of £400 to recast the eight bells has already been announced, the donor wishing to remain anonymous. We now learn that two gentlemen, who also desire to keep secret their identity, have very kindly come forward with the handsome offer of the gift of a bell each. These generous offers have been promptly accepted, and St. Woolos Church will, in the near future, have a magnificent peal of ten bells—a rare occurrence in this part of the country, the only other church in the district being St. John's Cardiff.

It is hoped that the eight bells that are to be recast will be complete and swung into position within the next three months. The steel frame has been ordered for the ten bells.

Now that St. Woolos Church has progressed so far it will not be out of place to urge forward the restoration scheme of the whole fabric. The reason that the building project has not been carried out, or at least placed in hand, has been, apparently, the almost insuperable difficulties that have arisen in the various schemes; but there are confident hopes of these obstacles being surmounted, and with that object achieved it will readily be conceived that the church, with its peal of ten bells, will be one of the finest in the district.

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PRESENTATION TO AN INSTRUCTOR.

MR. C. EDWARDS HONOURED.

A very pleasing little ceremony took place in the belfry at the Parish Church Aldershot, on Wednesday in last week, when the Band met for practise. For some considerable time Mr. C. Edwards of Farnham, has devoted most of his leisure to instructing bands in the neighbourhood in change-ringing, among them the Aldershot band. In recognition of the services thus rendered on their behalf the Aldershot band resolved to make some acknowledgement. This took the shape of a handsome silver pendant of particularly appropriate design.—A bell enclosed in a wheel with four smaller bells outside the rim. The design was that of Mr. G. Fisher, one of the local ringers.

The presentation was made in the name of the band by Mr. Fisher their captain. In the course of his remarks he referred to the great help Mr. Edwards had been to them, turning up most regularly for practise. They were always pleased to see him, and wished him joy and happiness.

Mr. Edwards, in reply, thanked the band for their good wishes and for the handsome little present. He should value it highly, the more so as the Aldershot ringers had made very rapid progress in change-ringing. He was especially gratified at the warm welcome they always accorded him.

One of the band who has been only two years under instruction, has rung in 17 peals. As there is plenty of talent available the hope is expressed that a peal by an entirely local band will soon be an accomplished fact.

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.

DARK AND UNVENTILATED BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I read with interest your leader re Oakham Parish Church belfry being devoid of both light and ventilation, and may say that this is not the only belfry so situated. SS. Philip and James, Ratby, near Leicester, has a massive tower containing a musical ring of six bells, tenor 12 cwt. The belfry is approached by a wooden ladder through an opening in the floor, and there is no window or ventilation of any kind, and of course is quite dark even in the daytime, and until recently was lighted by an oil lamp. But they now have gas. There have been four peals rung here, one being a 10.080, the longest on six bells by the Midland Counties Association, which the writer rang and called from the tenor, and I may say it was not by any means a pleasant task. St. Bartholomew, Kirby Mixloe, near by, is similar to this, the only ventilation being a small open loop hole near the ceiling. Here are five bells, and one peal has been rung on them, also called by

Yours etc.,

ERNEST MORRIS.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—As Mr. Trollope's criticisms on new methods (and on Leek Major) were made publicly when he called them mongrels, ought he not in fairness to explain just as publicly, and not to do it "privately"?

Yours etc.,

INTERESTED.



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Ringers' Outings.

ST. ANDREW'S, DERBY.

A RECORD DAY THOROUGHLY ENJOYED.

The annual outing of the St. Andrew's (Derby) choir and ringers took place on Saturday, June 28th. and, as usual, was a memorable event. The party to the number of about thirty, took train to Matlock Bath, where a large motor char-a-banc was waiting to convey them round the picturesque Peak district. Arriving at Matlock at 10.2 a.m., the motor quickly sped along through Darley Dale, with the lovely Whitworth Gardens looking their best. Our next place *en route* was Rowsley, and regardless of dust, wind, etc., we sped along, passing a row of workmen's cottages, splendid stone structures, which our guide informed us belonged to the Midland Railway Company. We were soon at Beeley, and just entering on the lovely Chatsworth estate. Of course we of the ringing fraternity did not fail to see the little church with its low square tower in the village of Beeley. On we proceeded, and were soon in the park, where dozens of deer were grazing not far away from us, and pheasants running about amongst the long grass. A splendid view of Chatsworth House was obtained, and well may it be described as the palace of the Peak. One worthy member of the belfry—to wit, Jimmy Pagett—was hereabouts wrestling with his straw hat, owing to the wind and speed, but with a bit of help from a comrade this was made fast to the place it was intended for. We were soon out of the park, and passed along through Edensor with its neat little church and lovely spire. One noticed too the model village on our left as we passed along, until we were at Baslow in the space of a moment or two. Here a halt was made for the party to inspect the church, and the greater number of them availed themselves of the opportunity. It was soon time for us to proceed however, so we again mounted our chariot, and were quickly speeding along, passing the College at Carver, and on to Froggat Edge, where we had a splendid run across the grouse moors belonging to the Duke of Rutland. A halt was made at Fox House for lubrication, etc., and then we were soon making tracks for Grindleford. I must not forget to mention the lovely view we had here, which is properly termed "Surprise View." It was simply magnificent, and the trees and bracken seemed to have put on their best garb for the occasion. The roads along here were very much of a zig-zag order, and the writer along with others, experienced some thrills as the car simply flew round the corners. We were beginning to feel the effects of the open air treatment now, so it was a pleasure to hear our guide say we were nearing Grindleford, as luncheon was to be provided for us there. We were true to time, and our host must have got a good estimate of our appetites, for there was a splendid spread awaiting us. I need hardly state that justice was done, but it would have done a hungry man good to have seen some of the faces after the good things had been consumed. An adjournment was then made by some to the gardens, whilst others interested the company with handbell ringing, singing, etc. (And here I must congratulate the *author* or his performance)

Time, the enemy, once more called us together, and we departed from Grindleford well satisfied with Host Elliotts catering. Our venue was Eyam, famous for the great plague of a decade ago, and on our arrival we were greatly disappointed at not being able to see the interior of the church, as a service was taking place. However, we viewed the quaint old monuments in the churchyard and

also the famous plague cottages before leaving, after which we turned our heads to Monsal Dale, this, by the way being an extension of our original programme. The Dale looked lovely and no doubt the majority of us would have been very pleased to stay for an hour or so, but we made our way on through Ashford, and were soon at Bakewell where dinner was arranged at the Peacock Hotel. Our programme had been so well arranged, and the time table worked well on the right side so as we had a little time to spare our worthy chaffeur willingly conveyed some of the party to Haddon, where the home of Dorothy Vernon was visited. The ringers had a programme of their own for their spare time, and through the kindness of Mr. Alf. Wallace, of Bakewell, permission was obtained to ring on the lovely peal of bells. Touches of Stedman and Duffield Major were rung, Mr. Wallace taking part.

It was now time to make tracks for the hotel and the party were re-inforced by 3 or 4 members of the choir who could not spend the day with us. To the regret of the ringers one of their number Mr. George Ward could not come as arranged.

I must not dwell too much on the dinner, for truth to tell it was not of the same excellent quality as the other part of our programme, much to the regret of those who had made the arrangements. Dinner being over our worthy Vicar, who occupied the chair, thanked the Choir and Ringers for their good services which were greatly appreciated by all at St. Andrew's. He pointed out what good fellowship and freemasonry must exist amongst them to attain such successes, and his only reply was, as Wellington said, "Thank you."

Mr. Baker responded on behalf of the Choir, and in thanking the Vicar for his kind remarks pointed out the great need of every member attending the practises. He stated that St. Andrew's Choir were doing some fine work, and hoped all would make great efforts to attend the practices.

Mr. Hart, captain of the belfry responded for the ringers and in a humorous speech hoped that we should never go back to the horse drawn vehicles for our outings, we were so delighted to have come to the modern form of travelling. He thanked the Vicar for his kind remarks and said it was a great pleasure to come year after year with the choir and meet the old friends. He hoped the same good fellowship would exist. The great secret of success was unity, and this was a predominant feature at St. Andrews'.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Churchwarden's and Mr. Blake for the excellent arrangements. Mr. Gibson, who kindly took the reins of office in the regrettable absence of Mr. Blake, remarked that it was a pleasure to him to meet church-workers and see such harmony existing at St. Andrew's.

It was now time to depart for Matlock, and each of us returned home (after a ride of about 70 miles) tired, but one and all of the opinion that this was the best outing known at St. Andrew's. In closing I would like to recommend Messrs. Hands of Matlock, for their splendid motor and also the chaffeur who obliged everybody. That we may have many more such outings is the sincere wish of
B.M.

TIPTON (Staffs).—On Sunday, June 29th, for Divine Service in the morning at the Parish Church, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. J. W. Jones, W. R. Small, S. Baker, A. Rowley, J. Smith, A. Greenfield, C. W. Fisher (conductor), H. S. Smith. Rung to oblige Mr. J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association who was spending a week-end in the district.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(JASPER SNOWDON SERIES).

CHAPTER VIH.

The following article is again from the pen of Sir Arthur Heywood. Bart., revised to date for this work; originally written in 1888:—

A certain amount of mystery would appear to surround most of the problems known as "extents." Such a one is—

THE TWELVE COURSE-ENDS WITH THE SIXTH AT HOME.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, having recently (1888) produced a peal in which these courses are arranged in a new manner, it struck me that a complete demonstration of the whole question of the twelve courses might prove of interest to the Exercise.

First I shall consider the various ways in which twelve consecutive course-ends with the sixth (or any other bell) in sixth's place are obtainable, in illustrating which I shall adhere chiefly to SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE for reasons which will appear later. Afterwards, the laws which govern the whole proposition, independently of any particular method, will be explained.

As a few preliminary definitions are necessary, I would ask especial attention to them. Nothing of what follows can be taken as applying to any but *in course* leads and courses, consequently the bastard methods, such as Bob Triples, Grandsire Major, etc., in which the course of the leads is turned, do not come within the scope of this enquiry; as neither do such methods as Treble Bob, London Surprise, or Double Oxford Major, in which the 6th can be moved and brought home within the length of a course. The proposition simply relates therefore to the extent that can be got out of the 6th continuously at home in *in-course* leads and courses.

On looking over Mr. Hattersley's twelve course-ends, it at once occurred to me that these might be reversed, for the original twelve-course arrangements being reversible, and all such arrangements being from their nature symmetrical, it seemed to follow that they would all be reversible. This proved to be the case.

The question then arose, were there any others? It is known to composers that, of the three possible course-ends with the same bells in 5-6, if one comes with a bob H, so must the other two, if all three are required. Conversely, if one comes with a plain H, so must the two remaining ones, because of what is now termed their "Q-set" relationship. Therefore every twelve-course plan must contain, between the lead at which the 6th comes home, and that at which it is moved a number of bobs H which is a multiple of three. That is, in any twelve-course plan there must be 3, 6, 9, or 12 bobs H. But there cannot be such a plan with only 3 bobs H, because, as will be seen presently, every twelve-course plan must contain 16 calls exclusive of those that bring home and move the 6th; and as the only other possible calls are the Ws, which, if called in full, number but 12, there would in such a case be a total of 13 calls only.

A twelve-course plan must, therefore, contain 6, 9, or 12 bobs H. The original plan and its reverse have each the full number of 12 bobs H. Mr. Hattersley's plan and its reverse have each 9 bobs H. At this point I arrived, and was there met by the difficulty that although there was every indication that a plan with 6 bobs H ought to exist, with its reverse, nowhere was it to be found. My efforts to obtain it failed, when I was fortunate enough to receive, by the next day's post, a communication from Mr. N. J. Pitstow, containing the very plan sought. This, with its reverse, completed the six twelve-course plans which investigation had shown to be possible. They are now appended in full.

I do not venture to name them after the able composers who were respectively the first to apply them to the Superlative Methods, because I should be met by the perhaps fair complaints from other equally able composers that they had previously employed the same plans in other methods, and possessed, therefore, an antecedent right to the credit. The late Mr. J. Thorp's name has been usually connected with No. 1. and Mr. Henry Dains with its reverse, but both these plans had been used before in other methods. Mr. C. H. Hattersley gives us No. 2, but Mr. J. Carter has based many peals of Double

Norwich Major thereon already. This plan was independently reversed by Mr. Pitstow and myself. No. 3 was produced by Mr. Pitstow and reversed by me, but what is practically the same calling can be found in the late Mr. Sottanstell's work; so that whilst wishful to honour those who have applied these various arrangements to the method under notice, it will hardly do to exclude those who much earlier made use of the same plans in other methods. And this more especially as it is self-evident from their simplicity that most of them must have been known in times long past, though perhaps not in their entirety by reason of some methods not admitting the twelfth course-end.

THE SIX WAYS OF OBTAINING THE TWELVE COURSE-ENDS.

WITH 12 BOBS H.

No. 1.	B	W	H	Reverse	B	W	H
4352	*	—	—	4352	*	—	—
5432	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—
3542	—	—	—	4523	—	—	—
4235	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	5324	—	—	—
2534	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—
3254	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—
5324	—	—	—	5432	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—	3542	—	—	—
5243	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—
4523	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—
2345	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—

WITH 9 BOBS H.

No. 2.	B	W	H	Reverse	B	W	H
3542	*	—	—	4352	*	—	—
4235	—	—	—	5432	—	—	—
5432	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—
3254	—	—	—	5324	—	—	—
4352	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—
5243	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—
4523	—	—	—	4523	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—
5324	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—
2534	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	3542	—	—	—
2345	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—

WITH 6 BOBS H.

No. 3.	B	W	H	Reverse	B	W	H
3542	*	—	—	4352	*	—	—
4235	—	—	—	5243	—	—	—
5432	—	—	—	4523	—	—	—
2534	—	—	—	3425	—	—	—
3425	—	—	—	5324	—	—	—
5324	—	—	—	2453	—	—	—
2453	—	—	—	3254	—	—	—
3254	—	—	—	5432	—	—	—
4352	—	—	—	2534	—	—	—
5243	—	—	—	4235	—	—	—
4523	—	—	—	3542	—	—	—
2345	—	—	—	2345	—	—	—

(To be continued.)

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1913.

There seems to be plenty to do in the way of Bell Restoration, judging only by the reports appearing in another part of this issue. The Croydon foundry has its hands full, while in the diocese of Llandaff alone there are some half dozen peals in hand. At St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., the work was originally to re-cast the ring of eight, and to hang them in a new steel frame made for ten, it being hoped to add two others at a future date. One of those generous members of whom the Church can claim so many, and to whom she owes so much, had given a donation of £400 to enable this to be done. Now, before the work had been commenced, two other gentlemen, whose names are not disclosed, have come forward and given a bell each to raise the peal to the ten, for which the new frame is designed. All honour to these and many other noble donors, who have given of their substance to enrich God's House, and make more fitting the call to His service.

Ringers, like other folks, when they take an outing, prefer to do so in the most modern way. Thus we find that the sober horsed brake or char-a-banc is discarded,

and we sally forth in our motor driven—or is it drawn—vehicle to do the country in a sight seeing sense, not, of course in any other way. We are not content to halt at the eighteen or twenty miles that satisfied our forebears and ourselves in our younger days. Now we must rise betimes in the morning (we did that always on outing days) betake us to the road, and ere night sees us at home again, have covered a journey of sixty or seventy or even 100 miles. These modern facilities enable us, of course, to visit many places that would otherwise be closed to us, or at any rate enable us to visit in one day scenes that under the old regime would have meant three or four, and so spread the pleasure over as many years, since not more than one day can be given up to an annual outing. Whether the extra pleasure compensates for the rush is another question, and one which can only be answered individually

The Provinces.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Friday, June 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH Treble	EDGAR SMITH 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	JOHN BARBER 6
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	REUBEN HALL 7
THOMAS HILL 4	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON, and
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. John Barber was proposed a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire, called in fourteen different ways. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM PRYCE Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN 3
ROBERT GREEN 2	G. HARRY KETTLE 4
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor	

Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday June 23, 1913 in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part, Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM BRANT 5
RICHARD DUNN 2	GEORGE CLAYBROOK 6
DANIEL JONES 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
ANDREW JONES 4	CHARLES DABBY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of the Rev. W. T. Milligan, M.A., Vicar of the parish,

FRENSHAM.—On Thursday, June 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 24 mins. A. Chuter, A. Croucher, Alf. Croucher, H. Chaffey, G. Gilbert, C. Edwards, (conductor). First in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 4.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lb.

WILLIAM OSTLER Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
WILLIAM FLOEY 3	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7
HOBART E. SMITH 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

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

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Mr. Maulden hails from Guildford.

PENGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs.

ERNEST TIGWELL Treble	HENRY BROWN 4
ALBERT BRADLEY* 2	FRANK J. KEECH 5
HENRY P. READER 3	GEORGE WICKENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WICKENS.

*First peal. First peal in four methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wickens.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY MORGAN* Treble	JOHN BUTLER 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	FREDERICK ATWELL 6
JOSEPH SYKES 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	FREDERICK STANBURY Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

*First peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOHN ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS JENNION 2	WILLIAM TWIST* 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
JAMES R. GRIFFIN† 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
WILLIAM SEELEY 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
CHRISTOPHER MURRAY 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
RICHARD DARLOW 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

Mr. C. Murray, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Dublin,

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG* Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD† 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT† 2	CHARLES CAMM 6
FREDERICK BRYAN 3	EDGAR MANNING 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Triples.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR* Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 4
HARRY THORPE* 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Taylor and Co., the go and tone being excellent.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JAMES MOTTS 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Hollis's Irregular Five-Part No. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY BENTLY* Treble	JOSEPH CLARKE 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM WEATHERS 6
THOMAS TUDOR 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
ALFRED COTON 4	GEORGE HALL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and tenor were proposed members of the above Guild before starting. Rung on the eve of St. Peter's Day: also on the anniversary of Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	RICHARD KENDALL 6
HENRY S. ELLIS 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
CHARLES F. WINNEY 4	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. B. PECK.

SOUTH SHORE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Fylde Branch).

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of the following: Superlative, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Single and College Single.

CHARLES KERR Treble	THOMAS ALLANSON 4
JOHN TIPPING 2	ROBT. CARDWELL 5
D. McLELLAN 3	EDWARD TIPPING Tenor

Conducted by E. TIPPING.

All are from Lytham; the 5th ringer from St. Peter's, and the rest from St. John's.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Leicester District).

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	EDGAR VALLANCE 5
MISS HILDA WILLSON* 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN 6
THOMAS VALLANCE 3	ALBERT H. BELL* 7
WM. H. INGLESANT 4	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

*First attempt for a peal in the method. Thanks are due to Mr. H. Bell for standing in after meeting a man short. This is the conductor's 150th peal, and was rung in honour of the Garden Fete at St. Thomas'.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	HENRY NORMAN 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4	WILLIAM D. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.

After the peal the band expressed the usual birthday compliments to T. Creed.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JAMES MOTTS 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar of Lavenham and the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking for granting the use of the bells, the latter gentleman putting off a service. Also Messrs. Symonds and Reed for having everything in readiness.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for Sale, with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—CHARLES BARBER, Littleton, Liversedge, Yorks.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 29 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

DAVID COLLINS Treble	HOBART E. SMITH 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WILLIAM FLODY 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

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

Handbell Peals.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

MISS BELL SYMONDS* .. Treble	MISS ETHEL REED† 4
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 5-6
CHARLES ROBINSON* 3	WM. R. J. POULSON .. 7-8

Composed by F. E. MEADOWS, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

*First peal. This is the first peal in which a lady has rung in the diocese of Ely. Miss Reed and Mr. Robinson are of Hadleigh, Suffolk.

HAGGERSTON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours Forty-nine Minutes,

At 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

JAMES HUNT 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 9-10.	

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

Umpire—T. King.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. John-the-Divine,

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

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON 3-4	H. EDWARD NORMAN .. 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal in one part has all the bells in consecutive order in 6th place at a course-end.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOMS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

No. 33 C.C. Collection.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 3-6
HOBART E. SMITH 3-4	WILLIAM FLODY 7-8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire—Stanley Clark.

SOUTHWARK.—On May 15th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. F. W. Martin, *F. C. J. Anderson, C. H. Hughes, T. H. Taffender (conductor), A. Turner, H. T. Gowlett, *L. B. Porter, †E. Holman. *First quarter-peal of Stedman. †First quarter-peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. James', Clerkenwell Society).

On Friday, June 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At 78 Peabody Buildings, Farringdon Road, E.C.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings.

GEORGE C. ROGERS 1	GEORGE T. GREEN 3
WM. A. J. GOODMAN 2	CHAS. J. ALDERTON 4
ALBERT E. MILDETT† 5-6	

Conducted by A. E. MILLETT.

First handbell peal by all. †First peal as conductor. Witness—Ernest V. Millett.

OBITUARY.

D'OYLEY S. SIMONS.

By the death of the above-named ringer, on June 12th, the St. Margaret's (Barking) Society has sustained the loss of a valued member. Deceased, whose health had not been robust of late, was only 27 years of age. He had been a ringer for ten years, and was a member of the College Youths, Essex, Sussex and London County Associations and the St. Margaret's (Westminster) Society, for one or another of which he had rung in 25 peals in various methods on 8 or 10 bells. Mr. Simons was formerly a corporal in the Territorial Force, from which he recently resigned. He leaves a widow and one child for whom much sympathy is felt. The St. Margaret's (Barking) Society rang a muffled peal in his memory, which was recorded in our last week's issue.

MR. CHARLES LAMB.

It is with sincere regret we have to announce the death on June 22nd, of Mr. Charles Lamb, of Bottesford, a promising ringer, at the early age of 24 years. Deceased was a victim of tuberculosis. Always ready to give his services to any good cause, he was well respected by all who knew him, both in the ringing-chamber and out, and always at his post for practices or ringing for Sunday services. The funeral took place on Thursday, June 26th, his remains being carried to his last resting-place by four of his fellow-ringers: T. Baker, W. Turner, W. Bend, and H. Thorlby. Others also present were T. Rawdin, D. Gelden, A. Ward, W. G. Thorpe (Grantham), Canon Vincent Jackson officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston). There was a large gathering of relatives and friends, bearing eloquent testimony to the regret and sympathy felt. A large number of wreaths were sent, including one from his fellow-ringers in the shape of a large bell; also one from Mr. J. Lord (Derby). After the funeral short touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells half muffled, were rung by T. Rawdin, Rev. C. J. Sturton, D. Gelden, W. G. Thorpe, W. Bend, A. Ward, T. Baker, and H. Thorlby. Also half muffled touches were rung for both Sunday services. He was a member of the Framland Society, also the Midland Counties Association. He rang in four peals, conducting three, and conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the Bottesford bells, also the first by the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins. E. Gibbs, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, L. Attwater, R. N. Runham, C. F. Winney, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy. First quarter-peal of Surprise on the bells.

MARYLEBONE, W.—On Monday June 30th, for practice at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. N. Runham, J. Cornford, A. D. Barker, R. W. Green, F. J. Hardy. First quarter-peal of Surprise upon the bells. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. F. Winney.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS.

On Friday of last week the Lord Bishop of Carlisle dedicated a peal of eight bells, which have been hung in the belfry of the Parish Church at a cost of between £800 and £900. There was a large and deeply interested congregation assembled in the church to take part in the service, Dr. Diggle also conducting a Confirmation Service.

A BRIEF HISTORY.

For some time it had been noticed that the five old wooden girders in the church tower were rotten, and if the ringing of the bells continued an accident would have occurred. The Vicar (Rev. J. G. Leonard), churchwardens and sidesmen held a meeting, and decided to have the place examined.

The bells were examined by three founders, who agreed that it was inadvisable to ring again until the fittings had been renewed.

A parishioners' meeting was held in November, and it was decided that the six bells should be taken out and recast into a peal of eight, it being felt that the mother church of a district covering so wide an area, with a tower of such handsome appearance and ample proportions, was worthy of a good ring of bells. The order was placed with Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., (established 1763), the renowned bell founders, of Spitalfields, London, N.E., a firm which has been entrusted with numerous important orders. The six old bells were cast and hung by this firm in the year 1866, and were of the notes and weights given below:—

	Note	cwts.	qrs.	lb.
Treble ...	E	5	3	22
2nd ...	D	6	0	13
3rd ...	C	6	2	19
4th ...	B	6	3	21
5th ...	A	7	3	16
Tenor ...	G	10	3	17
		44	1	24

Mr. J. Tyson's excellent book on "Dalton-in-Furness," says that the peal of six bells above-mentioned was presented by public subscription through the origination and during the churchwardenship of Mr. William Whiteside, the bells being subsequently rehung in the tower of the present church, which was erected on the site of the old church in 1884-5. There were only three bells in the old church, prior to 1866, and it is supposed these came from Furness Abbey.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW BELLS.

The task of hanging the bells was by no means a simple or easy one, but under the skilful management of Mr. John Yarrol, the foreman, and Mr. Tom King, the scientific change-ringer, this was accomplished.

The frame is made of all steel joists to hold ten bells at some time, and the design and principle is Messrs. Warner's own, and this is the first frame for ten bells ever made this way. The headstocks are cast iron, and the wheels, clappers, and all the fittings of the most modern type. The total weight of bells and fittings is about twelve tons. The bells are tuned on the Canon Simpson principle.

The bells are of the weights and notes below:—

	Note.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble ...	E flat	4	3	14
2nd ...	D	5	3	0
3rd ...	C	6	2	16
4th ...	B flat	7	3	26
5th ...	A flat	10	1	4
6th ...	G	12	0	12
7th ...	F	16	1	25
Tenor ...	E flat	21	2	3

Total weight ... 85 2 16

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

- Treble.—Hanc Campanam D, D, J.G.L. Et J.K.L. In memoriam H.W.M., S.A.M. Et L.B.A.D. MCMXIII.
 2nd.—This bell was given by Joseph and Elizabeth Fisher and family.
 3rd.—This bell was given by T. and J. Ashburner, 25th April, A.D. 1888; 25th April, A.D. 1913.
 4th.—This bell was given by the family of the late Abram and Sarah Heys. In memoriam, A.D. 1913.
 5th.—To the glory of God and in gratitude for his mercies during fifty years residence at Millwood, this bell was given by Edward Wadham and his wife and family. A.D. 1913.
 6th.—This bell was given by the Sidesmen. A.D. 1913.
 7th.—This bell was given by Kennedy Brothers, A.D. 1913.
 Tenor.—Honori Dei et Huiusce Parochiae Usui Hae sunt Campanae. J. G. Leonard, M.A., Vicar: J. Fisher, jun., H. W. Preston, W. J. Kelleway, W. Preston, Churchwardens.
 Each bell, in addition, bears the imprint of the founders: "John Warner and Sons, Founders, London, 1913."

THE RINGING CHAMBER.

A change has also been wrought here. On entering the neat and clean ringing chamber one is particularly struck with its commodious accommodation for the ringers, the admirably lighted room and the means of ventilation. In place of the former plastered ceiling, matchboarding has been substituted, and the whole appearance is one of comfort.

A glance round the chamber discloses photos of well-known ringers of the past, such as Wm. Cooter, Hy. Bastable, Hy. Bright, Thos. Hattersley, James Wm. Washbrook (who was a big powerful fellow and known to ring two bells at the same time), Hy. Johnson, sen., Hy. Hardcastle, Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, M.A., Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, M.A., J.P., Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, M.A., and others. There also hangs a speaking likeness of the Rev. J. M. Morgan, R.D., for nearly fifty years Vicar of Dalton, and a splendid photo of the grandfather of the present Duke of Devonshire, who was greatly interested in the old church of Dalton. There is, too, an amusing framed card bearing the following:—

DALTON PARISH CHURCH.—RULES OF THIS TOWER.

If you come here to ring a bell,
 With hand and ear you must ring well;
 Should you your bell overthrow,
 Twelve pence you pay before yo go.

If we for you the changes ring,
 You must to us one shilling bring:
 And sixpence too, without demur,
 If you appear in hat and spur;
 And if above you choose to go,
 You sixpence pay or stay below.

Beautifully neat work is shown in a code of thirteen rules, framed and hanging in a prominent part of the chamber. It is the work of Mr. Nicholas Newby, illuminator, Dalton. Conspicuous are the words:—

Ring out the false,
Ring in the true.

Who rings a bell, let him look well
To hand and head and heart;
The hand for work, the head for wit,
The heart for worship's part.

"I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the House of the Lord." (Psalm cxxii. verse 1.)

"A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand." Psalm lxxxiv. verse 10.)

Below the code of rules are given the names of the patrons;—Rev. James M. Morgan, Edward Wadham, Esq., September 1886. President—Rev. S. A. Adams; Vice-president and conductor, Thomas Watson; Treasurer, T. R. Jackson; Secretary, James Spencer.

Another interesting record reads:—

DALTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

A peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung on Tuesday, November 15th, 1881, the members standing: J. Robinson (conductor), 1; Wm. Robinson, 2; Thomas Watson, 3; T. Hill Johnson, 4; Thomas R. Jackson, 5; James Burrows. This being the first peal of Grandsire Doubles rung by the above society in the old Parish Church.

Still another boards informs the visitor that a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, consisting of 38 bobs and 22 singles was rung in 26 minutes, being the first peal of 720 by the society, also in the new steeple. The ringers were:—J. Spencer, T. Townson, T. Watson (conductor), J. Burrows, T. R. Jackson, M. Caddy. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 qrs. 9 lbs. in G.

In the belfry is a portrait of Mr. Ellacombe, the inventor of the Ellacombe chiming apparatus, and also of the Rev. G. W. Cole, B.A., formerly curate of Dalton, who wrote some verses relating to Mr. Ellacombe in 1815, and presented a printed copy to the Dalton belfry. It is to be hoped that when the other two bells are secured, and it may be sooner than is expected, the chiming apparatus will be attached.

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To do God all the honour,
From clime to clime,
We'll ring our chime
And tell of Rhodes the donor.

The two trebles were the gift of a Mr. Miles, and on one is inscribed:—

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Monday, May 5th, at St. Mary's, S.E., for practice, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins. T. Walker, T. H. Taftender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. N. Runham, J. Cornford, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy. First quarter-peal of Surprise on the bells.

In mediæval times bellswere rung regularly throughout the day to denote the Canonical Hours, and in the old days, before clocks were known, this must have been (with the morning and evening Ave Bells) the only way of marking the time within the reach of the ordinary man. Nor is it yet quite extinct in villages where there is no church clock; at Pleshey in Essex, the custom of ringing the 8 a.m. bell on Sundays is now only kept up in order that the people may be able to set their own clocks and watches by it once a week.

HOLIDAY SEA TRIPS.

The New Palace Steamers announce that their p.s. "Koh-i-Noor" commenced her popular afternoon "Husband Boat" trips on Saturday, the 28th ult., and on Sunday, the 29th, she made her first trip to Deal, whilst on Monday the regular service to Dover commenced. These trips mark the opening of the full service of sailings by the "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-Noor." A special feature this year is the early morning sailing of the "Koh-i-Noor" on Saturdays, when she will leave Old Swan Pier at 7.45 a.m. for Margate, calling at Tilbury only to pick up passengers from Fenchurch-street and St. Pancras, arriving at Margate at 12.45 p.m. A postcard to Mr. T. E. Barlow, 77, King William-street, E.C., will bring full particulars of these enjoyable sea trips to those in search of fresh air and comfortable travel.

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The General Steam Navigation Company are affording every facility to holiday-makers for reaching the various popular resorts on the East Coast. The fast new saloon steamer Golden Eagle leaves Fresh Wharf daily at 8.40 a.m. (Sundays 9.10) for Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, whilst a special train from Fenchurch-street at 9.12 (Sundays 10.15) enables passengers to join

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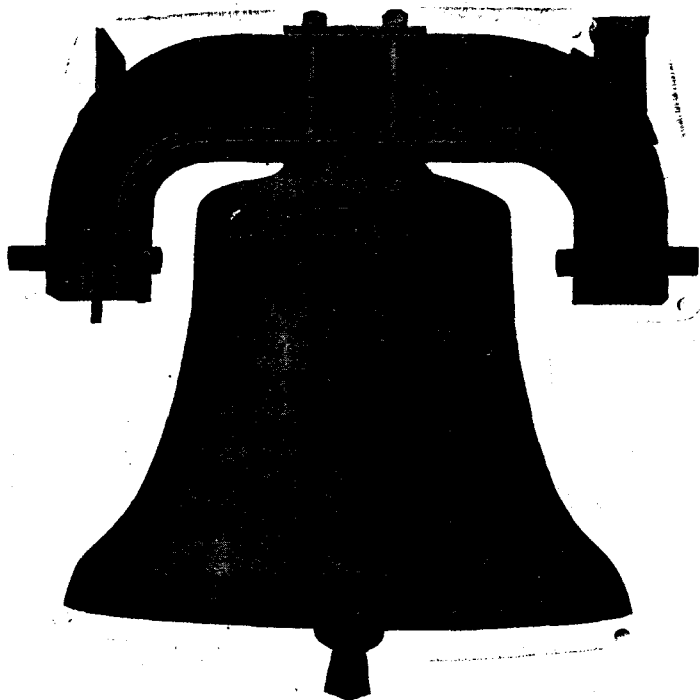
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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 8th and 22nd; at Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st; at St. Giles Cripplegate, on the 8th; at St. Paul's-Cathedral on the 22nd; and 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A District Meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall for all those who send their names to me by July 1st. A Social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the "Greyhound Hotel."

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association (late St. James' Society).—The Quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at St. Giles in the Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

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

London County Association (late St. James' Society, established 1634).—Northern District.—The next Meeting of this District will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.
7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Taunton on July 5th, 1913. Dinner in St. Mary's Schoolroom, Church Square, at 1.30 p.m. Business Meeting to follow. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary's (10) after 12 noon, St. James (8) and Wilton (6) all day.

E. E. Burgess, Sec.
62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside Church, Oldham on Saturday, July 5th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important, a good attendance is requested.

J. H. Barton, Branch Sec.

Bicester, Oxon.—The re-cast ring of eight now being hung in the Parish Church will be dedicated by the Ven Archdeacon of Oxford, on Thursday, July 10th, at 3 o'clock. The tower will be open after the Service. Visiting ringers welcome.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at East Malling, on Saturday, July 12th.

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Sec.
22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A Meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Surrey Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 10th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea at 5.30; Business Meeting after. As the Vicar and Churchwardens are kindly providing tea, will unattached members intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th.

Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30, preacher the Rev. A. H. F. Bonghey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers), Business Meeting in the Church House at 12.30. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner Tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members ONLY who send the money with the Order to me on or before Saturday, July, 12th. One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the Dinner; but members failing to send for their Tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.

Albert E. Reeves, Guild Sec.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next Meeting will be held at Hadley, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.,

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—A meeting for Combined Practice will be held at Halesowen, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec.

9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follows. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea. Those intending to be present please send word to me not later than July 16th.

Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury District.—A District Meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of All Saint's and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. Will those wishing to have tea provided kindly communicate, not later than Tuesday, July 15th, with the Secretary.

Rev. R. L. Gardner.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to

A. Shufflebotham, Dist. Sec.

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

STOCKPORT.—On Tuesday afternoon, July 1st, at St. Mary's Parish Church, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Hollingworth, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, which failed through a change course occurring in 1 hr. 46 mins. A. G. Clarke, Wm Gordon (conductor), J. Fernley, H. Reynolds, P. Brickell, J. A. Gordon, A. Gordon, Wm. Gordon, jun., A. S. Gordon, E. Edmunds.

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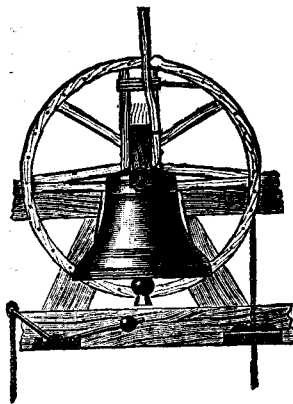
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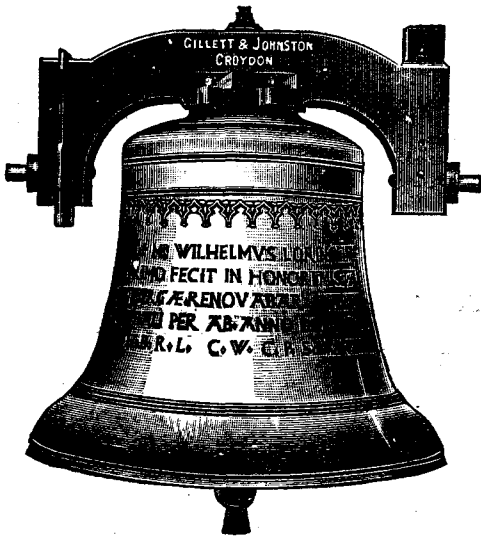
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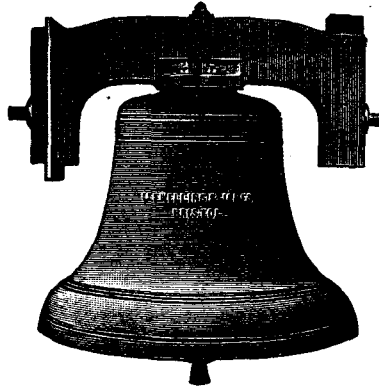
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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting was held in accordance with custom at Warwick, on Saturday, June 28th. Members began to assemble about half past three, and St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells sounded out over the ancient town until the hour of Evensong. This service was conducted at St. Mary's by the Vicar, and a special address was given to the ringers present by the Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Taking for his text the first verse of Psalm cxxii—"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord"—he spoke of the familiar things in life, notably our ancient churches and bells, which few people, he said, whether connected with them or not, would care to lose. St. Mary's Church, for instance, had many architectural faults perhaps, yet, because of the sacred associations of the place, no one would dare to or even wish to suggest that such should be remedied according to modern ideas. The sanctity of the House of God would always be there. He went on to emphasize the office of the bells as messengers, and that of the ringers who, while their message is one that is sent out by them, are messengers for calling people towards the house of the Lord. He was glad of the increasing recognition of ringers as church workers, and urged ringers themselves to be careful in attending the services of the Church after they have called other people to them. They were to set the example and to be foremost in saying "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Thus would they make men glad by their message and example.

Tea was partaken of at the Globe Hotel, and the business meeting followed. The Rev. Alan Williams presided supported by Mr. Jas. George, Ringing Master; Rev. C. Carew Cox, Hon. Secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickens, Hon. Treasurer; and about forty-five members representing Allesley, Birmingham, Berkswell, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Bedworth, Stoke Golding, Tamworth and Warwick.

The President having said a few words of welcome to the members, the Hon. Secretary read the report of the Committee for the past year. This proclaimed the affairs of the Guild to be in a very satisfactory condition. The total membership stood at 208 as compared with 174 at the issue of the last report. Forty-seven peals had been rung, which number exceeded all previous records for a like period in the history of the Guild, both in quantity and quality. Included in it were two peals of Surprise Minor, twelve of Stedman Triples, two of Stedman Caters, one of Double Norwich Major, and eight of Superlative Surprise Major; also the first peal by the Guild in seven plain Minor methods. The Ringing Master was congratulated on reaching his 500th peal. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 4s. 6d. as compared with £9 12s. 10d. last year. The President, Vice-Presidents (with the addition of the Rev. C. M. Blagden, Rector of Rugby), Ringing Master, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditor were all unanimously re-

elected to office. Five new members were elected and Mr. J. Pinfold, of Emscote, was elected as an honorary member, without further subscription, in recognition of his valuable service on behalf of the ringers in Warwick.

The Guild being entitled to an additional representative on the Central Council, Mr. A. Roberts, of Coventry, was unanimously elected to the position.

An alteration in the constitution of the Committee was proposed by Mr. A. Roberts, and carried. Instead of seven members being elected at the annual meeting of the Guild one representative was to be elected from each company in union (such company consisting of not less than five members).

The Hon. Secretary proposed the reduction of the fee for life membership for non-resident members from 5s. to 3s. and this was also carried.

It was resolved that the figures of peals rung since the formation of the Guild, which have not yet been published in the report, be printed in the next issue, and also that the figures of all peals of Minor rung should likewise appear.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that the Committee, after full discussion of the matter, had considered it unwise for the present to attempt to formulate any scheme for allotting points and rewards for Sunday service ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas for their kind permission to ring that afternoon; also Canon Baillie for his address at the service; the organist, and the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting.

The ringing done during the afternoon and evening was not quite up to the usual standard. Owing to awkward train services, many members were obliged to leave early, and not much was done beyond Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above branch was held at Moorside on Saturday, July 5th, Mr. Samuel Stott presiding. Ringers were present from Moorside, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Rochdale Parish, Balderstone, Milnrow, Newhey, Pendleton, and Tyldesley. Mr. Jos. Ogden was elected Secretary in place of Mr. J. H. Bastow, who sailed for America on Wednesday, July 2nd. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on August 2nd. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells and to the Chairman for presiding, brought the business meeting to a close. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

OLD WINDSOR.—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples L. Stilwell, H. White (Basingstoke), T. Smith, F. B. Sinkin, R. Flaxman, E. Hooper (conductor), W. Welling, A. Pether.

Ringers' Outings.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE.

The fifteenth annual outing of this Society took place in grand weather, on Saturday and Sunday, June 21st and 22nd, Bedford being the place chosen. We appealed to that well known Bedford ringer, Mr. C. W. Clarke, who kindly made all arrangements. Our programme said "meet at Leytonstone (Midland) at 4.40 a.m." and a pleasant journey of just over fifty miles, landed us at Bedford in good time, being met and escorted to our headquarters by Mr. Clarke, where a good breakfast awaited us. This over, and our brake—a pair being ready—we were soon on the road to Cardington, reaching there soon after 9 o'clock. At the church of St. Mary, with its fine new tower and peal of eight bells—tenor 22 cwt.—we rang two courses of Superlative Surprise, and two or three of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples. While particulars were being given to a lady reporter, others had a look through the church. Then on to the quiet little village of Willington. At the church of St. Lawrence we rang Carlisle Surprise and a touch of Treble Bob. A drive of five miles brought us to the pretty village of Old Warden. The church of St. Leonard, nestling amid the trees, is well worth a visit, the interior being all oak carving. The mellow peal of six bells were soon sending out Ipswich Surprise, and a touch of Cambridge. Dinner at one o'clock, and true to time we wandered into the gardens of The Hare and Hounds, and here beneath the shade we found the tables decorated in the good old English style, and our friend with the carvers evidently believed in doing things well, not many troubling him the second time. A chat with the local ringers who met us, and a five mile drive brought us to Elstow, the home of John Bunyan. The cottage in which he lived, the memorial windows in the Church, the font, the peal of bells on which he used to ring, all reminded us of this wonderful man. We rang Durham Surprise, and a touch of Treble Bob. Two miles further to the church of All Saints, Kempston, being re-inforced here by the arrival of Mr. Black, Master of the South-Western Division, Essex Association. This fine peal of six, tenor 19 cwt., was soon sending out London Surprise in a 720 well worth listening to. Mr. Clarke had great difficulty in getting permission for us to ring here as the local "Stoney" band object to strangers ringing as they always alter the ropes. The Vicar gave us a hearty welcome, and asked us what we thought of the bells. We were told that our next place of call, St. Owen's, Bromham, possesses the finest peal of six in the county, tenor 23 cwt. in E. Some of us had a doubt about this, but we heard them as we drove up to the grand old Church, which stands in a beautiful park, and all our doubts were removed, all agreeing we had never heard a peal of six with a tenor like that. A Beds. Association meeting was being held, and this grand peal was being turned in by the men and maidens of Bedfordshire. The Vicar, the Rev. —. Browning, greeted us warmly, and invited us to join the Association at tea on the Vicarage lawn. This we gratefully accepted, about fifty sitting down, including the two noted lady ringers of Bedford—Misses Dorothy and Evelyn Steele. Mr. Black, on behalf of our company, thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality, and the Association for their cordial welcome, assuring them that if any of them came our way, we hoped to be able to return the compliment. During the business part of the meeting, we went to the tower and rang 720 of Lincoln Surprise, being congratulated on our striking. We bade adieu to this large gathering of ringers, proceeding to our last place for the day, St. James', Biddenham with a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. We rang York Surprise, and some Treble Bob. The evening shadows were now falling, as we turned our horses' heads towards Bedford, reaching headquarters soon after 9 o'clock, where we spent a social hour before retiring.

Sunday's programme gave us a quiet day, which, after the rather high pressure of Saturday, was as it should be. At 9.40 we assembled at St. Peter's Church, and rang a 720 Wells Surprise and a touch of Cambridge for morning service. After an early dinner, some of the ramblers walked to Biddenham, and rang London Surprise for afternoon service. Others attempted to follow a bit later, but shifting courses the conductor said "that's all." After the cap that cheers, we met

at St. Paul's Church, with its fine peal of ten. Here with the help of some of the local men, we rang 519 Stedman Caters, followed by a course of Treble Bob Royal, Harry Long turning in this beautiful tenor of 30 cwt. as it should be. This finished the ringing, and after a pleasant hour's chat with the ringers who had gathered to meet us, we made preparations for home. Leaving Bedford by the 8.45 London express, we reached Leytonstone at 10.30, after a very successful outing.

Permit me to thank the clergy who gave us the permission to ring, and the ringers who met and welcomed us so heartily. Especially would I mention our guide, Mr. C. W. Clarke, for beside making the necessary arrangements, he was a great help in other ways, especially in the eight and ten-bell towers.

Regret was expressed by the party at the absence of our energetic Secretary, Mr. G. Dawson, who was unable to accompany us, owing to the death of his mother. M.

LIST OF TOUCHES AND 720S RUNG BY THE LEYTONSTONE BAND ON THEIR OUTING TO BEDFORD.

CARDINGTON.—Two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. A. Prior, W. Doran, S. Hayes, C. W. Clarke, W. Miller (conductor) W. Theobald, J. Moule, H. Torble. Two courses of Stedman Triples. S. Hayes (conductor), A. Fiddis, W. Doran, H. Torble, W. Miller, W. Theobald, J. Moule, F. Doran. Three courses of Grand-sire. W. Theobald, F. Doran, A. Prior, H. Torble, W. Miller, J. Moule, C. W. Clarke (conductor), H. Saffell.

WILLINGTON.—720 Carlisle Surprise.—S. Hayes (conductor), J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Theobald, W. Miller, H. Torble. 240 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Saffell, A. Fiddis, A. Prior, F. Doran, W. Theobald, C. W. Clarke (conductor).

OLD WARDEN.—720 Ipswich Surprise.—W. Doran, S. Hayes, H. Torble, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule.

ELSTOW.—720 Durham Surprise.—W. Doran, S. Hayes, J. Moule, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble.

KEMPSTON.—720 London Surprise. W. Theobald, G. A. Black, C. W. Clarke, W. Miller, J. Moule (conductor), H. Torble.

BROMHAM.—720 Lincoln Surprise.—G. A. Black, S. Hayes, J. Moule, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble.

BIDDENHAM.—720 York Surprise.—H. Torble, G. A. Black, C. W. Clarke (conductor), W. Theobald, W. Miller, J. Moule.

ST. PETER'S, BEDFORD.—On Sunday morning, 720 Wells Surprise. S. Hayes, J. Moule, H. Torble, W. Theobald, W. Miller (conductor), W. Stapleton.

BIDDENHAM.—240 London Surprise.—A. Fiddis, W. Miller (conductor), W. Doran, H. Torble, C. W. Clarke, W. Theobald.

ST. PETER'S, BEDFORD.—On Sunday evening, 360 Kent Treble Bob. A. Jones, A. Fiddis, A. Prior, H. Saffell, P. Cook, A. Robinson (conductor). 240 Cambridge Surprise. H. Saffell, H. Fiddis, A. Prior, P. Cook, C. Stapleton, W. Stapleton (conductor).

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD.—519 Stedman Caters, W. Doran, S. Hayes, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, W. Miller, S. H. Harlow, J. W. Barker (conductor), H. Torble, W. Theobald. One course of Treble Royal. C. W. Clarke, S. Hayes, —, W. Theobald, W. Miller, —, J. Moule, C. Chasty, H. Torble.

HOLY TRINITY GUILD GOSPORT.

The Annual outing of the above took place on Saturday, July 5th, Arundel being the destination. The Party left Portsmouth at 8.42 and arrived at Arundel at 10 a.m. The tower was the first place visited and the bells were set going and some touches of Grandsire Triples accomplished. The Church and Cathedral were visited in turn followed by a ramble round the park, where lunch was partaken of. The party was increased at noon by the arrival of the Vicar and other friends who had travelled up later. A drive to the "Black Rabbit" and boat-ing excursions on the river brought tea time along when they sat down to a good meat tea at Greenfield's Restaurant, after which they had another go at the bells where a touch of Grandsire was got through. The party then divided for a motor boat trip on the river, driving, etc., leaving at about 9.30 p.m. for Portsmouth which was reached about 11 o'clock, after a very successful day. The Guild wish to thank the Vicar of Arundel for the bells also the foreman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, for their kindness and help in making such an enjoyable day.



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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Winchester was the scene of the annual festival of this Guild on Monday the 23rd ult., and the Dean and Chapter had given permission for the use of the Cathedral bells during the day, a privilege which was taken full advantage of, especially by the country members.

The general meeting was held in the St. Maurice Hall, among those present being the President Mr. J. P. Stilwell, Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), Rev. W. E. Colchester (Treasurer), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. White (Auditor), Mr. T. W. Fahey (Recorder of Peals), Mr. Geo. Williams (General Secretary), Mr. J. W. Elkins (Secretary of the Winchester District), Messrs. Wilfred Andrews, C. Russell and W. Linter (Winchester), G. Preston (Christchurch), J. W. Whiting (Portsmouth), Miss A. White (Basingstoke), Mr. J. J. Jones and Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham).

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

This showed that the number who had paid subscriptions for the year were 76 honorary, 622 full members, 115 probationers, 1 life member, and 22 compounding. The balance sheet, although showing rather less to carry forward than last year, is satisfactory, as £10 has been transferred to the Special Purposes Fund. A hope is expressed that the peal records will be spread over a wider area another year, as there are plenty of towers available if only enthusiasts can be found to help in arranging bands. Bell restoration in the diocese keeps going ahead. The peal at St. Thomas', Portsmouth has been recast into a grand new ring of eight, with a tenor of 25½ cwt.; the same almost at Holy Trinity, Guildford; whilst St. Nicholas, Guildford, is being taken in hand. A new ring of eight has been ordered for St. Mary's, Southampton, where a new tower is nearing completion. Although not at the top of the Peal Analysis, the Guild holds a prominent place, as is shown by the report of the Recorder of Peals.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Elkins, seconded by Mr. White. Mr. Warre supported the resolution, and paid a high compliment to the Rev. W. E. Colchester on the way the books were kept.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. J. P. Stilwell as President, and in doing so said they were glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell present, with representatives of the second generation. They hoped to have the pleasure of electing the President's grandson as a member, when there would be no less than eight members of the family life members of the Guild.

The President having suitably acknowledged his re-election, the remaining officials were elected as follows:—Master, Rev. C. E. Matthews; hon. treasurer, Rev. W. E. Colchester; general secretary, Mr. G. Williams (Southampton); auditor, Mr. H. White (Basingstoke); recorder of peals, Mr. W. T. Fahey.

In acknowledging his re-election, the Master gave a comparative statement of the membership of the Society during the first and this (its 33rd) year. The first report of the Society (1880) contained on a single sheet, showed that there were seven towers in union, 52 performing members, 47 honorary members, and four unattached members. That day they had 89 towers, 53 life members, 116 hon. members, and 878 performing members.

Mr. Jones (Guildford) moved a resolution, the effect of

which was to give district sub-secretaries seats on the Central Committee, together with a vote, but this was lost, and a compromise arrived at that in the absence of the district secretary the sub-secretary was empowered to attend and to have his expenses paid.

The President proposed his grandson, Mr. J. B. Stilwell, as a life member, and Mr. Stilwell was enthusiastically welcomed. Other elections were: Mr. E. A. Young, A.R.I.B.A. (unattached member), Mrs. George Williams (performing member), and Mr. J. D. Druitt (compounding member).

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Master gave an interesting summary of the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, referring to the prominent position held by the Guild in the Analysis table. The Norwich Diocesan Association came first, with a total of 4,211 points; Middlesex County Association had 4,178 points; and Winchester 2,834 points, for peals on seven or more bells, plus 33 points for minor methods or doubles, a total of 2,927 points, giving them third place. That record was very largely due to the work of the Guildford district, and Mr. A. H. Pulling headed the list of conductors, having called 92 peals, 80 of which were on handbells. Another interesting point was that in 1912 twenty ladies took part in 109 peals, and knowing the work of ladies, and especially that of Miss Alice White, and the position she held as President of the Ladies' Guild, the meeting would not be surprised to hear that he strongly supported the representation of the Guild on the Central Council. After giving a capital review of the discussions at the Central Council, and extending a hearty welcome to the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, Mr. Matthews made the announcement that the Central Council had chosen Winchester for its meeting at Whitsuntide, 1914, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Messrs. Williams, Elkins and Andrews, and himself had been appointed a local committee to make arrangements, in which the matter of lodgings was exceedingly important.

Mr. King and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn also spoke, the latter introducing to the meeting several publications of the Central Council.

On the motion of the Rev. W. E. Colchester the local arrangements for the 1914 Central Council meeting was referred to the committee.

The sum of two guineas was voted towards the provision of two new trebles at Titchfield.

The meeting also approved of the amalgamation of the Leatherhead and Guildford districts.

The Master invited an expression of opinion as to the representation of ladies on the Central Council, and a resolution in favour was heartily supported.

The date of the next annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, June 27th, 1914.

After attending Evensong at the Cathedral, where a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Du Boulay Hill, the delegates again assembled at St. Maurice Hall for tea, when the Master presided over a gathering of quite 100 members, in addition to those present during the afternoon, there being present representatives of the Dean and Chapter, and other visitors, including the Rev. Canon Madge, Minor Canon Slater, and Mr. Fred Bowker (Chapter Clerk), the Rev. T. Salmon (North Stoneham), the Rev. and Mrs. Du Boulay Hill, and Mr. C. F. Johnston (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Bell Founders); while regrets for non-attendance were notified from the Dean of Winchester, Canon Storr, the Archdeacon of Surrey, Canon Vaughan, and Canon Nash,

while the President and Mrs. Stilwell had been obliged to leave before the gathering.

The Master, after a bountiful tea had been done full justice to, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and gave further interesting details of the early history of the Guild, whose first report bore the names of Mr. G. H. Burnett (Fareham), the Rev. C. H. Lacon (a curate of Basingstoke), the Rev. F. T. Madge, Mr. H. A. Spyers (Cosham), the late Rev. H. J. Sumner (Yateley), and the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, whom they were pleased to welcome, and who was now Rector of Bridgford, Notts. He (the Master) moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hill for his sermon.

The Rev. Du Boulay Hill, in a reminiscent speech, said that when he came to Winchester from Oxford, an enthusiast for ringing, he thought that there was virgin soil which ought to be stirred up to produce some ringers, and he received every support from Canon Madge and the Cathedral staff, and with the assistance of those whose names the Master had read they set to work. He had not expected to see such a splendid harvest, and he really believed that they had an uncommonly good Guild, and it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm which had been developed—so that now there was change ringing in 89 centres in the diocese. In 1880 there were only seven towers in the diocese in the Guild. He expressed his thanks at being allowed to take part in the festival, and expressed the hope that the annual service in the Cathedral would never be dropped.

Canon Madge who was also most cordially received, added further reminiscences of early days, and spoke of the enthusiasm of Mr. Hill, recalling an early visit to Stoke Charity Church, and mentioning the fact that after 33 years Mr. Hill was returning to that parish as his guest.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews suggested that Mr. Hill should make a representation to the College, in order to get the College bells overhauled, which would earn him the gratitude not only of the Winchester ringers but of the whole Guild.

This concluded the speeches, and again various bands of ringers adjourned to the Cathedral tower, and thus concluded a most successful gathering.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th, when between fifty and sixty members attended from Aughton, Bootle, Crosby, Hindley, Poolstock, Ormskirk, Sefton, Southport, Tue Brook, Liverpool and the local company. The members enjoyed a delightful stroll through the Rectory Grounds, and after some excellent touches on the bells, service was held, at which an earnest, thoughtful address was delivered by the Venerable Archdeacon Spooner, from the text "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." A bounteous tea was afterwards taken in the 17th Century School and was much enjoyed.

The business meeting was afterwards held, at which the Archdeacon presided, the business being of a routine character. The following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Spooner; Worshipful Master, Rev. W. T. Bulpit; Warden, Canon Howson; Deacons, Rev. E. C. Collier and Rev. B. Watts; Treasurer, Mr. J. Martin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Bentham; Vice-Presidents,

Canon Woodrow, Canon Bilborough, and Mr. W. L. Hutton, J.P. Several new members were elected. The Treasurer reported a good balance in hand. Canon Howson invited the Guild to hold their next meeting at Woolton, which invitation was unanimously accepted. Archdeacon Spooner also invited the Guild to hold their next annual meeting at Walton, and on the proposal of the Master a hearty vote of thanks to Archdeacon Spooner for his kind hospitality and courteous reception of the Guild was carried with loud acclamation.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1913.

A picturesque village fete was held in the grounds of Barnwood Vicarage, Gloucestershire, on Thursday afternoon in aid of the funds for the restoration of the church bells. The present peal of six bells includes one which was cast by that great bell founder of old, Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, and bears the date 1698. Since the restoration of the church in 1873 the bells have undergone little repair, but now it is found necessary to rehang them in an iron frame; the belfry has also to be restored. The present peal has not been rung for some time, because experts are of the opinion that it would not be exactly safe so to do. Previous efforts have been made for the augmentation of the fund, and nearly £100 has been secured.

One of the old bells was cast in 1608 by Abraham Rudhall, and bore the inscription; "Peace and good neighbourhood." The spirit of the words of that inscription seemed to be characteristic of the preparatory work for the fete, and that was the spirit that animated the whole parish in that matter, and they are to be heartily congratulated on the carrying out.

The Provinces.**STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE BLOOR Treble	† ENEST TIGWELL 5
DANIEL PRESTON* 2	THOMAS AUSTIN 6
SIDNEY CHURTON 3	CHARLES PAGE 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 4	HAROLD AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for A. Shufflebotham, of Braintree, Essex, D. Preston, of Bucknall, and E. Tigwell, of Biddulph. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Sutherland.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. Thurstans' Bob and Single Five-Part. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM OXLEY* Treble	THOMAS W. DITGBURN .. 5.
MICHAEL F. HARRISON† .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
ROBERT W. LOVIE 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON† .. 7
JOHN FICKEERING† 4	RICHARD W. LANGTON .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. ‡First peal of Grandsire away from the tenor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS MAX* Treble	ABRAHAM THOMAS 5
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 2	JOHN BUTLER 6
CORNELIUS BOWEN 3	FREDERICK ATWELL 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	FREDERICK STANBURY .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Hugh Watts, son of the donor of the church and bells, for twelve years churchwarden at the above church, who was interred on the above date at Newport Cemetery.

HATFIELD, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. Treble	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	RALPH SHEPHERD 6
JOSEPH J. POWERS 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
WILLIAM NASH* 4	GEORGE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal.

DENVER, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

H. ROBINSON Treble	W. GOODRUM 4
ALFRED BACON 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
W. HAWES 3	J. MARDEN Tenor

Conducted by B. M. TARGETT.

First peal on the bells for the above Association.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HOBART E. SMITH Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN .. 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN,

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, July 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 426-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

LEONARD H. STEVENS .. Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE 4
SIDNEY B. RICHARDS* .. 2	JAMES MORLEY 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 3	HARRY FUNNELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal and as a mark of appreciation to the Rev. C. Toogood, M.A., who has been curate of this parish for 13 years, and who is leaving to take the living of Burpham, near Arundel.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(Leicester Society).

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours Forty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Brook's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGS Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
SAMUEL COTTON 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 6
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 3	ALFRED MARTIN 7
ARTHUR S. PETTIT .. 4	CHARLES H. BRIGGS* .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

*First peal of Stedman. This composition has no two or six bob sets, and was the quickest ever rung on these bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, and Rossendale Branches).

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE PINGOTT Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 6
THOMAS WILSON* 2	JAMES HENRY BANES 7
JOHN WATSON 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON 8
WILLIAM CRABTREE .. 4	WILLIAM E. WILSON 9
FREDERICK HINDLE .. 5	ABRAHAM THOMPSON* .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the conductor: also first peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The ringer of the second, who is 19 years of age, is the youngest ringer of a peal of Stedman Caters in the county. *First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of Alexandra Day in Blackburn.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, June 29th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 of Canterbury and 900 Plain Bob. J. Woolacott, Corpl. G. Gilloert, R.E., W. Fisher, H. Chaffey, G. Fisher, A. Croucher (conductor). First quarter-peal as conductor. First quarter peal by ringer of the treble. H. Chaffey bails from Frensham; the rest are local men.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES N. FROSELL Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
BERTAM PREWETT 4	ERNEST PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. FYE.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE Treble	FREDERICK S. CASE 5
REV. C. CAREW COX 2	REV E. V. COX 6
DAVID G. TAYLOR* 3	SAMUEL J. HEXTER 7
WILLIAM D. JAMES 4	JOSEPH MADDOCK Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.*First peal of Major. The ringers of the 5th and 7th belong to
Poole and Trowbridge respectively.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
FRED G. MAY 2	JOHN BURFORD 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 3	GEORGE CONNICK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S COMPOSITION.

Conducted by FRED S. MAY.

The peal was rung in honour of the coming of age of the eldest son
of S. F. Daltry, tower keeper of All Saints' Church.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. S. Watkins, C. Beach, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), W. Griffiths. For evening service several courses of Erin Triples. On Sunday evening, May 25th, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, F. Chave, F. Stedman, G. Hardwick, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), S. Jones. F. Chave and F. Stedman hail from Merthyr Tydvil. On Thursday, May 29th, for practice, 378 and 504 Erin Triples. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), C. Beach. On Sunday morning, June 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, C. Beach, G. Hardwick, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), W. Fletcher. First quarter-peal on eight bells for the tenor man. For the evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, S. Brooks, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, S. Watkins, W. Evans (conductor), E. Jones. On Thursday, June 5th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Evans (conductor), W. Hargest, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, C. Beech, G. Powell. On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 504 Erin Triples. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, C. Beach, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), W. Griffiths. On Sunday evening, June 15th, 630 Grandsire Triples. E.

E. Jones, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, C. Beach, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), J. P. Hyett. The treble and tenor ringers in this touch belong to St. Peter's, Glasbury-on-Wye. On Sunday, June 15th, after evening service at St. Maelog's, Llandifeilog-fach, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. W. Evans, C. Powell, E. Jones (conductor), W. Fletcher, J. P. Hyett, C. Beach. On Sunday evening, June 22nd, at St. Mary's, Brecon 630 Erin Triples. S. Watkins, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, C. Beach, R. Kinsey, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), W. Fletcher. On Thursday, June 26th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, C. Beach, S. Brooks, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, W. Evans. On Sunday evening, June 29th, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), E. Jones. On Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, in 45 mins. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), S. Brooks. First quarter-peal in the method by all; also first quarter-peal ever rung in the method in the county of Brecon, and in the Diocese of St. David's. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, S. Brooks, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, W. Evans (conductor), G. Hardwick, W. Griffiths.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, June 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Avis, H. A. Holden, G. Ambrose, V. A. Jarrett, R. E., F. Hayes, J. Bennett, R. M. L. I. (conductor). First as conductor by J. Bennett. On Sunday, July 6th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Argent, G. A. Jones, J. Burles, G. Ambrose, F. Hayes, F. M. Mitchell (conductor).

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT TOTHEM.—On July 5th, a quarter-peal of Minor, 1260 changes, being 360 Kent, 720 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob. S. Sushen, H. Seager, H. Lewis, J. Buckingham, J. Seager, P. Sayer (conductor). Rang with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Packe, of The First Great Totthem, widow of the late Rev. W. J. Packe, Vicar of Feering. On July 6th, with the bells half muffled, 360 Plain Bob. T. Green, W. Trowles, H. Brown, F. Newman, H. Seager, P. Sayer (conductor). For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Rushen, H. Seager, H. Brown, W. Hunwick, J. Seager, P. Sayer (conductor).

BENCENHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. E. Tigwell, J. Town, G. W. Clarke, F. King, F. Terry, J. Lovell, W. Smith (conductor), W. Meek. First quarter peal of Stedman by the local band.

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.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Allow me to refer your correspondent "Interested" to the Report on Legitimate Methods for an explanation of part of my criticism of mongrel methods, and when he has understood that he will find the explanation of the other part in the question of Coursing Order. This last is a thing very little understood, and perhaps I may find time to write a short article about it if you, Sir, can find space to print it. Yours, etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—By the word "mongrel" I mean simply a method not legitimate. It is not my word, it has been used for years along with the word "bastard" in this connection; see Sir Arthur Heywood's article in last week's "Bell News."—[We will certainly insert the article at Mr. Trollope's convenience.—ED.]

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(JASPER SNOWDON SERIES).

THE TWELVE COURSE-ENDS WITH THE 6TH AT HOME.

CHAPTER VIII.—*Concluded.*

In all these places the call following rounds must be an M, as a Before would produce a course-end with 6 4 in 5-6, and in Superlative, except under peculiar circumstances, inapplicable to twelve-course extents, the bells in 5-6 cannot appear reversed. In Yorkshire Court, however, where there is no such impediment, a Before following rounds is admissible.

It will be now well to enquire to what methods these various plans are applicable. In obtaining the twelve course-ends, two calls only can be made use of. Any method which has a call that cuts out the part of a course containing either one or other of these two calls, will permit of the twelve course-ends, providing, of course, that such method is not too internally false, as, for example, Cambridge Surprise. Double Norwich, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Duffield Major, and Yorkshire Court are, among others, systems which admit of this treatment, and, from what has been already said, it will be clear that any method that will allow of the twelve course ends at all will allow of the use of the whole of the six plans.

Before going farther it must be noted that there are two general modes of making bobs, the ordinary and the reverse. In the first the bell making the bob is passed back over two bells, in the second it is passed forward over a similar number. Superlative, Yorkshire Court, etc. conform to the former: Double Norwich, Stedman, etc. to the latter. It is well known to ringers that the calling in Double Norwich produces an inverse result upon the bells to that obtained in most methods, but it may not be so generally understood that this method is the most precise reverse to Superlative in all that concerns the bob-making. Thus:—

A Double Norwich 1 unmakes a Superlative W.

"	4	"	"	"	M.
"	5	"	"	"	B.
"	6	"	"	"	H.

For if, in Superlative, a bob W be called from rounds it produces the course-end 52436; and if from 52436 a Double Norwich bob at 1 be called, rounds as a C.E., is produced again. Similarly with the other calls:—

	23456		23456		23456
S.S. M.	43652	B.	35264	H.	42356
D.N. 4	23456	5	23456	6	23456

Further, in Superlative, and all kindred methods, the position in the twelve-course plans, of the bells immediately before the 6th is moved from her home position, bears to their position just after the 6th comes home the relation of 5243 to 2345; while, in Double Norwich and all reverse methods, the relationship is reversed, and is as 3425 to 2345. A student-checking this last in Double Norwich must bear in mind that, when a part-end is followed by the bob at 1, the 6th is retained (as to its natural course-end) in 6ths until that bob has been passed.

It naturally follows that by reversing in Superlative, not the order of the calls—for that has been shown in the foregoing tables to produce a reverse variation in the same method—but the calls themselves, the result will be wholly applicable to Double Norwich. My meaning is that every W in Superlative must be replaced by a 6 in Double Norwich, and every H in the former by a 1 in the latter. All, therefore, that has been said about the number of bobs H in Superlative will now apply, not to bobs at 6, but to bobs at 1 in Double Norwich.

In Superlative the bob B cuts out a W lead, of which, therefore, there are only eleven in the so-called twelve courses. Now just as the bob H leaves the 5th's place bell undisturbed, so does the W the 4th's place bell. If there were twelve Ws the same would hold good of them as of the Hs; and the three W leads with any one bell in 4th's place would have to be either all bob leads or all plain leads. There being, however, only eleven Ws, although some three 4th's place bells must thus be treated, there remains one bell which will only be in 4ths at two W leads, and one of these, therefore, may, and must, be a bob lead, while the other is a plain lead; note *leads*, not *course-ends*.

Now in Double Norwich the bob at 5 cuts out the lead at 6, and, therefore, in this method the leads at 6 are treated as the Ws, while the leads at 1, as above stated, come under the same reasoning as the Hs in Superlative. From this it will be clearly seen why no twelve-course peal can be had in Superlative with the calling reversed by transposing Hs and Ws, that is with 6, 9, or 12 bobs W; nor in Double Norwich by transposing the bobs at 1 and 6, that is with 6, 9, or 12 bobs at 6.

I may draw attention to the fact that in Double Norwich the bob at 1 following rounds requires, of course, to be treated as part of the twelve-course plan. In this course, as the 6th has to be moved before the next course, it may be done by a bob at either 4 or 5.

The more mathematical proof of the truth of what has been advanced will be treated in another chapter.

(To be continued.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, was held at Horsley Church, when 23 members were present from Avening, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Painswick, Horsley and Dursley. The fine set of six bells were raised in peal at 3.30, and some good touches in the Plain Bob and Grandsire methods were rung till 5.30. A service was then held in the Parish Church, when the special hymns and prayers from the service of the Association were used. The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Badcock) gave an excellent address, and urged upon the ringers that the ringing of the Church bells was a definite piece of Church work, and heartily welcomed the Association, which was doing such an excellent work in belfry reform.

After the service, by the kindness of the Vicar, an excellent tea was provided at the Institute, 24 sitting down. A business meeting followed with the Vicar in the chair. Two new members were elected, and Frocester was selected for the quarterly meeting in September, and a joint monthly meeting at Cranham and Painswick in July, and at Stroud in August. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Singleton, and seconded by Mr. E. Tribe, to the Vicar for his kindness and the excellent practical address, to Miss Smith for presiding at the organ, the ladies who attended to the ringers at the tea, and the local ringers for arranging everything so well for the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and some good ringing was done in the Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, St. Dunstan's and Treble Bob methods till 9 p.m. Among the touches was an excellent 430 of Plain Bob Doubles, in which four of the local Society of Ringers took part, conducted by Mr. G. Packer.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 29th, being the Sunday School Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Straw, J. H. Iliffe, A. Nicholson, H. Fletcher, E. C. Gobey, C. J. Baker, H. Harrison, H. Beardsley. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the treble and tenor. Conducted by E. C. Gobey.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at All Saints Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. H. G. Naish, J. Howes (conductor), G. E. Naish, J. Wright, F. G. Goddard, C. Slade, F. G. Woodiss, J. N. Frossell, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Chandler. Tenor 33 cwt. Mr. J. Wright the ringer of the 4th, is in his 81st year.

SHIPLAKE (Oxon).—On Sunday, July 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Sheppard, G. Watkin, G. Cleave, W. Wicks, E. A. Reeve, W. Essery, H. Burton (conductor), J. Hiscock.

THE BELLS OF LAVENHAM.

Lavenham bells are justly celebrated, and for their weight are said to be the best toned bells in England. Many celebrated ringers have testified to this, such as the late L. Proctor, Esq., Mr. J. Carr, of Waltham Abbey, the late J. Cox and the brothers Haley. Mr. Carr said when he first heard the tenor she came in with such a noble sound that she vibrated a perfect octave, and the seventh is considered by many to be as good as the tenor. The following list will show the treble is heavier than the second. The work of casting these two bells was entrusted to William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and were opened as a peal of eight, as the following notice from the local papers of that date will show.

"Notice.—Ringing at Lavenham, Suffolk.—Two new Trebles having been added to that harmonious and much admired peal at Lavenham, a complete peal is now formed by Wm. Dobson, of Downham, Founder, and John Naunton, of Ipswich, Bell Hanger, which it may be presumed is equal, if not superior to any peal of the like number in the county. The public therefore will no doubt be much gratified by being informed that the said peal will be opened at 10 o'clock on Monday, the 23rd inst. Preparations will be made for the reception of Companies at the Cock Inn and different Inns in the Parish. Dec. 12th, 1811."

The first peal rung on these Bells was the Composition of John Marven, of Copdock, Suffolk, 6000 changes of Bob Major, in 4 hrs. and 3 mins., conducted by Jno. Naunton, of Ipswich, on Monday, Dec. 2nd, 1813. This composition will be found in the Shipway Reprint.

The following are the particulars of these fine bells:—

Treble.—Weight, 7 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb.; diameter, 31 5/8 ins.; note, D flat. Inscription: "William Dobson, Founder, 1811."

2nd.—Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lb.; diameter 31 3/4 ins.; note, C. Inscription: "William Dobson, Founder, 1811."

3rd.—Weight, 8 cwt.; diameter, 32 1/2 ins.; note, B flat. Inscription: "Henry Plesant made me 1702."

4th.—Weight, 9 cwt.; diameter, 36 ins.; note, A flat. Inscription: Jacobus Fuler et Antonius Hormesbye. Gardiani Ecclesie de Lavenham. Ricardus Bowler me fecit, 1603."

5th.—Weight, 11 cwt.; diameter, 39 ins.; note, G flat. Inscription: "Henry Plesant made me 1703."

6th.—Weight, 13 cwt.; diameter, 42 1/2 ins.; Inscription: "Hic meus usus erit populum clamore vocare. Ricardus Bowler me fecit."

7th.—Weight, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lb.; diameter, 47 1/8 ins.; note, E flat. Inscription: "C. & G. Mears, Founders, London. Richard Johnson, M.A., Rector. James Knight Jennings, M.A., Curate. George Mumford & Robert Howard, Churchwardens. Thomas Turner, Woolstapler. Charles King, Shoemaker."

Tenor.—Weight, 23 cwt.; diameter, 51 7/8 ins.; note, D flat. Inscription: "Miles Graye made me 1625."

*Here my use will be to call the people with my voice (or noise).

The only instance of ringing known in connection with the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is at Searby in Lincolnshire, where it is customary to ring a peal after the service. At Fulbeck, in the same county the fourth bell is tolled previously. At confirmations, however, the bells are sometimes rung, as at Donington, Lincs., and in three Shropshire parishes.

PEAL CELEBRATION.

On Monday, June 30th, at the Church of St. Mark, Glodwick, Oldham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins., by the following ringers: J. Priestley, 1; F. Crossland, 2; I. Schofield, 3; E. B. Shaw, 4; S. Stott (conductor), 5; A. Clegg, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. Hilton, 8. The above was rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the long peal of Grandsire Major (9600 changes) which was rung on June 30th, 1883, in 5 hrs. 27 mins. The following took part in the 9600: John Hilton, Treble; Geo. H. Bee'er, 2; A. Clegg, 3; Jas. Platt, 4; F. Crossland, 5; C. Dronfield, 6; Sam Stott (conductor), 7; Jas. Priestley, Tenor. Five of these took part in the quarter-peal, the only ones available. Of the remainder one is deceased, one has quitted ringing, and the third was unable to attend. Of the ringers in the quarter-peal none were under 50 years of age, their united ages totalling 436 years, an average of 54.5.

AN APPEAL FOR N.W. AUSTRALIA.

The Rev. Joseph Stubbs, the Vicarage, Huish Episcopi, Somerset, in making an appeal for funds to obtain a Church Bell, says:—

"My son, the Rev. Gerald Salkeld Stubbs, is incumbent of the Parish of Port Hedland in the Diocese of North-West Australia. He informs me that the only instrument by which worshippers can be summoned to the Church, and the commencement of the Services announced, is a portion of an old iron hoop, formerly the rim of a cart wheel, which is hit by a piece of iron rod. It has been suggested to me to make an appeal to the Bell-ringers of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, and to any others who might be disposed to give, for the wherewithal to send out to Port Hedland a suitable small bell. Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, estimates the cost of a good bell with fittings, of the weight of 42 lbs., at £12. To pay the cost of a little inscription and the transit, with a possible tariff, perhaps £20 will be required. Will you kindly contribute?"

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St. Mellons (Mon).—New ring of 6 to be hung in new steel frame.

Peterstone (Mon).—Recast treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th of ring of 6, and add 2 new trebles and rehang in new steel frame.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have also in hand five sets of chimes, including two for Canada and one for New Zealand, and the cost of these chimes will be about £6,500.

All the bells that come from the Spitalfields Foundry are tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle.

NEW CLOCK, BELLS AND JACKS
INAUGURATED.

CHRIST CHURCH BRISTOL.

A new clock, bells, and "Quarter-Jacks" at Christ Church with St. Ewen, Bristol, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bristol, on behalf of the Bishop, and their inauguration was performed by the Lord Mayor, Alderman C. J. Lowe. The history of the present "quarter-boys," is an interesting one. They took the place of two previous "Jacks" in 1628. When the church was rebuilt at the end of the 13th century the old clock was not re-erected, and all record of it was lost. Little is known of the adventures of the "quarter-Jacks" for some time, except that they are believed to have been carried through Bristol in a procession celebrating the coronation of George IV. in 1821, but they afterwards passed into the possession of the Braikenridge family, and were bequeathed to the Corporation. There was a crowded coaggregation at the church for the dedication, and many assembled outside the church.

The Lord Mayor was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and several members of the Corporation in their scarlet robes and other well-known citizens were present. He was received at the west door of the Church by the four wardens, Messrs. R. C. Hobbs and J. G. Harper (Christ Church) and Fairfax Spofforth and J. Tremayne

Lane (St. Ewen), with the clergy:—Canons Cole, Everingham, Masters, the Rev. R. T. Cole (rector), the Rev. W. G. Thomas (curate), the Rev. Dr. S. R. Browne, the Rev. T. J. Bowen, and the Rev. W. Jeffcoat. As he was being conducted to his seat the National Anthem was played.

THE CEREMONY,

"O God, the Rock of Ages," having been sung, the Archdeacon said: "Brethren, by whose gift this clock and bells have been provided and the former quarter strikers replaced to the glory of God in this ancient house of prayer, in memory of a faithful ministry sustained by Heavenly grace, forget not to add your own prayers that the blessing of God may rest on this church and every church: and on his servant and priest, Edward Pattinson Cole." During the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past," the Archdeacon and the Lord Mayor, escorted by the Rector and churchwardens, proceeded to the base of the tower, and when the hymn was concluded the senior churchwarden requested the Archdeacon to dedicate the clock and bells. The Archdeacon dedicated the gifts, and the Lord Mayor taking the cord in his hand, released the pendulum of the clock, and the "Jacks" sounded the bells. "As representing the citizens of Bristol," the Lord Mayor said, "I commit these two ancient quarter strikers to your safe custody, for the adornment of this House of God, and for the use of this city." Prayers were then said by the Archdeacon, who afterwards gave a brief address.

The Archdeacon said they were met on an occasion of quite exceptional interest. The solemn and dignified ceremony in which the Lord Mayor had borne the leading part marked a work of restoration which concerned the whole city. The figures which had now been replaced dated to the year 1728 and they disappeared during the re-building of the church in the year 1796. They passed into the hands of the late Mr. Braikenridge, and from his collection they came into the hands of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the city. By their gracious courtesy they are now loaned in perpetuity to that church to occupy their old place. The clock was the gift of one who had laid an injunction of silence on the preacher that day as regards his identity, but it was given in grateful memory of the 23 years' incumbency of Canon Cole, 1880 to 1903.

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The Belle Steamers announce that the daily summer services to Clacton and

Walton, also to Felixstowe, Southwold, Lowestoft, and Yarmouth, are now in full swing. Since last summer the Trinity House authorities have buoyed a new channel between the Buxey and Gunfleet Sands, which will be navigable at all states of the tide, and enable the steamers always to call at Clacton first and arrive punctually. Passengers can also rely on getting over an hour ashore at Clacton before the boat returns from Walton on the homeward journey. Cheap tickets are issued at 5s. for the day trip. Full details may be obtained on application to Belle House, Fish-street-hill, E.C.

The General Steam Navigation Company are affording every facility to holiday-makers for reaching the various popular resorts on the East Coast. The fast new saloon steamer Golden Eagle leaves Fresh Wharf daily at 8.40 a.m. (Sundays 9.10) for Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, whilst a special train from Fenchurch-street at 9.12 (Sundays 10.15) enables passengers to join

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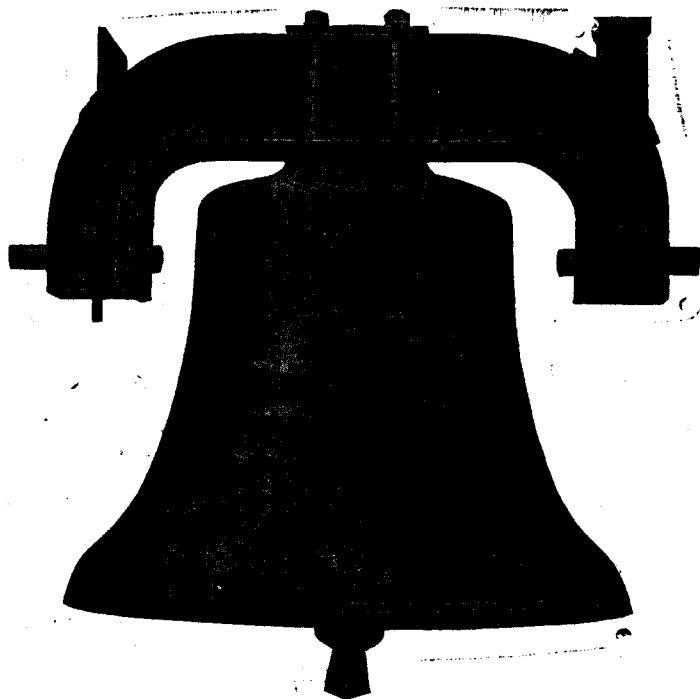
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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 22nd; at Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; and 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.

London County Association (late St. James' Society, established 1634).—Northern District.—The next Meeting of this District will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome. J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Vine Inn at 5.30. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst. Friends heartily welcomed. F. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at East Malling, on Saturday, July 12th.

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Sec.
22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A Meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome. E. Trendell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Surrey Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea at 5.30; Business Meeting after. As the Vicar and Churchwardens are kindly providing tea, will unattached members intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th.

Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.
Bell Foundry, Croydon.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30, preacher the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business Meeting in the Church House at 12.30. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the Dinner; but members failing to send for their Tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.

Albert E. Reeves, Guild Sec.
5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next Meeting will be held at Hadley, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.,
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—A meeting for Combined Practice will be held at Halesowen, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec.
9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follows. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea. Those intending to be present please send word to me not later than July 16th.

Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary.
County Offices, Chelmsford.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury District.—A District Meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. Will those wishing to have tea provided kindly communicate, not later than Tuesday, July 15th, with the Secretary.

Rev. R. L. Gardner.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Farningham, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 with address by the Rev. F. W. Smith (Vicar), who has kindly promised tea for those who send to me their names by Tuesday, July 15th. Business meeting to follow. Eynsford bells will be available after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's Bacup, on Saturday July 19th. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from mid-day. Tea at The George Inn at 5 p.m. Meeting after. Members who intend being present kindly inform me by Monday, July 14th.

J. W. Whiting, Dis. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 19th.

John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brassington, near Wirksworth, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6), ready from 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited. B. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to

A. Shuffelbotham, Dist. Sec.

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.

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

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this Church are being rehung in a new iron frame. The old six turned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor of about 23 cwt., by Taylor of Loughborough. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 22nd. All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliff on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.
103 Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service at St. John's Church, Pimlico, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. H. H. Earnby, G. Harder, J. Channer, T. J. Thimblethorpe, G. J. Buckingham, E. C. Phillips, F. Turnbull Gover (conductor), H. Standing. First quarter peal by the ringers of treble and tenor. Rang to celebrate the induction of the new Vicar, and on the 19th birthday of the ringer of the treble.

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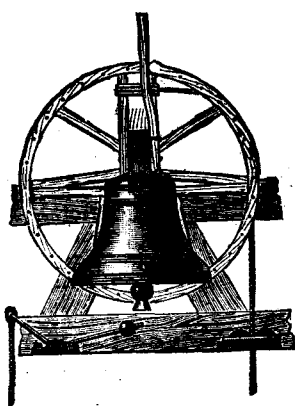
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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A week or two back, in a letter to "THE BELL NEWS," I referred to certain methods as "mongrels," and I was promptly challenged to justify my statement. I admit that the expression sounds harsh, and probably to a person ignorant of the history of the word in this connection, it might be taken as a reflection not only on the Methods but on the persons who were responsible for their publication. That, however, is not the case; the word is not mine. Some fifteen years or so ago we were arguing as to what a legitimate method is, and quite naturally people used the word "bastard" to describe those that are not legitimate. That word apparently offended the more fastidious ears of some, and they substituted the word "mongrel," which means exactly the same thing. A "mongrel" method, then, is any method which is not legitimate, one that is not begotten within the limits of the strict law. To justify applying the word to any Method we must shew what a Legitimate Method really is, and first let me point out what a Legitimate Method is not. A Legitimate Method is not necessarily a method fit for ringing in the tower, not necessarily a musical method, not necessarily a method suitable for peal composition. For there are hundreds of methods not at all suitable for practice, vilely unmusical, and so false that you cannot get a true peal out of them; yet they are perfectly legitimate. On the other hand there are many methods interesting enough to ring, quite musical and capable of a great variety of peals; and yet they are illegitimate. So that when one says that a method is not legitimate, it is no answer to point out its many good qualities: it may be all that its author claims for it and still be a "mongrel." I can quite imagine a man replying to this "If that is so, if your distinction between 'legitimate' and 'mongrel' is not one between good and bad methods, but some doctrinaire division, then I cannot see what good it is, however much you may be able to prove it by pretty arguments. It may suit some of you gentlemen who delight in hairsplitting arguments, but it is useless and worse than useless to plain practical men." The answer to this objection, which is (let me fully admit it) a weighty one, lies in the fundamental nature of Change-Ringing itself, and you will not be able to express a useful opinion on this subject till you have considered whence it is that the laws that govern Change-Ringing come.

There are many things which have strict rules, which rules have been laid down entirely because they appeared to be the most useful at the time. For instance, cricket and tennis and bridge and such like have all very strict rules. But they are rules laid down because they were convenient, and if it were convenient they could easily be altered without doing violence to truth or logic. The proper authorities could, if they saw fit, decree that henceforth a point in "no trumps" should count twenty instead of twelve, or that a wicket should be three feet high. But there are other things which have laws that no authority can alter. All the musicians of the world, assembled in solemn conclave, could not make an octave consist of ten notes. And the reason for this difference is that while one set of rules is purely arbitrary drawn up for purely arbitrary reasons, the others are laid down by Nature herself, and men may deny the laws of Nature, or they may ignore them, but they cannot alter them.

When you apply this test to change-ringing you will find that while many of the laws are arbitrary, and therefore alterable, many of them are natural and cannot be altered. For instance, there is no reason on earth, save convenience, why 5000 rows and upwards should count as a peal on eight bells. We could just as well agree that 4000 or 6000 should be the required number, or we could just as well number the bells

the other way and let the tenor be number one. But besides these alterable rules there are others which spring from the nature of Change-Ringing, and these we may deny, or we may ignore, but we cannot alter.

Change-Ringing is a very peculiar thing; so peculiar that it is very difficult rightly to fix its place among other similar mental activities. It is not music, it is not sport, it is not ecclesiastical ritual, although it appears to be all of these at different times. It is a highly artificial thing, and this will at once appear when we consider that what we as ringers are really concerned with is not the result of the ringing, i.e. the music of the bells, but the process by which that result is obtained, so that we think more of London Surprise on a hideously unmusical ring of bells than we do of Bob Major on the most tuneful peal in the land. Nevertheless, artificial as it most certainly is, Change-Ringing is also, and no less certainly, a natural growth. It was not the invention of one man, nor of one band, nor of several men, nor of several bands. It grew of its own inherent qualities, just as Gothic architecture did. Gothic architecture was not the work of a few leading master minds, it sprang from the peculiar characteristics of the people, and grew of itself. The man who built St. Albans did not copy from Norwich, nor the architect of Norwich from Durham, yet the results are similar. Of course men could and did leave the imprint of their individual genius on the particular work they had in hand, but the style itself was greater than the individual.

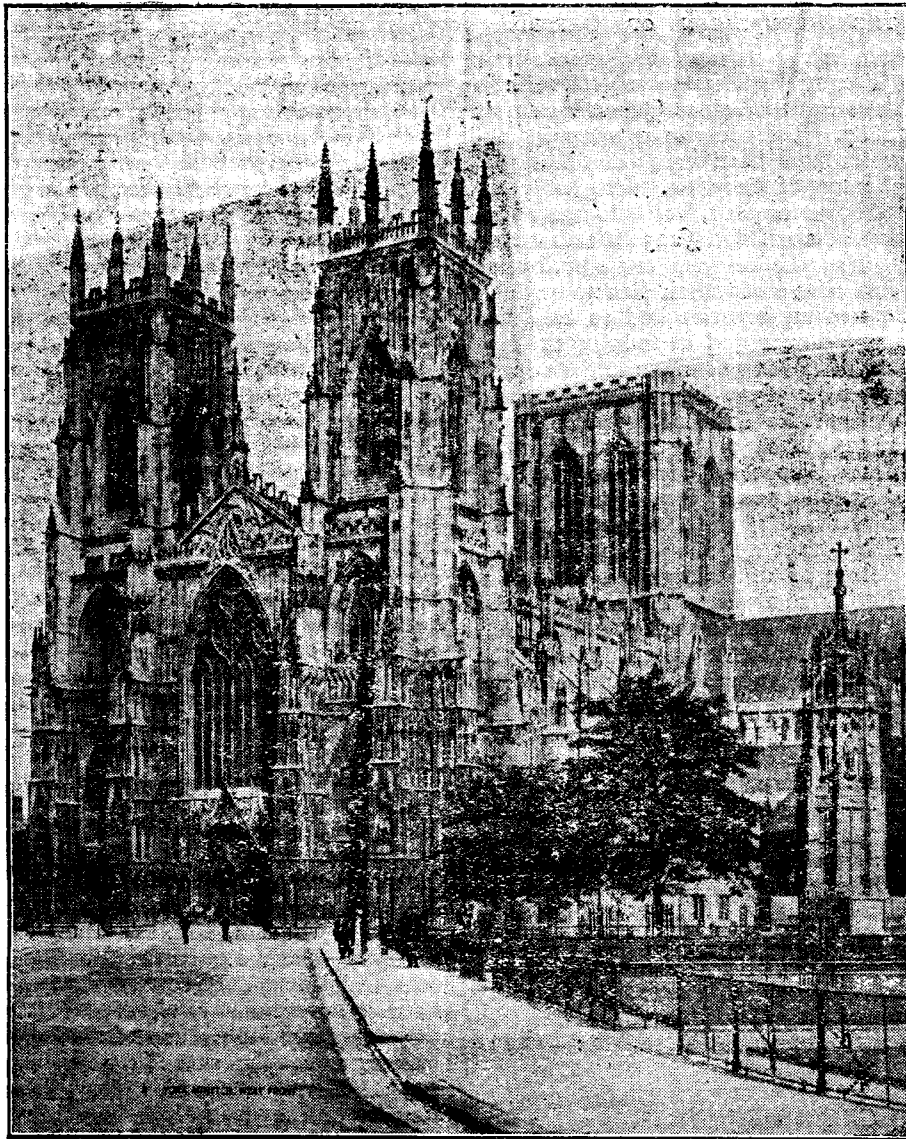
And so it was with Change-Ringing. It sprang out of the characteristics of the English people, how we do not know, why we cannot tell: but during centuries a long chain of circumstances was forged which in due season brought Change-Ringing to the birth. Thus when it did appear it was not just in one town or one district from which it was copied by other places; but it appeared all over the land, in the tiny village just as well as in the large towns. Now when you remember that at that period communication between place and place was so scanty as to be practically non-existent, and that the majority of ringers could neither read nor write, you must come to the conclusion there was some natural force inherent in Change-Ringing which could thus create it and develop it. For recollect that wherever it appeared it was always the same thing, here perhaps more advanced than there, as ringers were more intelligent, but never differing in any essential point.

It was this natural law that produced methods, and that developed methods and the man who would understand method construction must set himself patiently, and not without trouble, to find out what that natural law is.

It is noteworthy that the ancients, and their successors, too, had no idea that they were helping a natural law to develop itself: just as I suppose the man who built a church or a castle in the Middle Ages thought he was designing a perfectly original building quite out of his own brain. So it is that in every book from the earliest down to the latest, from Stedman down to Snowden and the latest ringing papers, you will find legitimate methods cheek by jowl with mongrels.

But, and this is the important point, it is only the legitimate that survive. Nature is never in a hurry, her laws always work patiently, but they work irresistibly. What reason can you give for the fact that of all the methods printed in the ringing books only the purely legitimate have ever been widely practised for any length of time? You will find not a word to shew that they are any better than the mongrels. Why for instance should London Surprise be in such high honour, and Imperial the Third be as extinct as the dodo? The same band that rang the first peal of one rang the first peal of the other.

Thus, you see, the distinction between legitimate and illegitimate methods is not a doctrinaire one. It does not depend on what I think is right or what you think is right, but on



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THE BELLS OF BICESTER.

DEDICATION BY THE ARCHDEACON OF OXFORD.

St. Edburg's Church, Bicester, was the scene of a notable gathering on Thursday afternoon in last week, a scene which has not been equalled since Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebration in 1887. The occasion was the dedication of the new bells which had been cast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. Originally the provision of a new organ was mooted, but this was abandoned later and an appeal made for £225 to recast and rehang the bells. This was the original estimate, but as in many other instances where old work has to be dealt with much that could not be foreseen had to be done, and this estimate was so far exceeded as to bring the cost up to £400. A generous response was made to the appeal, and already considerably over £300 has been raised and the balance is within measurable distance of realisation.

Fully two years ago, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, the diocesan architect, and experienced bellringers pronounced that the decayed framework was unfit to receive the eight bells after recasting. Then, when in February last the bells were removed, it was found that the floor of the belfry was also in a decayed state, necessitating a new one at a cost of £18; and on the bells reaching the factory of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon—who were entrusted with the necessary work—examination proved that to make an entirely satisfactory job the whole would have to be re-cast, at a further cost of £137. This the Church Council, who have had the arrangements to carry out, decided should be done. Thus the new condition of things has provided a belfry and bells which are considered as good as any, having regard to the weight of the bells. The old oak framework has been replaced by a steel and iron one of scientific design, which is a self-contained structure of great rigidity, entirely relieving the tower of all strain. The old bells have been into the "melting pot," and the new ones tuned upon the Simpson principle, with the result that the bells are now in perfect harmony and fine tone, in the key of F. The following table gives the note of each, the inscriptions, and the weight:—

No.	Note.	Inscriptions.	Weight.
			cwt. qrs. lbs.
Treble	F	Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1913.	3 3 7
2	E	Ditto	3 2 12
3	D	Ditto	4 1 16
4	C	Ditto	4 3 20
5	B	Ditto	6 2 12
6	A	Ditto	7 3 23
7	G	Ditto	10 1 3
Tenor	F	The whole peal of eight bells recast A.D. 1913. Walter O'Reilly, M.A. vicar; Thos. Coster Finch and Robert Watts, churchwardens.	15 0 7

56 2 16

The founders were represented at the dedication by Mr. Cyril Johnston.

In addition to the work on the bells the clock has been overhauled, eight new quarter-chime hammers and a new hour hammer fixed, and the face re-gilded. Through the generosity of Mrs. Smith and Messrs. W. and F. Smith, local residents, the committee were enabled to have the staff of the vane lengthened so as to form a permanent flagstaff.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

This and the Patronal Festival of the Church were amalgamated, the proceedings commencing with evensong on the Wednesday evening, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. Ward, of All Saints, Bloxham. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 on Thursday morning, with Matins at 11 o'clock, and another celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30, the special preacher being the Rev. H. S. Beard, Vicar of King's Sutton.

The clergy taking part in the afternoon service were the Archdeacon of Oxford; the Rev. W. M. Miller, Rector of Launton and Rural Dean; Rev. W. H. Draper, Rector of Middleton Stoney; Rev. H. S. Beard, Vicar of Kings Sutton; Rev. F. Adams, of London; Rev. B. Hamilton, Vicar of Fewcott; Rev. W. O'Reilly and Rev. T. G. Evans, Vicar and curate of Bicester. Among the congregation which filled the church were the Rev. E. R. Massey, Rector of Marsh Gibbon; and the Rev. G. P. Crawford (former Vicar of Bicester) and Mrs. Crawford. The service opened with the hymn, "Praise ye the Lord," and the prayers were intoned by the curate. The special Psalms were the 148th, 149th, and 150th. The lessons, read by the Archdeacon, were Numbers x and 1 Cor. xiv. A procession was then formed of the clergy, churchwardens, and choir to the west end of the church, and the wardens having presented one of the bell ropes to the Archdeacon, with the request that he should dedicate the bells to the glory and praise of God, he pronounced the following, among other sentences: "Almighty God, bless, sanctify and hallow these bells, and grant that they may call together Thy faithful people to praise and worship Thy Holy Name." "Grant that all those who ring these bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and may be counted worthy to stand with those who praise Thee in Heavenly Jerusalem." "In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the glory of God, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The Archdeacon then asked the Rev. W. O'Reilly to receive the bells, which had been solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto him as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and exhorting him to take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for his glory. As the procession was returning to the chancel, a short touch was rung by the following: Messrs. Taylor (who had hung the bells, Treble; Johnston, 2; Chas. Clifton, 3; G. Clifton, 4; G. Pitts, 5; J. Grimsley, 6; H. Clifton, 7; T. Clifton, Tenor. The Cliftons mentioned were a father, his two sons and a nephew. After the Nunc Dimitis, special collects were said by the curate, in which it was asked that those who should be called by the sound of the bells to the house of prayer might enter in the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and in His courts with praise; that those who might be hindered by sickness or other necessity from coming in the house of the Lord, might, by the bells, be reminded of the prayers of His church and rejoice in the communion of saints; and that should the bells sound for those who had passed away, they might be received into the Paradise of God's elect, there to find mercy and everlasting rest. A special and appropriate hymn (of which copies had been distributed), commencing "Unchanging God, who livest," was sung.

ADDRESS BY THE ARCHDEACON.

The Archdeacon preached from 1. Cor. chap. xiv., verse 8: "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?" He said in Christ

it should be a day of rejoicing for those in the parish, because of the dedication festival and because of the work, which by God's help they had just completed in having the bells recast and rehung, so that all should be in order and a thing of beauty to minister to the worship and glory of Almighty God. In the chapter which had been read as the second lesson, the Apostle was discussing the pros. and cons. of speaking with tongues and prophecies. God wanted intelligent worship. He drew their attention to the purposes for which the two silver trumpets were ordained, and proceeded to show how the same kind of lesson applied to the beautiful bells they had just listened to, after being silent for so many weeks and months. There should be joy and devotion from the hearts in the parish, because the bells meant so much. The trumpets had two purposes, and a third was added. They were to call people to assemble, the journeying of the camps, and to go to war against their enemies. These were just the kind of use they wanted the bells to be put to. They all understood and recognised that the scientific part, and all the beauty of the bells, should be brought into the service of the sanctuary, and the ringers should try and perfect themselves in that science and bring out the different methods and peals for different services. The highest method should be reserved for Holy Communion of the Lord's body and blood. Considering the journeying of the camps, he said the bells called them to the place of meeting, denoted the milestones or phases of their lives—confirmation, marriage, etc.—until the solemn knell, summoning the faithful to the House of Prayer, for some brother or sister who was leaving this world for the presence of the Almighty. Lastly, the bells were an alarm against enemies which possessed them—the spiritual conflict against the enemies of the soul—and they should strengthen them to play the man and fight against sin, the world and the devil. Every little bit of improvement of the old Parish Church ought really and truly to be a bit of progress and advancement of the congregation in the way of holiness. If they paid so very much attention to the outward adornment of the House of God, they should take a great lesson and warning not to neglect the inward part of God's service. The real thing God wanted was the service of their hearts, and that He should be served truly in body, soul and spirit with all that was best in them. In that spirit he would bless them.

The concluding hymn was "For all the saints who from their labours rest."

The collections throughout the festival were for the bell fund, for which £9 8s. 6d. was collected.

After the service the Y.M.C.A. band paraded the town accompanied by collectors with boxes, and these gathered in £6 3s. 4½d. The marches played by the band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. H. Grimsley, were "Boys of the Old Brigade," "Always Ready," "Peace and Plenty," "King's Own," "Agincourt," "Oriental," and "John O'Gaunt."

The church had been nicely decorated by the lady helpers.

THE AFTER PROCEEDINGS.

The after proceedings were in keeping with the usual patronal festival. Captain Fane had kindly thrown open Bicester House grounds, and after tea had been served by church workers, a concert was given, the items, arranged by Mr. Harold Webb, being as under:—Chorus, "Put on your ta ta, little girlie"; song, "Love the Pedlar," Miss Dealey; song, "Oh you beautiful doll," Mr. G. Harris; song, "Fairy Piper," Miss K. Bennett; song, Mr. Colby;

duet, "Mamie May," Mr. G. Harris and Miss K. Bennett; song, Miss Dealey; song, "Sally in our alley," Mr. Colby; ragtime selections, chorus. The concerted pieces were given by the Misses Dealey, Evans, Bennett, E. King, A. Clark, and G. Bowler, and Messrs. G. Harris, E. G. Colby, H. E. Jones, R. A. Stone, and R. B. Goble. Dancing followed, music being supplied by the Y.M.C.A. Band.

Later, a spectacular performance, a Red Indian play with some speaking parts, formed a part of the programme. The play was hurriedly arranged, and there had been an absence of rehearsals, but it passed off successfully.

Mr. Durrant was persistent with his "penny for the bells," and in this way added another 12s. to the funds.

Ringers' Outings.

BISHOP RYDERS, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 12th, the ringers of this church journeyed to Stourbridge for their annual outing. At St. Thomas's the towerkeeper had everything in readiness and bells were set to Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Adjournment at five o'clock was made for tea. The Vicar in the course of a few remarks said he was pleased to be able to be with them at their annual gathering and welcomed the tower-keepers who were present. He would like to express his thanks through them to the Vicars for the use of the bells, and hoped they would thoroughly enjoy themselves. Mr. Carrod thanked the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea and for the interest he took in the meetings. Mr. Heathcote said he was pleased to see the Vicar with his ringers and thought that better results would accrue if more of the clergy took an interest in the doings of the ringers. The ladies then visited the "sights" in the district and the ringers wended their way to Oldswinford tower where the bells were raised in peal to Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Owing to choir practice the bells were lowered at 7.45. Adjourning to the "Bowling Green" the handbells were brought into requisition and time for leaving came all too soon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FAREWELL TO MR. A. M. C. FIELD.

It will doubtless be news to many that Mr. Field, of Gosforth, is leaving England to take up an important appointment in San Paulo, South America. A few years ago Mr. Field occupied the position of Secretary to the Durham and Newcastle Association, but business matters necessitated his leaving the district covered by the Association, and it is only a few months ago that he returned to Gosforth.

On Sunday evening, July 13th, for service at the Parish Church, Gosforth, J. Anderson, R. W. Falconer, J. F. Bird, N. Fleck, J. E. R. Keen, A. M. C. Field, W. H. Barber (conductor), and J. B. S. Richardson rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as a farewell. Tenor 22½ cwt. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble.

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SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1913

NOTES.

Our readers will join with us in hearty congratulations to Mr. Bert Prewett and his bride on their transfer from the state of single blessedness to that of married bliss. As an active member of the Bushey Society of Ringers, of the Middlesex County Association and other ringing bodies, Mr. Prewett has done much to forward the interests of change-ringing in the various districts with which he was connected. It was only fitting then that those with whom he had been associated should wish to express their regard for him by taking advantage of the opportunity afforded by his marriage to do him honour. That they have done so is shewn in our report of the presentations which appears in our news columns.

The death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, by drowning gives occasion for feeling of an opposite nature. Congratulation become sympathy, and gifts of various kinds become wreaths. In the evening full of life and energy, taking part with his comrades in their favourite hobby, no one anticipated that ere the light of another day broke his soul would have passed the barrier which divides the living from the dead. Yet so it was. All that remains of him lies in the cold grave, but memories of him will remain in the minds of those who knew him for longer or shorter periods, just as his friendship was valued or otherwise.

But those who were dependent on him are left to fight the battle of life unaided by his strong arm. Those who were wont to look to him for the wherewithal to feed and clothe the family, will have to find ways and means to provide these necessities themselves. Time, the great healer of troubles, will soften the blow, and enable arrangements to be made for the future. It is the present, however, that has to be provided for, and that presents the

most pressing needs. We believe a fund is being started for the purpose of assisting the widow and children who are left unprovided for.

On Tuesday evening, at Caversham, Reading, the local band rang a peal of 5000 changes in a method called Surprise Principle. The peal is one of Mr. Washbrook's, and are promised further particulars later.

Here is an opportunity for those whose purses will bear a little loosening, to bestow some of their surplus, while even those with a scanty supply can help if only with the modest penny. The many can help the one, while it should be remembered that he gives twice who gives quickly.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ERNEST PYE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. B. Prewett with Miss Ida Elton, which took place at Bushey on the above date. The above is R. Sanders' 200th peal.

The Provinces.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	ERNEST MANCELL 9
FREDERICK DICKENS 4	SAMUEL GROVES 10
JAMES E. GROVES 5	JOHN NEAL 11
ERNEST E. ALLAWAY 6	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This is Miss Margery F. Sampson's first peal on twelve bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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HENRY CARTER Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE 4
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 2	ALBERT CARTER 5
ERNEST OVERALL 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

Arranged for A. Lawrence who was home on holiday.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 min 18. H. W. Kirton, A. Head, H. Head, H. Richell, H. R. Dawson, J. Walden, H. F. Cooper (conductor), G. Head. It is sixteen years since G. Head took part in any ringing, the band complimenting him on his excellent striking on once again taking up the Art.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 6
HENRY HUTTON 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
EDWARD RADDON 3	GEORGE STREET 8
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN* 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5	EDWARD G. HEATH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

*First peal of Caters on tower bells. †First peal of Caters on an inside bell. First peal of Caters on the bells since re-hanging. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Septimus Radford.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBERT P. BRINDLEY .. Treble	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN 5
ALBERT E. YOUNG 2	CHARLES CHAPMAN 6
MISS MARJORIE SAMPSON .. 3	JAMES PRATT 7
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 4	ALFRED J. CHAPLIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. YOUNG.

This peal was rung in honour of the millenary of Tamworth Castle, and was the first occasion in which a lady ringer has taken part in a peal on these bells. It was also Mr. A. E. Young's first peal as conductor.

DOVER, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD H. STEVENS* .. Treble	JOHN TRINDEE* 5
CHARLES TURNER 2	HERBERT C. SAYWELL .. 6
FREDK. A. HOLDEN 3	PERCY GIBBS* 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	HENRY C. CASTLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

*First peal of Major. Calling in K.C.A. Report for 1913, page 92. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Roberts, a valued member of the Dover band.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD, R.C.,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GARRISON Treble	THOMAS MILLER 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and 7th. Rung as a birthday peal to Thomas Miller. This composition has the 4th and 5th only in 6ths place at course-ends.

LIVERPOOL.—On the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen on July 11th, 1913, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1206 Grandsire Caters. E. Breeze, jun., T. Hammond, jun., G. R. Newton (conductor), G. Woodhall, T. Murray, E. Caunce, H. W. Wilde, G. Fisher, E. Breeze, sen., W. Davies.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX,
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5036 CHANGES.

WILLIAM C. HART Treble	RICHARD STREEDWICK 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
JOHN CAPP 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by JAMES PARKER, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720s. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDK. W. STONE* Treble	JOHN W. GLEW* 4
JOHN HAYNES* 2	ARTHUR OVERTON 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIES* 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

*First peal of Minor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Thrustans' Four-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	HARRY ARGYLE 5
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
JOSEPH W. TIMMS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ERNEST STONE 4	JAMES F. CLAREE Tenor

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

This is the first peal for the above Guild in which a lady has taken part, and Miss Sampson was heartily congratulated on her success at the completion.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Darley Dale Society).

On Friday, July 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUN. Treble	THOMAS WHITE 5
DAVID BEARLEY 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NGRWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM GORRETT Treble	ROBERT RAYNER 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	CHARLES F. WOODS 6
JACOB KELEY 3	ERNEST LINCOLN 7
JAMES ADAMS 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by THOMAS HURRY, and Conducted by A. RICHES.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, July 13th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from the Original, in 44 mins. W. H. Daynes, A. G. Bennington, F. W. Richardson, T. A. Easterby, W. J. Jeffries, J. Law, E. B. Crowder (conductor), C. H. Macklin.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 6-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARCHIE HENMAN Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	CHARLES COOPER 4
PEARL INSEIP Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 47. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS Treble	CHARLES DICKENS 5
FRANK WITHERS 2	JOHN WITHERS 6
THOMAS J. BRATTON 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM PALMER 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grove, the parents of the conductor, to whom the band offer their congratulations and hearty wishes. Mr. S. Grove, sen., was also for many years a ringer and chorister at the above church, and is now a sidesman. It is also a birthday compliment to the son of Mr. C. Dickens.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch).

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Being two 720s each of Double Oxford and Single Court, and 720 each of College Single, Reverse Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN PEEL Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 5
HARRY THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert C. Darnell.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THRUSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	VICTOR WHITE 5
FRANK CALDWELL* 2	JOHN BASS 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB 7
GORDON CHECKETTS 4	JACOB WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal.

WISBECH (Cambs.)—On Tuesday, July 1st, two 720s of Bob Minor. S. Collison, 1; S. Andrews, 2; T. Haines, 3-4; R. Narborough (conductor), 5-6. S. Andrews, 1-2; T. Haines, 3-4; S. Collison, 5; R. Narborough (conductor), 6. On Monday, July 7th, two 720s of Bob Minor. S. Collison, 1; A. W. Wenlock, 2; S. Andrews, 3-4; R. Narborough, 5-6 (conductor). On Thursday, July 10th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Andrews, 1-2; G. Piggins, 3; A. W. Wenlock, 4; R. Narborough (conductor), 5-6. S. Collison, 1; S. Andrews (conductor), A. Wenlock, 3; G. Piggins, 4; R. Narborough, 5-6. This was R. Narborough's 50th 720 of Bob Minor.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lb.

TITDS BARLOW Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
JOHN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
THOMAS WORSLEY 4	ROBERT ALLRED Tenor

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

First peal on the bells, which were opened on June 28th last. The tone and go of the bells is splendid, and reflect great credit on Messrs. Taylor, of Longborough, the founders. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having things ready and providing a splendid tea before the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Welsby, wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths).

On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	FRANK COLE 5
CHARLES WEST 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
AUSTIN GWINNETT 3	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
WILLIAM HALE 4	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a compliment to Austin Gwinnett, who is on a visit to Painswick from Canada.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDR. W. STONE Treble	WILLIAM POYSER 5
SAYWELL VICKERS 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIES* 3	JOHN W. GLEW 7
JOHN HAYNES 4	ARTHUR B. STONE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

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

Handbell Peals.

WISBECH, CAMBS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes.

At YORK VILLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

STANLEY E. ANDREWS.. 1-2.	THOMAS HAINES 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire: George Yate. Witness: Mr. Arthur William Narborough.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WISBECH (Cambs).—On Tuesday, June 24th, 720 Bob Minor. S. E. Andrews, 1-2; T. Haines, 3-4; R. Narborough (conductor). On Thursday, June 26th, in the belfry, 720 Bob Minor. T. Banham, 1; A. W. Wenlock, 2; S. E. Andrews, 3-4; T. Haines, 5; R. Narborough, 6. Conducted by T. Haines. Witnesses: Frank Piggins and George Yate.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1913, in Two Hours Forty-nine Minutes.

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANGES.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 1-2	BERTRAM PREWETT 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE. Umpire—T. King.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Two Hours,

At YORK VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS S. COLLISON .. 1	STANLEY E. ANDREWS .. 3-4
ARTHUR WM. WENLOCK .. 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH .. 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

This was rung as a welcome home to Mr. S. Collison, who was proposed a member of the Association before starting, and it was his first 5000. All the ringers received their entire instruction in bell-ringing from the conductor.

REUBEN SANDERS' 200 PEALS.

Doubles	2
Minor	2
Grandsire Triples	12
Grandsire Caters	1
Stedman Triples	35
Stedman Caters	34
Stedman Cinques	16
Double Norwich	2
Bob Major	4
Kent Treble Bob Major	7
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2
Superlative Surprise	28
Cambridge Major	6
Cambridge Royal	12
Cambridge Maximus	1
Bristol Surprise*	21
London Surprise	11

Total 200

*Including the 15,264 record.

DOVER RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Wednesday, July 9th, at St. Mary's Church, Dover, the wedding took place of Mr. Arthur Roberts and Miss Ethel Harmer, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. E. C. Heel. There was a large number of friends in attendance, and as the bride and bridegroom left the church, "The Wedding March" was played on the organ by Mr. W. E. Pitman, organist of Lyminge Church. The local ringers also rang 336 Bob Major. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left later for Tunbridge Wells where the honeymoon is being spent.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, J. B. Collett, W. F. Webb, J. T. Perry (conductor), W. H. Carrod, G. A. Taylor, J. Porter. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. Phelps Gardiner, D.D., formerly Vicar of Bishop Ryders.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. F. A. NUNN.

AN AFFECTING SCENE.

Ringers generally, and especially those in the immediate neighbourhood of the Metropolis, will join with us in regret at the sad termination of the career of this well-known ringer, who met his death by drowning at Boreham, Essex. Deceased, who was employed by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, was engaged on the work in connection with the new ring of twelve at the Pro-Cathedral at Chelmsford. On July 2nd, he was at Writtle, ringing with the band there, returning with Mr. A. Head to Chelmsford. As to how or why he came to be at Boreham, there is no evidence to show, but on the following morning his dead body was taken from the river there. At the inquest which was subsequently held, a verdict of "Found drowned" was returned. The news of his death came as a great shock to a large circle of friends. With his family (he leaves a widow and three children), the warmest sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place on Wednesday in last week, at Boreham, where his body was laid to rest in the quiet little churchyard. Several members of the Essex Association walked in front of the coffin, viz., Messrs. Edwards (District Master), Cooper (District Secretary), Kirton, Head and Walden. At the church the cortege was met by the Vicar (Rev. D. M. Yonge), who conducted the service throughout. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. Kirton, Edwards, Cooper and Head. Among the wreaths were those from the widow, from two little nephews, from members of the firm and employees of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Groombridge.

Just as the last of the ringing came round the widow and sister of the deceased, who had travelled from London for the last rites, arrived at the graveside, there having been some mistake made as to the time of the funeral. Whilst taking a last look at the coffin the widow, who was terribly distressed, swooned. On recovery she was taken by Messrs. Head and Cooper to the Vicarage, where she was attended to by Mrs. Yonge, the wife of the Vicar, subsequently returning to her home at Stamford Hill. The occurrence made a deep impression on those present, many of whom were moved to tears.

On July 9th, at St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, South Tottenham, with the bells half muffled, a whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect by the following members of the local band of which Mr. Nunn was a member, viz.:—T. Groombridge, Junr., E. Davidson, A. Howell, W. Powell, C. Ross, E. Davidson. Also a 720 of Bob Minor:—E. Davidson, C. Ross, A. Howell, W. Powell, T. Groombridge, Junr., T. Scarlet. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Stubbs, T. C. Ringrose, E. Davidson, T. Groombridge, Junr., C. Ross, E. Davidson. Conducted by C. Ross.

THE WINCHESTES DIOCESAN GUILD.

HERSHAM (Surrey)—On Sunday, July 6th, for morning service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Edser, sen., W. Shepherd (composer and conductor), A. F. Shepherd, J. Emery, A. Woodrow, F. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, R. J. Tolley. On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (128 changes). G. Edser, sen., F. Shepherd, A. F. Shepherd, C. J. Hamblin, A. Woodrow, F. J. Shepherd, J. Emery, W. Shepherd (conductor).

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of this Association was held on Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C., about thirty ringers attending from Willesden, Islington, Holloway, Highgate, Clerkenwell, Southwark, Chelsea, Hackney, Hammersmith, Deptford, etc. Ringing started punctually at eight, and Standard Methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung during the evening.

The business meeting was held in the Church vestry. Two new members were elected, and a number of small accounts passed for payment, including rent of headquarters, fire insurance, and printing account: also £1 18s. for writing last year's peals, and £6 12s. 11d. for a set of handbells from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Secretary reported that the sale of the old handbells had realised £3 17s. 6d. It was necessary to draw £3 10s. from the bank to meet the current expenditure, but a portion of this will probably be returned at the end of the year.

The meeting regretted the loss of one of the old members, Mr. Coomb, who was for a great number of years an active member of the society. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the tower; also to Mr. Boxall for having everything in readiness, the Master remarking on the clean state of the belfry, and the improvement in things generally during the past few years. The new handbells, a set of 16, tenor 19, in F, were then tried, several courses of Stedman Caters being tapped off. The tone and quality of them was declared to be exceptionally fine. Those who heard them were highly pleased. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their fine production.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Lyminster was the venue of the meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association. There was a fairly good attendance of members who took the opportunity of ringing on these tuneful bells. Touches of Minor and Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. An interval was taken for tea in the Parish Room, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. P. T. Andrews). At the business meeting which followed the Vicar was unanimously elected an hon. member, and four ringing members were also elected. A vote of thanks to Vicar for providing the tea and for the use of the bells was passed, and the rev. gentleman in replying gave the members a hearty welcome and invited them to inspect the Vicarage garden, an invitation which was readily accepted.

A return was then made to the belfry. Some members journeyed to Arundel, where the bells were also available. Those present represented Angmering, Arundel, Gorring, Heene, Lyminster, Shoreham and West Tarring.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, June 25th, 720 Woodbine. S. Game, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor). On Sunday, July 6th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, F. Williams, S. Game, A. Phillips, A. Carter, A. Lawrence (conductor). Also 720 Oxford Delight. H. Carter, F. Williams, A. Carter, A. Lawrence, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor). On Sunday, July 13th, 720 Kent. W. H. Lawrence, N. Patmore, B. Patmore, G. H. Barker, H. Wallace, A. Lawrence (conductor).

MR. B. PREWETT MARRIED.

PRESENTATIONS AT BUSHEY.

When it becomes known that a happy couple resolve to become one, if they are in any way connected with public life, their comrades and acquaintances delight to show their regard for them by making presentations. This is an old custom, and long may it continue.

But it was respect and esteem for him that led those who are included in the circle of Mr. Bertram Prewett's acquaintances should take the opportunity of showing their appreciation of his many activities by this means. Among those who thus did him honour on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Ida Elton, which happy event took place at Bushey, on Saturday last, were the Rector, churchwardens and ringers of Bushey Parish Church and the Middlesex County Association.

The former gift took the form of a barometer, and was presented to Mr. Prewett on the previous Sunday. The Rev. G. M. Hall, in making the presentation, said Englishmen as a rule did not like being told how much they were appreciated, but this gave him the opportunity of saying how very much they all appreciated what Mr. Prewett had done for the Bushey Society, and he hoped by Mr. Prewett marrying and living at Bushey his ties with the Society would become stronger. They all wished him long life and every happiness.

Mr. Prewett suitably responded, and said he was pleased to do all he could, and thought the society was now in a better position than it had ever been. This had been brought about by the band sticking together, and he hoped their success would continue.

The members and friends of the Middlesex County Association chose as their memento of the event a magnificent chiming clock, and Mr. Prewett desires, through the medium of our columns to express his thanks to the kind friends who contributed towards it. He says: "Its sweet chimes will always serve to remind me of the many happy hours I have spent in the belfry, and of the many friends I have made during the 15 years I have been connected with the Association."

In celebration of the happy event, the Middlesex County Association rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, at Battersea, particulars of which appear in our peal columns.

RINGERS IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

BARNSTAPLE RINGER KILLED.

A shocking accident occurred during the annual outing of the Barnstaple Parish Church company.

A party, numb. ring 14, left the town in a motor char-a-banc for Exeter and all went well until in the neighbourhood of Oakford, the excursionists evidently enjoying the exhilarating ride. Here the car got into difficulties on a very steep hill, and began to run backwards. The brakes failed, the driver lost control and the vehicle crashed into a hedge and overturned. A scene of confusion followed, and it was soon realised that several of the party were badly injured. One of their number, Mr. William Goss, aged 60, and for many years a ringer at Barnstaple, was terribly crushed, and died soon after being dragged from under the car.

Six other members of the party received cuts and bruises, and the excursion which opened so happily came to a tragic ending.

CARILLON FOR BIG BEN?

INTERESTING SUGGESTION.

Carillon playing has been described as a lost art. But it is certain that in M. Josef Denyn, the famous carillonneur, of Mechlin, Belgium possesses a player who can rank with the brilliant performers of the past. The largest and most perfectly tuned manual carillon in England is that of Messrs. Taylor, the well-known bell founders, at their works at Loughborough, the birthplace of "Great Paul," and it was here on Saturday afternoon that a large and delighted company listened to a magnificent display by the master of bells.

The occasion was the gathering of the North Midland section of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, whose members first listened to a lecture on "The carillon and its music," by Mr. W. W. Starmer. The lecturer expressed a wish that we could have a great carillon in the Clock Tower of the Houses of Parliament, or at the Crystal Palace.

M. Denyn played a series of compositions. Two of Schubert's songs gave opportunity for the expression of sentiment to a degree quite unlooked for on an instrument of this calibre. Two other pieces contained passages of exceeding complexity and rapidity. Afterwards a few items were played by Mr. Harry Withers, the carillonneur at Bournville.

BELLS REHUNG AT REDHILL.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just completed the rehanging of the eight bells at St. John's, Redhill, with new steel gudgeons, and gun-metal bearings, and have also generally overhauled the fittings. When the bells were tried round by the local ringers, their "go" was pronounced to be all that could be desired, and a great difference is now noticed in the steadiness of the tower.

The earliest example of the name of the founder appearing on a bell is at Goring, Oxon., which may be as early as 1290; it is the name of an early London founder, in a curious mixture of Latin and Norman-French: "Ricard De Wymbis Me Fist."

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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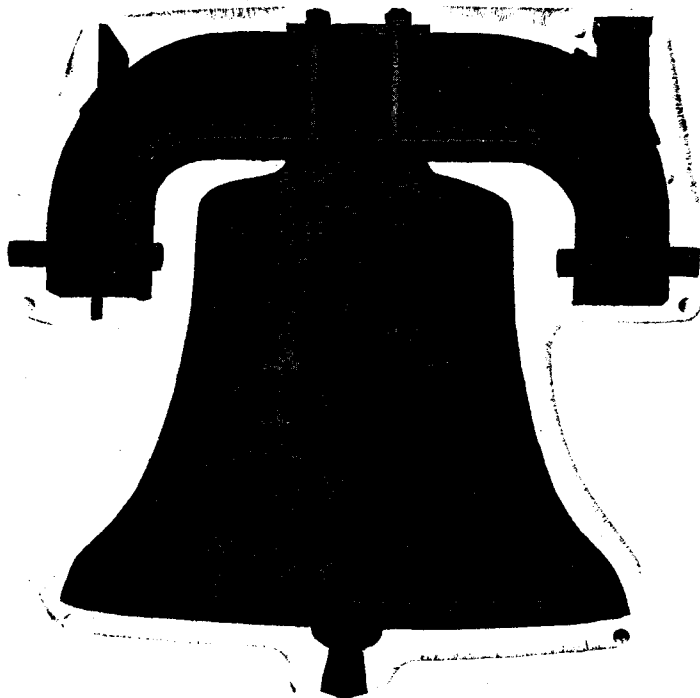
the boat at Tilbury. The company have also a second service, via Tilbury, to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and South Foreland. Special trains over the Midland and Tilbury Railways run in connection with these services on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, leaving St. Pancras at 7.45 a.m., Kentish Town 8.3, and Fenchurch-street 8.28 a.m. Sundays: St. Pancras 9 a.m., Kentish Town 9.5, and Fenchurch-street 9.25 a.m. On Saturdays two trips to Margate are made—first journey to Southend and Margate, trains in connection leaving St. Pancras 7.45, Kentish Town 8.3, Fenchurch-street 8.28; and the second journey, commonly known as the Husbands' Boat, goes direct to Margate, calling at Southend on the way back, trains in connection leaving St. Pancras 2.12 p.m., Kentish Town 2.30, Fenchurch-street 2.40. Full particulars of the above trips, as well as the Continental services of the company, may be obtained at the offices, 15, Trinity-square, E.C.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 22nd; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 31st; at St Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; and 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.

London County Association (late St. James' Society, established 1634).—Northern District.—The next Meeting of this District will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business Meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.
J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.
7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at The Vine Inn at 5.30. Friends heartily welcomed.
F. Bennett, Hon. Sec.
3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

Surrey Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business Meeting after.
Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

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Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Festival will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30, preacher the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers), Business Meeting in the Church House at 12.30. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. One shilling will be refunded to each member present at the Dinner; but members failing to send for their Tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.
Albert E. Reeves, Guild Sec.

5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next Meeting will be held at Hadley, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited.
C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.,
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—A meeting for Combined Practice will be held at Halesowen, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.
E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec.

9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Essex Association.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follows. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea.
Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary.
County Offices, Chelmsford.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury District.—A District Meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only.
Rev. R. L. Gardner.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Farningham, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rev. F. W. Smith (Vicar), who has kindly promised tea for those who send to me their names by Tuesday, July 15th. Business meeting to follow. Eynsford bells will be available after the meeting. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.
T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's Bacup, on Saturday, July 19th. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.
J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Meon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from mid-day. Tea at The George Inn at 5 p.m. Meeting after.
Fareham.

J. W. Whiting, Dis. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 19th.
John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Midland Counties Association.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brassington, near Wirksworth, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6), ready from 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.
B. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.
149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Grappenhall Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, July 19th, at 4 p.m. Tea 9d.
J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.
Post Office, Grappenhall.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to
A. Shufflebotham, Dist. Sec.
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The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.
J. Watson, Branch Sec.
33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each), in the Church Hall. The bells of this Church are being rebung in a new iron frame. The old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor of about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 22nd. All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.
Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliff on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.
W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

103 Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.
Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary.
136, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Summer Festival at Woburn on August 4th. Bells available after 11.0 a.m. Tea at 5.0. Service at 6.0.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Guildford and Leatherhead Amalgamated Districts will be held at Ranmore on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful peal of eight bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Tickets at 6d to members; 1s. to visitors. By kind permission of the Hon. Henry Cnibitt, C.B., the gardens of Denbies will be open to members and friends from 2 to 4.
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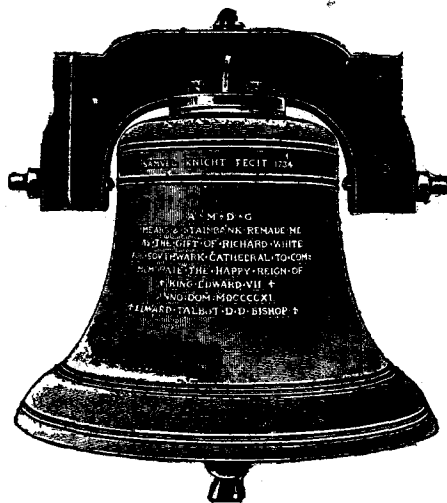
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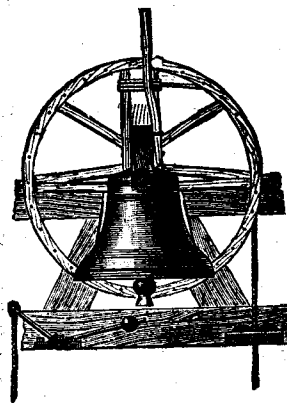
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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SMALL MEETING OF AN UNWIELDY DISTRICT.

The Midsummer Quarterly Meeting of the Surrey Association was held at the Parish Church of St. John, Egham, on Saturday last. Situated on the extreme northern confines of the district covered by the Association, the expense of travelling from the more southerly parts doubtless accounted for the meeting being somewhat thinly attended. The following towers were represented: Ewell, Kingston, Mitcham, Christ Church, Mitcham, Wimbledon, Staines, Croydon, Yorktown, Old Windsor, and the local band.

The bells are a well-tuned and good toned ring, until last year a peal of six, recently, at an outlay of nearly £600 augmented by a Treble, and a 17-cwt. Tenor from the Croydon Foundry, where was also recast the old six, and they are hung in a steel double frame. The confined space at the disposal of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston made the work of "giving 'em fits" a somewhat difficult matter. They are to be congratulated on their work, the "go" is excellent. Unfortunately owing to the squat character of the tower and double tier, the sound box is nil, and does not sufficiently minimize the noise in the ringing room. The touches rung, though not in Surprise Methods (!) were clean and well struck. A short service was held at 5 o'clock conducted, in the absence from home of the aged Vicar, by the Rev. F. J. Tranter, who in his brief address of welcome commended the work of ringers and gave a notable instance from his own experience in Australia of the reclamation from a life of criminality effected by the Divine Power through the sound of church bells.

The Vicar and Churchwardens, the latter being present graciously received and entertained the members to tea.

At the business meeting which followed Mr. Churchwarden Hill was elected to the chair, and with his colleague Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. Tranter and Mr. Budgen kindly consented to become honorary members of the Association. The Honorary Secretary read a list of 14 peals rung to the credit of the Association, including 3 by the Southern Branch, since the last quarterly meeting, and these were ordered to be recorded in the Peal Books. He also gave a short resume of the transactions of the Central Council Meeting at Newcastle. It was resolved that the monthly combined practices should be discontinued during July and August, and the next of the series should be held at Mitcham towards the end of September, when both towers might be utilized. The successful working of the Southern District was touched upon; an accretion of upwards of 80 members through its agency giving rise to a suggestion for the further division of the Central District; its unwieldy size, as evidenced by to-day's meeting proving an obstacle to the successful and effective working of the Association and the furtherance of the objects, aimed at, viz.: the advancement of change ringing and the recognition of ringers as Church workers. Votes of thanks were carried by acclamation to the Vicar, Assistant Curate, the churchwardens, organist, choir boys, and the steeple-keeper for their presence and help in

giving the Association such a generous and hospitable welcome, in their respective spheres of office. The churchwardens, in replying, expressed their appreciation of the Association's visit, hoping that it would tend to advance the local band and help to bring them on as efficient change ringers, and urged all those present as brother laymen and Church workers not to neglect their duty towards God and their neighbour in being present at the common worship of their Creator and Redeemer, to which the faithful were summoned by the sound of the "holy bell."

The Egham band are in a very happy and somewhat unique position in having churchwardens who take such an interest in their work, and it should brace them up "to rise from the stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things" and not to be content with rounds or "Stoney." The writer knows from personal experience that it means a long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together if it is to be done, but it can be.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the District was held at Farningham on Saturday last, and considering the amount of rain that fell during the morning turned out to be a very successful one.

The bells were raised soon after 3.30 p.m. and various touches of Minor and 120s of Stedman Doubles, were rung. The Vicar, Rev. F. M. Snaith, had kindly arranged service at 5.30 p.m. (Association Form), and gave a very instructive address, at which all the members (46) were present. He had also provided tea at a neighbouring hostelry, and told the members he was sorry he could not invite them to the Vicarage, as his family were not in residence just now, but he hoped to do so at their next visit.

The business meeting was held in the school, the Vicar presiding. The election of Mr. L. Attwater, in Erith tower was confirmed, and the Vicar's intimation that he should be pleased to become an honorary member was greeted with applause. The District representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) then read his report of the Central Committee meeting which was adopted, with a hearty vote of thanks. Crayford was selected as the place of the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 25th. The District Secretary then stated that he had received an application from the Rev. E. Ball (St. Mary Cray), asking for a grant towards the recasting and rehanging of their bells, but as this was a matter for the Central Committee he suggested making a collection which was agreed to, and this realised upwards of 15s.

A hearty vote of thanks was carried with applause to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address and the tea. The Vicar thanked the members and said it had given him great pleasure to meet them.

The tower was again visited, and some went over to Eynsford, which the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone had kindly placed at their disposal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Sudbury District branch held their summer meeting at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th, when a successful time was spent both in ringing the bells of the churches of St. Peter and All Saints, and also at the tea and business meeting held at the Bull Hotel. There were 27 members present at tea, while several more arrived later in the afternoon.

Mr. T. R. Dennis, the General Secretary of the Association, very kindly took the chair in the absence of the Rector of St. Peter's. The report of the progress of this Archdeaconry is encouraging, for the membership is steadily increasing, and the peal record is higher than it has been for some years.

Mr. Turner, of Bury St. Edmunds, made the good suggestion that every member who goes to practice on the bells in the week should make it a rule to be present to ring for at least one service on the Sunday: and reminded members that their chief duty to their Church was to ring for services. This was endorsed by the Secretary, who pointed out that they certainly would enlist the sympathy of those clergy in the district who at present are not in favour of ringers when they found that peal-ringing was not the only thing they practised for.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the autumn meeting fixed for Monks Eleigh. Touches of Kent, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of this district was held at Rayleigh on Saturday, last, ringing commencing soon after 4 p.m. A short service was held at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Fryer. Owing to the inclement weather, tea, which was to have been on the Rectory lawn, was served in the Parish Room. At the business meeting which followed, A. C. Cork, Esq., Baddingtons, Rayleigh, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. G. Freeman, and Charles Jay, of Rettendon, as ringing members. Ingatestone was selected as the place for the annual meeting. Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. Howard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. G. Fryer for arranging for the service, and his kindness in providing tea; to the organist and choir who had so ably led the singing; and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea. The Rev. A. G. Fryer said it gave him great pleasure to meet the members that day, and to hold the service, quite a new feature of the meetings. Ringing was again indulged in, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells nothing above the ordinary was accomplished. During the evening Rettendon was visited, and Messrs. W. Jay, E. Jay, and F. Jay were elected members, each of them taking part in Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the above district was held at East Meon. Ringers arrived from the following towers:—Fareham, Wickham, Curdridge, Swanmore, North Stoneham, Gosport, Portsea and Portsmouth, with Mr. Arthur King from Southsea. The bells of East Meon, which are a beautiful ring, Tenor 19 cwt., were

kept going by mixed bands to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major. Many young hands ringing their first touch. A pair-horse brake conveyed the party that came by rail from West Meon station, whilst a select party arrived by motor from Curdridge, and others by cycle. At 4.30 a short service was held in the Church at which the Rector of East Meon, the Rev. Heywood Masters, assisted by his curate, Rev. Basil D. Reed, officiated the Ringers' Men Service was used. The Rector in an address referred to the inscriptions on the bells which he said was to the "Glory of God" and he suggested to the ringers that they were not applicable only to ringing the bells for service but their daily work should also be for the "Glory of God"; he said that the clergy owed much to the ringers for giving up their time and energy in ringing the bells for service. Tea was served in the Institute at which 30 sat down. The business meeting was held in the same room Mr. A. T. King presiding, supported by Mr. Whiting, Secretary, Mr. Williams, General Secretary, Mr. Harding and Mr. Chappell, representatives. Five full members of St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and one from Swanmore, were elected members of the Guild. The tower was then visited and more touches rung, after which the party travelled to West Meon, which tower was open for ringing where touches of Stedman and Grandsire brought a successful meeting to a close.

AN APPEAL.

We have been asked to open our columns for an urgent appeal on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn, whose sad death has been already referred to in a recent issue.

A fund has been started, and the sum already received is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
From his fellow-workers, per Mr. A. Howell	2	10	0
Anonymous	2	2	0
From Chelmsford and Boreham ringers, per Mr. Cooper (Chelmsford)	1	5	0
	5	17	0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Anne's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 13th, at 3, Hart Lane, New Cross, S.E., on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. Miss Elsie Bennett, 1-2; William Willson (Leicester) 3-4; Frank Hairs, 5-6; Frank Bennett (conductor), 7-8. Also a touch of Treble Bob Major in same positions.

ILKLEY (Yorks).—On Monday, July 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. R. Feather, A. E. South, H. Verity, C. Stephenson, J. W. Birkin, A. G. Collinson, T. W. Crowshaw (conductor), C. E. Spencer. Mr. A. G. Collinson is a member of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and is in Training at Ilkley with Edinburgh University Officers Training Corps.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins. C. Finn, H. Parker, F. Russell (first in the method), G. Cottis, E. Andrews, J. Norris, R. Finn, A. C. Hardy. Conducted by C. Finn.

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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.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

To the Editor.

SIR,—I always read with care anything that Mr. Trollope writes, but am puzzled by his article under the above heading in your last issue. It would seem as if he had stopped short in his argument, for he speaks at length of the "natural law" that produced methods, but I cannot see that he tells us what this natural law is, so it is impossible to appreciate the proper bearings of his reasoning.

In the early days of change-ringing only one pair of bells changed at a time, a form of permutation—alas—not yet wholly defunct. No one would contend that this melancholy mode was the outcome of any natural law, but it was the first step in the evolution of something more interesting.

I have always understood that there was at the root of all proper change-ringing the axiom that "every bell that can must change its place at every stroke." I do not see that this is a "natural" law, but it is a law to which the best methods conform; and the only other requirement, which, however, cannot be termed a law, is that, to obtain the best music, adjoining places should be avoided.

The practical effect of the axiom is that, on odd numbers of bells, one only must lie still at each stroke; and, on even numbers that two bells only must lie still, and this at alternate strokes only.

Mr. Trollope seems to imply that the Bob Major coursing order has some connection with a natural law. But this order is not the least a necessity. Take the Duffield method which, as regards the two above regulations, is constructionally perfect. Here the plain course order is musically as good, to my ear better, than the Bob Major order.

I have followed attentively for years the voluminous arguments of our experts on legitimate methods, but I have never yet been able to understand upon what foundation, other than the before-mentioned axiom, legitimacy can be based. Some methods, as Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Duffield, comply with the axiom; others, as Bob Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London, do not. Who is to decide, if there is any departure from the axiom, how much is permissible? (I assume the axiom is accepted, for, if not, what consistent formula can be substituted for it?) Or, to put it another way, what, if any, is the amount of illegitimacy allowable in a legitimate method?

I have never been able to comprehend the principles on which the "Legitimate Methods" Committee have argued, and now Mr. Trollope confuses me yet more by suggesting that the best methods—among which he seems to include some, as London, that I deem constructionally illegitimate—are the result of some cryptic natural law.

Yours etc.,

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Doveleys, Rocester, Staffs.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, July 21st, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, E. Brown, T. Bull, J. Monk (conductor), J. Brooks, G. Brooks.

THANKS.

SIR.—Permit me to make use of your columns to thank all those members of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers who so kindly subscribed to the beautiful clock and ornaments which have been presented to me on the occasion of my marriage. My wife and I deeply appreciate these tokens of esteem from my fellow members and we shall always treasure them as mementos of my connection with the Association.

Yours, etc.,

BERTRAM PREWETT.

Fairleigh, Elie, N.B.

ADDRESSES WANTED.

SIR.—Can you get me the addresses of:—Tom King, who rang in the peal of Stedman Triples at Enfield on May 27th, 1912, and William Palmer who rang in the Grandsire Caters at Aston Manor on November 30th, 1912. If some of your readers can supply these I shall esteem it a favour.

Yours etc.,

W. E. WHITE.

Cotgrave, Notts.

"WEDDING BELLS."

FAULKNER—BACEY.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, have been rung to many methods, complex and simple, but never better struck or more happy in effect than the touch of Superlative Surprise Major which was rung on Saturday afternoon last, and told of the completion of the service which made Mr. Thomas Faulkner, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Miss Mary E. Bacey, man and wife.

In spite of the inclement weather (Churchwarden Davies said the heavens were "shedding tears of joy") the ceremony was attended by a large number of relatives and ringing and other friends. The Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of the Parish, conducted, Mr. George Faulkner gave away the bride, who was attended by Miss Eva and Miss Phoebe Bacey (sisters), and Miss R. Faulkner and Miss Jessie Thatcher (sister and cousin of the bridegroom), as bridesmaids, whilst Mr. Fred G. Gill acted as best man. The organist, as a compliment to a brother churchworker played an appropriate selection of music previous and during the service, on the new organ, recently restored and enlarged. Whilst the registers were being signed the hymn "How welcome was the call" was sung.

A reception was afterwards held at "Superlative," St. Awdrys, Road, where "health, happiness and prosperity" to the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. E. A. Davies, in felicitous terms. Shortly afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner left for Gorleston-on-Sea, where the honeymoon is being spent.

In honor of the happy event, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Southwark Cathedral by the College Youths and their unworthy master would, like, through these columns to thank them for the compliment, and also those who sent congratulatory letters and telegrams: he had no idea he had so many friends. [Records of peals rung in celebration of the event appear in our usual peal columns.]

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(JASPER SNOWDON SERIES).

CHAPTER IX.

THE TWELVE COURSE-ENDS WITH THE 6TH AT HOME.

(Continued).

By SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN 1888.

Before explaining the laws which regulate the formation of the various plans for producing the twelve course-ends, it is necessary to prove the impossibility of obtaining them in twelve complete consecutive courses; or, expressing the same thing in other words, to prove the impossibility of a touch of twelve courses with the 6th at home throughout. Let me draw a distinction between the mere knowledge of the fact and the proof of it. That two sides of a triangle are together greater than the third is a self-evident proposition, but until this was geometrically proved the assumption was valueless as a foundation for further deduction. Similarly, without a clear perception of the causes which obstruct the composition of the twelve courses, the clue to the rest of the subject is missing.

In the first part of this article Superlative Surprise was taken as the most suitable illustrative method, not only because it was the one that gave rise to the enquiry, but also on account of its being, with its reverse, Double Norwich, simple in its involutions. What now follows, however, is of more general application, in principle if not in detail, to all methods.

A touch of twelve consecutive courses with the 6th (or any one other bell) fixed is impossible because no touch of complete courses, whatever its length, can consist of other than an uneven number of such courses. This statement is the key to all the difficulty with regard to "extents," not only that of the twelve courses, but also of the sixty; in principle, too, of the whole peals of Grandsire Triples being unobtainable with bobs only; and, doubtless, also the same with the whole peal of Stedman Triples without a Single, although no one has yet been able to reduce to a certainty the proof of this elusive method. It will be sufficient, however, for the present purpose, to give the proof of the statement so far as concerns the twelve courses.

In any touch containing only complete courses—and these alone are now considered—it is an axiom that the whole of the plain courses must occur. Such bobs as are called within the twelve courses must affect four bells only, for these are the whole material to work on. In no method can there be more than two kinds of call used without more than four bells being affected. The calls that affect 2345 are W and H, or their equivalents, whatever the method. The latter call shall be examined first. Let P-H be read as "plain home," and B-H as "bob at home," i.e. at the course-end. Then—

B		P
B-H (2345)	=	P-H (4235)
B-H (4235)	=	P-H (3425)
B-H (3425)	=	P-H (2345)

Read the equations thus: "A bob at home at the end of the course 2345 brings the same course-end as a plain home at the end of the course 4235; and so on. Thus, bearing in mind that the whole of these three courses with the 5th in 5th place must come in the twelve courses, the sign of equality will be seen to denote a repetition if both sides of any of the three equations are introduced. This will occur unless either the B column or the P column is exclusively adhered to. Take, for example, from the B column, B-H (2345), and B-H (4235); then the other course-end, 3425, cannot be taken from the P column, because B-H (4235) equals P-H (3425), thus indicating that in such a case P-H (3425) repeats with B-H (4235) already used. In the same way any two course-ends from one column will repeat with the remaining course-end from the other column. The equations thus demonstrate that, as all three course-ends must be used, all three must either come plain, or all three with a bob at home. They further show that three consecutive Homes add two courses to the plain course, making a touch of three complete courses. Again, the same is true of the Ws, for

B		P
B-W (2345)	=	P-W (5243)
B-W (5243)	=	P-W (3542)
B-W (3542)	=	P-W (2345)

showing that of the three W leads that have the 4th in 4th

place, all three must either come plain or all three with a bob W; and, further, that three consecutive Ws add two courses to the plain course, making a touch of three complete courses.

As there are four bells there will be in the twelve courses four sets of three courses each, every such triplet, H or W as the case may be, having its fixed bell (as the 5th and 4th in the instances given) each triplet being subject to similar conditions. Now it is proved that whenever a bob is called this entails two more bobs and the effect of every three such bobs is to add two courses, neither more nor less. It is, therefore, evident that, taking the plain course as the starting point, and counting it "one," bobs may be called so as to add further courses by pairs only, until as many courses as possible have been absorbed into the touch, and yet the total number of courses, including the plain course, can never be twelve. For if n represent any number of pairs of courses, then, $1+2+2+n$, must always be an uneven number.

For the above method of proof, I am indebted to the clever demonstration, by Mr. W. H. Thompson, of the impossibility of obtaining the complete sixty courses by bobs only. As this line of argument is dealt with in "Grandsire," 2nd ed., page 197, I will not now follow it further.

The following points may be taken as proved. In touches which consist (as do all "extents") of complete courses, the number of such courses can never be even: that is, there can never be such a thing as a two-course, or a four-course touch, and so on. Every bob called entails two more similar bobs, the result of the three calls being to add two courses to the starting courses already obtained. Therefore the number of bobs in touches of complete courses is always a multiple of 3; hence, if x equals the number of courses in such a touch, then

$$3(x-1)$$

2

will be the number of bobs in that touch. For example take a seven-course touch;

$$\frac{3(7-1)}{2} = 9$$

which is the number of bobs in such a touch, and by no process whatever can more or less than this number be introduced into seven complete courses. Again, as every three bobs add two courses, a touch can be obtained of any uneven number of complete courses less than the extent. Also any number of complete courses that may be strung together must come round, for it is evident that until rounds come up the whole of the plain course has not been introduced.

The following touches will illustrate what has been stated*—

*These touches will be given in our next.
(To be continued.)

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1913.

WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

THE PEAL AT CAVERSHAM.

Last week we noted the ringing of a peal in this method at Caversham, by the local band, and in our peal columns to-day will be found a full record of the peal, of which we are able to give the following particulars supplied by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn:—

Some two years ago, in the course of correspondence on other matters with Mr. J. W. Washbrook, he wrote as follows: "Would the Caversham men care to learn a Surprise Principle? I have a method which is far more difficult than London and far more musical than Superlative—as good as bell music can be—and it is, I think, the first Surprise Principle you have seen."

I accepted the offer, but the band was not able to get to work properly at the method until the spring of this year. The first touch of any length rung for service was on Whit Sunday evening, while a few weeks later 1008 was rung for a wedding. Recently two unsuccessful attempts were made at a peal, in each of which over a third of the peal was rung. At the third attempt the peal was well and truly rung. The only matter for regret was that Mr. R. T. Hibbert could not take part. On the first occasion he was prevented by illness, and subsequently he insisted that the band, which had acquitted itself so creditably on the previous occasion, should be allowed one more good try.

With regard to the method itself, its musical qualities will, I think, not be denied; in the course of ringing we have found it to possess considerable attraction, even for those who understand little or nothing of Major ringing. As bell music it must certainly take a high place among methods.

As to its difficulty, those who have rung the method are rather divided in their opinions; some decidedly agree with Mr. Washbrook, others as decidedly place it below London and Bristol. All, however, agree in calling it intricate and very tricky to ring, and possessed of much that is fascinating to ringers. It will be found too, I think, by those who try, that the accomplishment of a peal depends, per-

haps more than in any other method upon each man being well up to his work and sticking to it.

As to its name and classification I am hoping to hear further from Mr. Washbrook, but a letter sent at a venture a week ago does not seem to have reached him, so the peal must be published under the title I received from him in describing the method.

If for any reason a different title is necessary or expedient, I should venture to suggest "Washbrook's Caversham Enterprise." A lead and bob are appended:—

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The Metropolis.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORRER	Trebles	CHARLES S. BURDEN	7
ALFRED B. PECK	2	JAMES MOTTS	8
EDGAR PEMBERTON	3	JOHN N. OXHORROW	9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	4	HERBERT LANGDON	10
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	11
ERNEST G. FENN	6	JOHN W. GOLDING	Tenor

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Society, Mr. T. Faulkner, and Miss Mary Bacey, with all good wishes for a long and happy life.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CALIE FENN	Trebles	ERNEST ANDREWS	5
FRANK C. NEWMAN	2	REGINALD BLAKE	6
ROWLAND FENN	3	HENRY TORELE	7
HENRY E. PARER	4	ALBERT C. HARDY	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by CALIE FENN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Faulkner, Master of the above Society, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Mary E. Bacey, which had taken place a few hours previously at the above church.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	Trebles	JAMES C. ADAMS*	6
WALTER WISE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOHN H. WILKINS*	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	4	FRED C. MAYNARD*	9
DANIEL F. GIBBONS*	5	ALBERT A. HUGHES*	Tenor

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

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Society, Mr. T. Faulkner, to Miss M. E. Bacey, at Barking on the above date. A peal was attempted, unfortunately without success, on the previous Saturday, in honour of the wedding of Mr. B. Prewett. *First peal of Royal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Saturday, July 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE	Trebles	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	WILLIAM THEOBALD*	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST PYE	7
REUBEN SANDERS	4	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WM. PYE.
*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE
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On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES Trebles	ROBERT W. GREEN	5	
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ARTHUR D. BARKER	6
HENRY T. GOWLETT	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY	7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM	4	FREDERICK V. MARTIN*	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	Trebles	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6
FREDK. W. WADE	2	HENRY BURT	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	JAMES RICHMOND	8
HENRY HOWELL	4	ISAAC LONG	9
WILLIAM WHITE	5	URIAH BRAVEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was rung to record the replacing of the quarter-jacks, together with a new clock, in Christ Church tower. Reference has already been made in this paper with regard to the opening ceremony on July 5th. The whole of the work was completed on July 14th, the date of the peal.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church 546 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Butler, H. Walter, A. C. Fussell, T. Smith, F. V. Simkin, J. H. Preston, J. Phillips, A. Pether. Conducted by J. H. Preston.

MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY Treble	JOHN M. DAVENPORT 5
ARTHUR BURGESS 2	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT 3	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD 7
WILFRED MATTHEWS 4	JOSEPH NORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by WM. WALMSLEY.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WORSLEY Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
FRED ARBOTT 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
JOHN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4	THOMAS BRATBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

*First peal in the method.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

REUBEN HALL Treble	JOSEPH WALKER 5
THOMAS HORTON 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
HERBERT HOWE 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
FRED TROTTE 4	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

*First peal rung in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. John Augustine Kempthorne, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Lichfield in the Cathedral the same day.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH, ST. PETERS' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE;
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN MENDAY Treble	HARRY TUCKER 5
HERBERT HATTO 2	GEORGE ESSOX 6
REV. CYRIL JENKYN 3	HARRY SMITH 7
ALBERT CULLUM 4	ERNEST MENDAY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by ERNEST MENDAY.

First peal ever rung in the method. Rung on St. Swithwin's Day.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt, in F sharp.

THOMAS JENNION Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER 7
JOHN GARDNER 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of treble, 6th and 7th were elected members of the above Guild previous to starting.

LLANDEFAELOG-FACH, BRECON.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARLOG,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure and thirty-two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	CHARLES BEACH 4
GEORGE GIELIN 2	WILLIAM FLETCHER 5
CHARLES POWELL 3	JOHN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FLETCHER.

Messrs. Beach and Williams were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. First peal for the ringers of both the 5th and tenor. The ringer of the tenor is one of the churchwardens of this parish, and was asked to stand in at the last moment. Rung as a complimentary peal to the new Rector, the Rev. H. B. Francis.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
FRANK SHEPHERD 2	JOHN HOUGH 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	GEOFFREY BOLL 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 4	ALGERNON P. G. STONE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Rung in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Rev. J. A. Kempthorne, D.D., which took place on July 16th. *First peal of Grandsire.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK .. Treble	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5
JOHN T. RICHMAN, M.A. .. 2	JOHN CAPP 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVITT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	KRISTHART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by K. HART.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Evening Exercise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST THORNTON .. Treble	TOM LATIMER 4
SAM HELLIWELL 2	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE 5
JOHN W. CHADWICK 3	EDWARD REDSHOW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HOLGATE.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Church and bells.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, for Divine Service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Herbert, A. Jones, W. Honeyball, T. Bolton, C. Collis, jun., J. Kent, G. W. Honeyball (conductor), W. Whanslaw. Rung as a birthday compliment for the Secretary and his son, ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

ROWLAND O. FOLLARD Treble	BENEST STONE 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES F. CLAREE, JUN. .. 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	JAMES F. CLAREE, SEN. .. 7
THOMAS DICKENS.. .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.
First peal of Oxford on the bells.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Biggleswade Branch).

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM COMPTON Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 2	GEORGE W. INSKIP 5
ALFRED O. BAILEY 3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

*First peal in five methods.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN 6
THOMAS BRATTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JAMES L. WELLS.. .. 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
JOHN NEAL 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

This composition is No. 8 on Carter's broadsheet.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday July 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY Treble	ALFRED E. FULLICE 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY.. .. 6
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
WALTER JAGO 4	JACE GARRETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Dr. F. W. T. Greenwood, who is leaving Market Drayton to take up the duties as Vicar of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Lilley, Taylor and Fullick hail from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; Hanley, Jago, Garrett and Saunders from Coalbrookdale; Weatherby belongs to the local band.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT "LLANEOCE," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

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

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

ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. W. Stevens, H. Cook, R. Mackrill, H. Cook, H. Stevens, C. Hunt, F. Skevington (conductor), W. Brooks.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRENTFORD.—On Wednesday, July 16th, for a special Thanksgiving Service, at which the Lord Bishop of London preached, a quarter-peal (1265 changes) of Bob Minor. F. G. Goddard, G. A. Ransom (conductor), T. Beadle, H. W. Lidbetter, W. New, G. Spencer.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Webb, F. G. Goddard, G. Miles, C. Dell, H. W. Lidbetter, W. New, G. Spencer (conductor), A. Beckensale.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, F. Jelf, W. G. Darlington, H. G. Rowe, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, G. B. Lucas, O. Twist. On Tuesday, July 15th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gladys Wood, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Cornwell, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. Contains twelve 4-6s and Queens and Tittums. On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. O. Twist, G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, H. G. Rowe (conductor), F. Jelf, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, G. B. Lucas.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Saturday, July 12th, an attempt for a peal of Minor in seven methods came to grief after 1 hour and three quarters ringing, during which 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure were rung, and a stand called at Kent. J. Avis, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, V. A. Jarrett, R. B. Corp. J. Bennett, R. M. L. I., F. M. Mitchell (conductor). V. Jarrett thus rung his first 720 Woodbine and J. Bennett his first of Canterbury Pleasure. Afterwards touches of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, etc., were indulged in, Messrs. G. Hayes, R. Smith, J. Burles and H. Holden joining the above ringers. On Sunday, July 20th, Mr. G. Playle and Miss G. Playle, of Dagenham, Essex, paid a visit, this being the first appearance of a lady change-ringer at this tower. An attempt for a 720 Cambridge Surprise was made by Miss Playle, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, G. Playle (conductor), F. Mitchell, which unfortunately came to grief in the third part. This was the first attempt by Miss Playle for a 720 in the method, and it was no fault of hers that a successful issue was not obtained, and she was congratulated on her ringing. Touches of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung by the above, and G. Jones, G. Collins, H. Argent, S. Bannister and P. Clark, of Ealing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, WESTMINSTER.

This branch of the College Youths held their annual outing on July 12th. Leaving Liverpool Street by the first train in the morning Ipswich was reached at 6.40. An excellent breakfast was provided by Mr. W. H. Bell of Queen Street, and then the first item of the day's programme was announced. This was the presentation of a handsome walking stick, suitably engraved to Mr. H. R. Newton, Master, as a token of esteem from the Guild. A well equipped brake and horses, and the brothers James and William Motts were waiting on the Cornhill and a most enjoyable day was spent in visiting the towers appended. Host Fox of the Cherry Tree, Debenham, had a substantial dinner awaiting the party, who did full justice to it. Continuing the journey by way of Framsdén and Helmingham, the pretty little village of Henley was reached, where the travellers were hospitably entertained to tea by the Vicar the Rev. W. C. Pearson. Ipswich was reached about a quarter to nine, and after ringing at St. Margaret's the rest of the evening was spent at the headquarters of those "Jolly Good Fellows" the St. Mary le Tower ringers, where touches in various methods on their grand ring of handbells were brought round.

The following are the Towers visited and the ringing performed:—St. Mary's, Coddénham, London and Bristol; St. Lambert, Stoneham, Aspal, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters; St. Mary's, Debenham, Superlative London and Bristol; St. Mary's Framsdén, Cambridge and Bristol; St. Mary's Helmingham, London and Double Norwich; St. Peter's Henley, Stedman Triples and London; St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Superlative and London.

The party made their way to the Tower Church on Sunday morning and took part in ringing Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cmqes for the morning service. A delightful stroll was then taken through Christ Church Park, and after dinner at Queen Street, boats were engaged and an hour or two spent upon the Orwell. Another visit was paid to the Tower Church in the evening and touches in the same methods brought round.

The Guild wishes to offer sincere thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for so kindly granting the use of the bells and to all the brother strings who were met, and who by their aid helped to ensure such an enjoyable outing.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

When it was proposed to visit Chatham for the annual outing of the Guild doubt was expressed as to whether the journey there and back could be accomplished in one day. However, on the assurance that it had frequently been done, Chatham was agreed upon. Consequently, on Saturday, July 5th, some twelve members of the Guild found themselves at Chatham station, the thirty miles having been safely accomplished in something over one-and-a-half hours. The party fortunately included a valuable guide in Inspector Collins, who had made arrangements for a tour round the dockyards. Here, of course, were objects of extreme interest, the museum with its figureheads of old battleships, the splendidly equipped fire station, huge workshops of various kinds, warships in construction and others in dry dock being overhauled, the miniature railway engines and carriages for conveying the

staff, etc., about the yard. These engines had a wire covering over the funnels, but not, as one member suggested, to prevent flies falling in. The party were also fortunate in being able to go on board the battleship "Albion," being conducted by Warrant Officer Cook. The chief items of interest on board were the big 12-inch guns and turrets. The latter appeared to be arranged so as to turn if required, but whether in half turns or whole turns no information was given, or whether the gunners made a bob when the guns were fired is not known. Gillingham was the first tower visited, where the ringers, in company with Messrs Haigh and Cook, enjoyed touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, etc. After lunch the party, augmented by three other members, visited St. Margaret's, Rochester, but some difficulty was experienced in ringing owing to the long draft and trouble with a stay. The Cathedral was next on the programme, and the long and tortuous climb to the ringing chamber was well repaid, when touches of Stedman, Superlative and London were brought round on this fine ring of eight. Tea and a walk round the castle and grounds and inspection of various features of interest in Rochester brought the visit to a close, votes of thanks having been duly accorded to Messrs. Haigh and Cook, and all others who had contributed to the day's enjoyment, as well as to the various authorities for the use of the bells. On the return journey the party had a somewhat alarming experience. Having selected compartments near the engine, after going for some minutes the carriage roof was subjected to a terrific bombardment, and on looking out to see what was amiss it was thought at first that a cluster of shooting stars must have got in our way. However, further investigations revealed the fact that it was only a South-Eastern and Chatham engine on its mettle trying to make up lost time, and throwing out lumps of red hot coal in its efforts. This company should take a tip from the dockyard engines unless they wish to cremate their passengers.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

The annual outing of the local society commenced on Friday, July 11th. Compartments were reserved in the 6.40 p.m. train from Waterloo to Portsmouth, which was reached at 8.30 p.m. Across the Solent to Ryde, and on to Brading, a quiet old village with a ring of eight, the only one in the Island that could be obtained for a peal. Here we were met by Mr. H. Jennings, who in conjunction with the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), had fixed up the arrangements.

To the "Wheatsheaf" Inn for supper, and touches of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob on the handbells, closed the day. A start was made next morning soon after 8 a.m., for Thurstan's One-Part peal of Stedman Triples, which was brought round in 2 hrs. 53 mins. one of St. George's boys, only 15 years of age, ringing the tenor in capital style to his first peal. He rather puzzles his superiors, as to where he actually pulls his bell, for at the finish of the peal he had not got a single blister on his hands. A little light refreshment, and a two-mile walk, accompanied on the road by the Brading steeplekeeper, brought us to Sandown, where we had dinner; another two-mile walk along the sea-shore, and we came to Shanklin, and the Parish Church was enquired for. We made our way only to find it without bells, but after investigating matters found it was St Saviour's, on the cliff we wanted. Here we found the steeplekeeper and

Mr. Jennings awaiting us; and very soon the bells were going to Stedman, Treble Bob, and London Surprise Major. They are a fine ring, tenor 18 cwt. by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, but much too heavy for the tower. To tea in Shanklin old village, Mr. Jennings acting as guide for the next four miles through the "Chine" and Landslip. The latter is like Fairyland, some two and half miles in length on the cliffs, the views being superb; the handbells had to be produced and touches and tunes were rung, sounding very nice in this lovely spot. Into Bonchurch with its famous pond and on to Ventnor the terminus of the outing where we arrived at the "Freeman" Hotel at 8 p.m. here Mr. Jennings left us to return to Ryde, and a stroll round the town and Front closed the day.

Early on Sunday found some of the party having their morning dip in the sea. Breakfast and on the road again through the "Landslip" to ring for morning service at Shanklin, just time enough to ring some Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Accompanied by Mr. Matthews and the steeplekeeper along the shore under the cliffs, we went to Sandown. Before parting, thought we would give them a touch on the handbells; so in a quiet spot, behind some rocks, a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round. A little more would have been done, only a crowd had gathered, so the bells were put away.

The "Wheatsheaf" Inn, at Brading was reached soon after 1 o'clock, Host Joyes having a splendid dinner awaiting us. This disposed of us we were again off, this time by rail, to St. John's Road, Ryde, where the Captain of the local band (Mr. Oliver Coombs) with Mr. Jennings were waiting on the platform to take us to the grand parish church with its fine ring of eight, tenor 26 cwt., to ring for the 3.30 service. Time for a touch of Stedman and Cambridge Major, but the Major failed, the only touch that failed on the outing. A splendid view was obtained from the top of the tower. After tea at the Victoria Restaurant, we caught the 5 o'clock boat to Portsmouth Harbour. At St. Thomas's Church we were welcomed by Mr. Burnett, and in the tower by Mr. A. T. King, E. Reynolds, etc. These are a grand ring of 8, tenor 25 cwt., by Messrs. Taylor, a perfect band of music. Touches were brought round for the 6.45 p.m. service, in which some of the local men took part. Here our Secretary (Mr. C. L. Hughes) had to leave, going to astbourne for his holidays. We were then champeroned round Portsmouth to some of the many historical sites by Messrs Burnett and Reynolds, train time coming only too quickly. Leaving at 8.18, we reached Waterloo by 10.30, having enjoyed ourselves on what we all think to be one of the finest outings that could be obtained. Our thanks are due to Mr. Jennings, who met us three consecutive days, and Messrs. Matthews of Shanklin, the steeplekeeper of Brading, Mr. O. Coombs, of Ryde, and Messrs. Burnett and Reynolds, of Portsmouth.

COLNE (LANCASHIRE) ASSOCIATION.

The Colne Band numbering 13 visited Heptonstall for their outing, and had no reason to regret the setting out with the unlucky number, for the Fates favoured them, and everything went merrily. At Todmorden they made a halt for a pull on the bells of the Parish Church, and "Owd Bill" Heaton, in spite of his fourscore years, delighted his comrades by ringing the tenor 23 cwt., in a touch of Grandsire Triples. At Heptonstall, after enjoying a good dinner they adjourned to the Parish Church, where the Vicar and local men gave them a hearty welcome, and then short touches of Grandsire and Stedman on the new bells were tried, with the result that everyone was pleased with their "go." Later the party

visited Keighley where some of them rang a short touch before leaving for home. The party wish to thank all who helped to make the outing a success.

E.A.G.A.—Yours shall appear next week.

BRISTOL ASSIZE INCIDENT.

JUDGE AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bristol Assize, at which the civil business was unusually heavy and interesting, concluded late on Saturday, Mr. Justice Ridley and visiting members of the Bar having to hurry to catch the early evening train for London. A noteworthy incident occurred between four and five o'clock when the judge was summing up in a libel action from Bruton. Most of the windows of the Civil Court being open, the sound of a peal of bells which commenced at a neighbouring church, penetrated with such force that the judge's voice could scarcely be heard, and he asked if the bells could not be stopped for a little while. Inspector Adey left the court and a few minutes later his appearance startled the occupants of Christ Church belfry, who were much relieved when the object of his visit proved to be nothing more serious than a request to cease ringing for half an hour to oblige the court. Meanwhile the judge, who was speaking against time as well as the sound of the bells, continued his summing up, and in a surprisingly short space the cessation of the peal of bells enabled his Lordship to finish his address with more comfort to himself and greater clearness to the occupants of the jury box. There was some speculation amongst the people in court as to what the judge would have done, or had the power to do, if the bell-ringers had been impolite enough to turn a deaf ear to his appeal. One, more curious than the rest, actually expressed the hope that the men in the belfry would decline to break off their peal, so that he might see what action, if any, would be taken by the judge.

5060 BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

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43265	-	-	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-	M	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-	-	-
34526	S	-	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-	-	-

Repeat last twelve courses; omit middle.

HOLIDAY SEA TRIPS.

The New Palace Steamers announce that their p.s. "Koh-i-Noor" commenced her popular afternoon "Husband Boat" trips on Saturday, the 28th ult., and on Sunday, the 29th, she made her first trip to Deal, whilst on Monday the regular service to Dover commenced. These trips mark the opening of the full service of sailings by the "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-Noor." A special feature this year is the early morning sailing of the "Koh-i-Noor" on Saturdays, when she will leave Old Swan Pier at 7.45 a.m. for Margate, calling at Tilbury only to pick up passengers from Fenchurch-street and St. Pancras, arriving at Margate at 12.45 p.m. A postcard to Mr. T. E. Barlow, 77, King William-street, E.C., will bring full particulars of these enjoyable sea trips to those in search of fresh air and comfortable travel.

The Belle Steamers announce that the daily summer services to Clacton and

Walton, also to Felixstowe, Southwold, Lowestoft, and Yarmouth, are now in full swing. Since last summer the Trinity House authorities have buoyed a new channel between the Buxey and Gunfleet Sands, which will be navigable at all states of the tide, and enable the steamers always to call at Clacton first and arrive punctually. Passengers can also rely on getting over an hour ashore at Clacton before the boat returns from Walton on the homeward journey. Cheap tickets are issued at 5s. for the day trip. Full details may be obtained on application to Belle House, Fish-street-hill, E.C.

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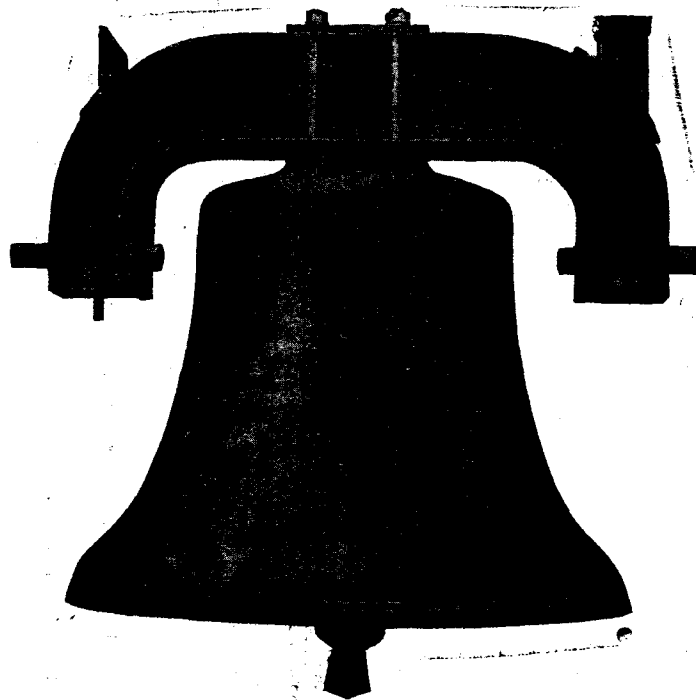
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 31st, August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 5th and 19th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, August 5th; Southwark Cathedral August 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral August 19th; 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 Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich, on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to

A. Shufflebotham, Dist. Sec.

Sandpit Road, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this Church are being rehung in a new iron frame. The old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor of about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Longborough. All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliff on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

103 Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 26th. The bells of St. Mary's will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock.

R. Stephenson, Joint Hon. Secretary.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Shottery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

St. Mary Cray.—On Thursday, July 31st, at 7.30 p.m., the Archdeacon of Rochester will dedicate the bells of St. Mary Cray, which have been recast and rehung, and a treble added to make six. The tower will be open to any ringer who may be present after the service.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary.

136, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Summer Festival at Woburn on August 4th. Bells available after 11.0 a.m. Tea at 5.0. Service at 6.0.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Guildford and Leatherhead Amalgamated Districts will be held at Ranmore on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful peal of eight bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Tickets at 6d to members; 1s. to visitors. By kind permission of the Hon. Henry Cabitt, C.B., the gardens of Denbies will be open to members and friends from 2 to 4.

North Street, Guildford.

John J. Jones, Dis. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30.

Rev. Connop L. Price, } Hon. Secs.
John W. Jones, }

The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Monday, August 4th. Tea in the Town Hall at 5.0 p.m. Service at 6.0 p.m. Preacher—the Rev. C. R. Dickinson. The Woburn bells (8) will be available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Husborne Crawley bells (6) after the service.

A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 4th. Bells available—Cathedral (5); St. Mary's (6); St. John's (5). Service at St. John's at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting after at the Bedford Temperance Hotel. Usual reduction made to those notifying Secretary early.

F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Hil'da will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at Bucks (Clifton Hotel), Middlesbrough; members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify the Secretary not later than Friday, August 1st. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Beddington (Surrey).—On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, the tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. A. Ransom has removed to 39, A'gar Road, Isleworth, Middlesex.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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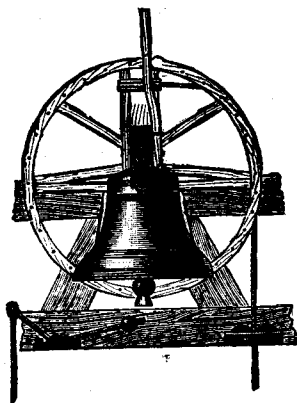
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of this Association was held at Christain Malford, on Saturday, July 26th, and proved the most successful the branch has yet held so far as attendance is concerned. Ringers were present from Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Stratton St. Margaret, Chippenham, and the neighbouring villages, and about 35 sat down to tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Cannon Weight, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded on the proposition of the Chairman of the branch, Mr. E. Bishop, and seconded by the Secretary, Mr. R. W. Hyner.

The weather was delightful, although very hot, and the beauties of the well-wooded district were thoroughly appreciated. Many of the ringers brought their cycles into use, with the result that an energetic afternoon's mission work was done and change-ringing was heard for the first time in somewhat remote towers. To begin with a party of six started from Swindon and rode 13 miles to Dauntsey, where permission to ring was readily granted by the Rev. A. Law. The bells, a ring of five, tenor about 16 cwt., had not been rung since Christmas, and consequently the going was on the heavy side, but 120 Grandsire Doubles and several 24's were rung for the first time on the bells. A move was then made for the place of meeting, and the first 720 of Minor on the bells was accomplished under numerous difficulties, the band being A. Lawrence, 1; L. A. Wilson, 2; R. W. Hyner, 3; J. H. Shepherd, 4; C. J. Gardner, 5; E. Bishop (conductor), 6. After tea the business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rector. The objects of the Association were briefly outlined by Mr. Bishop who suggested that the bellhanger should be called in and the bright musical ring of six by Rudhall put in a condition worthy of the bells and tower, and, further, that if the funds permitted two trebles would be a splendid addition. The Rector lent a sympathetic ear to the suggestions and mentioned how pleased he was to receive a visit from the Association. Little business of importance arose and Grittleton was selected as the place of the next meeting, in September. Sutton Benger was then visited and the recently rehung five were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Singles. The cycling hosts of Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Stratton St. Margaret then turned their faces for home, via Brinkworth, surely one of the most favoured villages so far as position and the beauty of the surrounding country are concerned.

The Rector Canon R. G. Livingstone was interviewed and readily gave permission for the bells to be rung. After clever scouting by Mr. Shepherd, the Sexton was rounded off and promptly delivered the keys to the triumphant scout, who scented another tower to add to his already long list. The bells, a ring of five in E flat, were a revelation to the visitors, who had no idea there was such a glorious peal untried so near home. 120 Grandsire

Doubles were brought round in excellent style and supposed to be the first on the bells.

Thus ended a most enjoyable afternoon and evening, and the energetic J.H.S. well pleased in being able to add four towers to his list.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Brassington, near Wirksworth on Saturday, July 19th, and proved a most enjoyable one, Members being present from Derby, Duffield, Etwell, Swanwick, Wirksworth, and the local company. The bells are a splendid ring of six and until recently were a peal of five. The splicing of a new treble by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, reflects great credit on these well-known founders, and the sweet tone of the new bell makes a splendid peal. The company was rather small owing, no doubt, to the fact that Brassington is rather isolated, the nearest station (Wirksworth), being four miles distant, and what with the hilly country, &c., this walk is rather a stiff one as one or two of the company can testify. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening to the plain methods, and it is a great compliment to the local ringers to hear of them tackling change-ringing on their own and mastering Bob Doubles in a very short time without outside help.

Mr. Fox of Wirksworth, presided at the subsequent meeting, and the minutes being read and signed, Melbourne was proposed for the August meeting (particulars of which will appear in due course). It was a great pleasure to all to have an old ringing member with us, Mr. B. Sugden of Duffield, as we like to see old ringers as well as learners at these meetings.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for the excellent arrangements terminated a most enjoyable meeting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Staindrop, on Saturday, July 26th. The attendance was very moderate, but those who were there enjoyed the afternoon's outing. The six bells of St. Mary's were kept going till close on train time. A most excellent repast was served at the King's Arms Hotel. It was a pity there was not a better attendance, apart from the tea. Will those who were not present kindly smack their lips? It was a glorious day, and many would have enjoyed a walk in the beautiful country where in Staindrop is situated.

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3425	-		3542	-
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5243	-	5 courses	4235	-
3542	-		3425	-
4235	-		5324	-
3425	-		4523	-
2345	-		2345	-
2345	W H		2345	W H
5243	-	7 courses	4523	-
3542	-		2453	-
4235	-		5243	-
5432	-		4352	-
2534	-		5432	-
3425	-		3542	-
2345	-		2345	-
2345	W H		2345	W H
5243	-	9 courses	4523	-
3542	-		2453	-
4235	-		5243	-
5432	-		4352	-
2534	-		5432	-
3425	-		3542	-
5324	-		4235	-
4523	-		3425	-
2345	-		2345	-
2345	W H		2345	W H
4235	-	11 courses	4523	-
5432	-		3425	-
2534	-		2534	-
3425	-		3254	-
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4352	-		4352	-
5243	-		5432	-
4523	-		3542	-
2345	-		2345	-

It remains to apply to the question of the twelve courses the deductions which have been proved to result from the truth that has been established that no touch of other than an uneven number of complete courses is possible. If a touch of eleven such courses (which it has been shown must contain 15 bobs) be taken, although it is impossible to obtain the twelfth course in its entirety, part of it may be introduced by an extra bob. This will cause a break in the touch, which can only be got over, as has already been pointed out, in methods that possess a call that shortens the course by eliminating some portion of it which contains either the W or H lead, or their equivalents, as for instance, lead C in Double Norwich, that part of the twelfth course is so introduced will depend upon the method in use. In Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Duffield, etc., the part will contain the course-end, but in such a method as Bob Major or Albion Treble Bob Major this would not be the case, for in these latter methods the bob B may be considered as producing a short course of one lead, with the result that the remaining six leads are cut out, and with them the course-end.

It was shown in the previous chapter that in a twelve-course plan there must be 6, 9, or 12 bobs (i.e. a multiple of 3) at the calling place which was not cut out by the bob B—or its equivalent. Now it will be found that some of the eleven-course touches may take in part of the twelfth course by using a bob W, and some by using a bob H. It follows that those in which the bob W is used will only make twelve-course plans in methods in which the bob B (or its equivalent) cuts out the H; and in these the utilized part of the twelfth course would not contain the course-end. In the two eleven-course touches given above, the first is an example of the former condition, while the second illustrates the latter. It will now be apparent why every twelve-course plan must contain exactly 16 bobs, exclusive of those which bring home and move the 6th, namely, because a single extra bob is used over and above the 15 which are necessary for the eleven courses.

With regard to the relation of the first of the twelve courses to the last, it will be found that in methods in which the bob B (or its equivalent) cuts out the W (or its equivalent) lead, these two courses form part of a triplet properly connected by bobs W, and that a bob W called in the first of such courses would always produce the last courses. Similarly it will be found that in methods in which the H (or its equivalent) is cut out, the two courses form part of a triplet properly connected by bobs H. For instance, in plan No. 1 in the previous chapter the bells before the first H are in the course 3542, while after the last H they are in the course 2345; and a bob W on 3542 produces 2345.

It is also to be noted that as a bob in the first course will produce the last course, so a bob in the last course can never produce the first.

A further point may be mentioned, although it is not of sufficient importance to be worth analysing in detail. In no twelve-course plan are there more than ten complete courses, for where the extra bob (to complete the 16 bobs) is called, there are two—what may be termed, "raw ends:" to one the twelfth course is affixed by the extra bob; the opposite end, however, cannot be continued with either of these calls, therefore a bob other than W or H, or their equivalents, has to be placed before the original break is reached, thus cutting off a part of the last course also.

I have, in the previous chapter, set forth, a complete statement of the practical arrangement of twelve consecutive course-ends with one of the five working bells fixed; whilst in the present chapter the logical demonstration of the problems involved has been presented. The former will doubtless prove of general utility, whilst the latter will only be of use to scientists, but I trust to have succeeded in demonstrating that there is nothing arbitrary or mysterious about the arrangement of the twelve course-ends, but that, whether first connected by guess work, or not, they are in their various forms subject to certain definite laws of composition.

(To be continued.)

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Ringers' Outings.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL COMPANY.

On Saturday, July 19th, the members of the Rochester Cathedral company (joined by the members and friends of the Chatham, Gillingham and Frindsbury companies, 26 in all) had their annual outing, which took the form of a motor drive through the Weald of Kent. A start was made from the Town Hall, Chatham, at 8.5. a.m., and passing through Maidstone Headcorn, the first calling place, was reached at 9.10, after a very exhilarating drive in the cool morning air. The hilly scenery from Chatham to Sutton Vallance was good, but from the hill at Sutton Vallance, one looked on a glorious lowland scene of vast acres of pasture land mingled with fields of growing corn and other crops, studded here and there with stately elms, a truly magnificent picture. At Headcorn we were met by the Vicar's wife, who joined us in a few rounds on the bells, after which touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire were brought round. The bells here are good and go very well. We also met the Vicar, who wished us well, and Mr. Hodgkin the venerable captain of the Headcorn company. The church has a very fine old oak roof worthy of note, and in its churchyard stands a magnificent old oak tree. A start was next made for Tenterden which was reached at 10.50, and on arriving there a move was made for the church tower, where is one of the finest rings in the county, tenor 30 cwt. in D flat. One hears a lot about Tenterden bells, and in the hands of good ringers, they no doubt fully justify what has been said of them. The only drawback is that they do not go half so well as they ought to. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob were successfully brought round. The bells sounded much the best in the touch of Bob Major. Dinner was served in the Town Hall. The catering was admirably done by Mr. Bishop of the "Woolpack" Inn, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. After the toast of "The King" a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Osborne, the organising secretary, and his committee for arranging such an enjoyable trip. Mr. Osborne, responding, said it gave him great pleasure to do what he had done, and expressed the hope of arranging another such trip if it pleased God to spare us all another year. After a course of Grandsire on handbells by the following: W. Cooke (Gillingham), 1-2; W. Haigh, 3-4; W. Eastin, 5-6; E. A. G. Allen, 7-8 (Rochester); we departed at 2.10 arriving at Rolvenden at 2.22. Here we met with misfortune, first the stay of the treble breaking and after 10 minutes of Stedman the 7th rope came down; one thing is certain that these want overhauling as they are in a bad condition. Leaving at 3.10, by 3.40 we had pulled up at the Market Cross in Cranbrook. Owing to illness close by but little ringing could be done; here, again, most of us signed the visitors book. The church contains an old Baptistry with the Robing room above, so that one can walk straight down the steps into the water, this is said to be the only one left in Kent. After an hour's stay a move was made for Goudhurst, arriving there at 5.5. Touches in various methods were successfully brought round, not without some difficulty to the tenor man, who had much more rope and sally than he could comfortably handle. They are a good ring, tenor 27 cwt. in D. At 5.40 we left for Marden, our last place of call. Drawing up at the "Unicorn" Inn, where tea was awaiting us (before which we had a very welcome wash and brush, up) another meal to which we did full justice. Tea over, a move was made for the church tower,

where hangs a grand ring of eight, tenor 14½ cwt. in F. cast by Mr. Alfred Bowell of Ipswich and hung in a steel frame in the year 1909. These were the best toned and going ring that we had rung on during the day. Some very good touches were rung here, and excellent striking especially some Stedman that I (the writer) listened to from the Maidstone Road. The Vicar of Marden met us at the church and expressed his pleasure on hearing us ring, also hoped we had had a good day and that we should arrive safely home. Here, as at other places post cards of the Church and Village were in great demand. (As we were well behaved, the Beadle did not put us in the stocks.) The old Parish Stocks are still in Marden Churchyard.

At 8.34 the last stage of our journey commenced, arriving at the Town Hall, Chatham, at 9.50 p.m., one and all thoroughly satisfied with the days doings.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the various churches for so kindly giving permission to ring their bells.

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, WANSTEAD.

The annual outing of the above Society took place on Saturday, June 28th. Accompanied by the Rev. R. A. Bundle and F. C. Planten (verger), we left Snaresbrook by the 7.2 train, arriving at Audley End at 9.20. A move was at once made to the Hotel adjoining the station, where we found Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, waiting to welcome us to a sumptuous breakfast. This dispossed of our brake and pair was requisitioned, and Wenden Ambo Church was quickly reached, and a nice peal of six were soon going to touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. After inspecting the many objects of interest in the Church, a start was made for Arkesden, a drive of 3½ miles. Here we found the Rector waiting to shew us the interior of the Church, with its many monuments and other records. Unfortunately after raising the bells and attempting to ring a few rounds, it was decided not to venture on any change-ringing, the frame and fittings being so loose as to be unsafe. After taking leave of the Rector, who expressed his regret that the bells were in such a bad condition, we were on the road for Elm-don, a 4-mile drive through one of the prettiest and driest parts of Essex. Just prior to reaching the village we were stopped by the Squire, a gentleman whom to know, is to respect, for he had recognised us as Mr. Pitstow's London friends, and gave us a cordial invitation to lunch at his house after ringing. This we could not possibly refuse, and having spent an hour in the tower ringing touches of Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, we duly adjourned to the house for the lunch so kindly provided for us. Having accorded our thanks to the squire for his liberality and the ladies who waited on us, we were about to leave, when it was discovered that one of the company was missing, and only after a 10 minutes hunt did we find him duly assisting the ladies in sampling the virtues of almond rock. Ickleton being next on the list was reached in about 40 minutes. Just as the Church was located, the bells were being raised, and the was sufficient to tell us that our friend, Mr. G. T. Cleyton, had found his way there as promised. A walk round the Church, and time was called for the next course—dinner, at the well-known inn opposite the Church. No second invitation was necessary, as some had been there before, and those who had not—well, they wished they had. Mr. Pitstow, owing to pressure of business, could not accompany us during the morning, and the writer felt quite sorry for him when he

arrived about a quarter of an hour late for dinner, to find little more than the dishes left.

After dinner an adjournment was made to the church, where ringing was indulged in various methods being rung with the assistance of some of the local band. Having thanked Mr. Webb for making arrangements for dinner, etc., we were soon at Littlebury Church, and spent about half an hour in ringing. After looking round the Church a start was made for Saffron Walden. Our first venture on arrival was tea at the Cross Keys Hotel, after which a move was made to the Church. Joined by several of the local company the bells were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Having tendered our thanks to Mr. Pitstow for the splendid arrangements made for our comfort during the day, we took leave of our friends at 7.45 and drove to Newport, arriving there at 8.30. Having an hour to wait for our train we visited the Church and kept the bells going for about forty minutes. Leaving Newport at 9.45 we arrived at Snarebrook at midnight. Our thanks are due to the clergy for allowing us the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for having them ready.

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.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

To the Editor.

SIR,—As I am leaving town for a few days I can reply only briefly to Sir Arthur Heywood's letter, but I hope to send you one or two further articles on this subject. The point of my last is this: that as a matter of fact Change-Ringing did grow because of some inherent force, and that therefore if you want to appreciate what a Method is you must try and find out what this force is and how it works. A very pretty thing, let me tell you, for some close reasoning. The secrets of Method Construction lie to a large extent in the question of coursing order, on which subject I hope to send you a short article. By coursing order I mean the order in which the bells are coursing or hunting at any particular change which is not quite the same as what we mean when we use the word in the tower. There is no one coursing order for Duffield, but many. Also all methods save Original have several coursing orders but in all perfect methods the same coursing order comes at every lead end. Sir Arthur gives two rules as the foundation on which legitimacy can be based, but when you analyze them neither are at all fundamental, and certainly neither essential to a legitimate method. Two further points:—First, music has nothing whatever to do with the subject, and all considerations arising from it must be rigidly ruled out. Second, the rules of Method Construction are not capable of mathematical proof. I have myself arrived at the little I know only by years of patient investigation, and since the thing hangs together as one whole I always decline to undertake to prove any one detached part.

Yours, etc.,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Thursday, July 24th, a course of Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent, 240 Netherseale Surprise Minor. Wm. Gilbert, 1-2; H. Copperwheat, 3; A. Fairy, 4; Walter Gilbert, 5 6. 216 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by Walter Gilbert. First 240 of Netherseale Surprise in the county

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Sunday, July 27th, was quite a joy-day for the parishioners of Boreham, who met with the Vicar (the Rev. D. N. Yonge, M.A.), and churchwardens, to dedicate the bells which have been in the hands of the bellfounders, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, and an excellent job they have made of the whole work, which also included the recasting of the 6th and 7th bells. The dedication service was fixed at 10.40 outside the tower door, and a beautiful sight it was for anyone to see the choir, women and children and hatless men, when the Vicar announced in an effective voice, that they had met to dedicate the new bells to the glory of God. Afterwards four verses of hymn 303 A & M "When morning gilds the skies," was sung; then came the dedicatory prayers, most of which were taken from the leaflet of the Essex Association service for ringers. The local company the rang the bells for a few minutes, to the delight of everyone there. The firm was represented by Mr. Andrew Warner. At the 11 o'clock service, which followed, the bells were kept as a key-note to everything. Special psalms were sung, also lessons which were read by Canon Hulton were a feature. The Vicar preached from Psalm cxvii. the Words of David—"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord"—spoke very well of the uses of bells and their sweet voices, and made special mention of their two new bells which had been added to complete the octave, and which were of exceptional tone and sweetness; this being the opinion of all who heard them.

The special hymns—"Hark on high the joyful music," "Unchanging God who livest," and "Lifted high within the steeple," were sung with good effect. For the evening service touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung by the local band, and visitors from Chelmsford, Fryerning, and Mr. D. Elliott, of Coggeshall (District Master of the North-Eastern Division), who spoke of the bells as a very musical peal, and that the "go" of them was certainly of the very best, leaving nothing to be desired in the way of workmanship. The offertory during the day which amounted to £3 6s. 3d., was devoted to the Bell Fund.

The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

	Note		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble ...	F	...	4	0	13
2nd ...	E	...	4	0	20
3rd ...	D	...	4	2	17
4th ...	C	...	5	3	1
5th ...	B flat	...	6	2	0
6th ...	A	...	7	2	15
7th ...	G	...	9	2	12
Tenor ...	F	...	13	0	19
Total weight	55	2	13

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Grandsire Cinques	...	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	...	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	...	27	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	...	1	
Stedman Triples	...	9	
Stedman Caters	...	8	
Stedman Cinques	...	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major...	...	6	
Kent Treble Bob Royal...	...	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	...	8	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	...	1	
Forward Major	...	1	
Forward Royal	...	1	
Duffield Major	...	1	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	...	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	...	12	
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	10	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	...	2	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	...	1	
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Bristol Surprise Major	...	7	
London Surprise Major...	...	3	

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Bob Major*	...	11	4
Bob Royal	...	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	...	1	1
Grandsire Triples	...	1	
Grandsire Major	...	2	
Grandsire Caters	...	1	
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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES	.. .. Treble	RICHARD H. RUNHAM	.. .. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE	.. .. 2	ERNEST BRETT	.. .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	.. .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	.. .. 7
JAMES HUNT	.. .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK	.. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins W. Theobald, A. Fiddes, W. Truss, T. Cranfield (conductor), A. Scambler, J. Scholes, F. Newman, H. Flanders, G. Hayden, T. Joyce. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 2nd and tenor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, July 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES**

EDWIN ELSON Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 4
THOMAS DOBLE 2	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5
WILLIAM S. DOBLE 3	J. A. B. HEWETT* Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

*First peal, and was elected a member before starting for the peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of J. A. B. Hewett, Esq., who afterwards entertained the ringers, together with several friends, to supper at the "Ring of Bells" Inn.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.***On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

JONATHAN PRESTON* Treble	JOHN SANDERS 5
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	GEORGE GARRISON 6
MISS MARGREY F. SAMPSON* 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS* 7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PEITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

*First peal of Major, and first peal in the method on the bells.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, July 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:****Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.**

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	GEORGE PRESTON 5
FRANCIS L. WILSON 2	EDWARD C. ELLIOTT 6
JOHN WILKINS* 3	CECIL G. MORRIS† 7
JAMES E. FIGGURES 4	WILLIAM G. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Rang on the occasion of the wedding of the organist, Mr. H. Wakeford, F.R.C.O., to Miss A. Backhurst. Francis L. Wilson hails from Tewkesbury.

NORWICH.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:****CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.**

PERCY C. ARTIS Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS 2	BRETTIE J. HOWCHIN 6
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	CHAS. E. BORRETT Tenor

Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Day and Son, of Eye.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION***On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

JOHN J. RIGEMAN Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	JOHN CAPP 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES T. COLVIS 4	KRITH HART Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by KRITH HART.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.**THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Three Hours Fifteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.****Tenor 27 cwt.**

JOHN W. JONES Treble	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN 6
HARRY PAGE 2	JAMES CROSS* 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 3	TOM PAGE 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
SIDNEY DAW 5	SEYMOUR R. BARRE Tenor

Composed by HENRY COOPER, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

*First peal of Caters. Rung after meeting one short for Kent Treble Bob Royal.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****(North Bucks. Branch).***On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:****THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.**

HARRY SEAR Treble	FREDK. J. MYNARD 5
WALTER SEAR 2	JAMES GEORGE 6
JOHN MEAD 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 7
CECIL A. VALENTINE 4	WILLIAM F. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast and rehanging by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**The St. Michael's Society, Stoke, Coventry.***On Tuesday, July 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES****BROOE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.**

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

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem for the late Rector, the Rev. Canon Blyth, D.D., for 28 years Incumbent of Stoke, who was interred in St. Michael's churchyard on that day. He was a Vice-President of the Warwickshire Guild since its formation in 1907.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE AECHEDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.****Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lb.**

THOMAS HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 6
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
GEORGE HUGHES 3	REUBEN HALL 8
JOHN W. JONES* 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
WILLIAM A. COOPER 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD* Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WM. FISHER.

Rung for the Festival of St. James, and also arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., Hon. Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. *First peal of Stedman Caters. The composition is No. 1 on Carter's Broadsheet.

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**ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Groves's Variation of Parker's. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

EX-SERGEANT J. WILLIAMS .. Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
WILLIAM POSTON 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
CAMPBELL KINGS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
HARRY KEMP 4	ARTHUR BUSENELL .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of London to Ross, and to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor. This is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Sadler and Williams hail from Newent; Poston from Bridstow; Boar and Dyke from Cheltenham; the rest are local men.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
EDWARD I. STONE 2	HERRERT HURDMAN .. 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 7
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY

*First peal in the method.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES :

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

HARRY PEET Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 5
HORACE W. SHARMAN .. 3	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CHAPMAN.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the treble and 4th.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALEMUED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT DAY Treble	HENRY LETTS 5
GEORGE BASSON 2	FRED WATKINSON 6
JOHN FLOWER 3	WILLIAM H. WAIN 7
JOSEPH LORD 4	THOS. STIMPSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN FLOWER.

*First peal with an inside bell.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

CHARLES AYLETT Treble	MAJOR HARRIS 4
HERBERT H. HASTINGS .. 2	G. HENRY KETTLE 5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BRUNSDON.

This pe was rung on the fiftieth anniversary of the Induction of the Venerable Archdeacon William Bree, D.D., as Rector of Allesley.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5189 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	THOMAS W. GOBE 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 2	GEORGE HOLLIS 7
JOHN THORPE 3	CLEMENT GLENN 8
ARTHUR HAGUE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 9
GEORGE HALESWORTH .. 5	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday July 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AS THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
THOMAS HUGHES 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
SAMUEL PEARCE 4	JOHN RAY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the institution of the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley, and was rung for Divine Service at 11.0 a.m.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER HUGHES .. Treble	THOMAS JENNION 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
HENRY FYLES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Mr. F. S. W. Butler, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Gainsborough.

HEYDON, CAMBS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being fourteen 6-scores each of Oxford Singles, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM PRACHEY .. Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 3
WALTER MANSFIELD 2	L. GEORGE MALLION 4
ROBERT G. KING .. ..	.. Tenor

Conducted by R. HOWARD.

This was the first peal upon the bells. L. G. Mallion hails from Fen Ditton, and was proposed a member before starting. R. G. King hails from Royston; the rest are members of the Barley Society.

Handbell Peals.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
(The Cathedral Guild).**

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. R. Richards, 26, Stanton Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

H. Moore's 12-Part.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON .. 1-2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4	ROBERT RICHARDS 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Umpire—Alfred F. Hillier.

*First peal on handbells. †First peal in the method.

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

(Erdington Parish Church Society).

On Saturday, July 26, 1913 in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

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

THOMAS BICKNELL Treble	JOHN SANDERS 5
CHARLES COTTELL 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	JONATHAN PRESTON 7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk and ringer of the above Church, who passed away on July 24th, and was interred at the Parish Church on Saturday, July 26th.

DEVYNOK, BRECON.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNOG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 6-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	JOHN L. MORGAN 4
CHARLES POWELL 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER .. 3	EDWARD PARRY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES P. HYETT.

Messrs. Morgan and Parry belong to the local band, and were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. First peal for the ringer of the tenor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. D. J. Havard, of the Lion Hotel, for light refreshments after the peal, which terminated at 11.15 p.m.

OPENING PEAL.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5024 CHANGES.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
HENRY W. KISTON 2	HENRY HEAD 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	HENRY F. COOPER 7
GEORGE F. MARGETSON .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation, the band being full of praise as to the "go" and tone of the bells, in such terms as the following from Canon Hulton:—"I am delighted with the bells. They exceed my expectations. It is not too much to say, that, both in tone and tune, they are perfect. Messrs. Warner have made a great success."

WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE.

Sir.—The system produced by Mr. Washbrook, and rung at Caversham, is asymmetrical and therefore illegitimate, it is not a Principle and it is not Surprise.—The Legitimate Methods Committee:—H. LAW JAMES, H. DAINS, J. A. TROLLOPE, EDWIN H. LEWIS.

NATURAL LAWS AND LEGITIMATE PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The private correspondence between Mr. Trollope and myself has now lasted over a month, and we are no nearer a solution in regard to the subjects of this paper than we were at the beginning. Will you therefore kindly allow me the use of space in your columns so that I may try and prove to your readers that Leek Major is perfectly legitimate and one of the best Principles ever discovered. This by way of preface, and now for the subjects.

Natural laws may be evident or obscure; whether they be one or the other they are not *man made definitions*. If I am told that a definition has been drafted by one man and accepted by a Committee: this, to me, is no evidence of natural law, but rather the reverse.

I do not know the wording of the definition that I am referring to, but from what I can gather it is framed to produce the following effect:—

"Legitimate Principles may have the two following rows:—

57381624

75836142

at the third or fifth division ends, but *never* at the first or seventh!"

Is or could there be anything more arbitrary than this? It is difficult to see where the natural laws come in. Will not someone who is impervious to sarcasm "go one better" and submit a definition at the next Central Council meeting somewhat on these lines:—

"Legitimate Methods may have the two following rows:—

18765432

17856342

at the first or seventh lead-ends, but never at the third or fifth." I think I can imagine what the Bob Major lead-end enthusiast would say. The particular natural laws of which Mr. Trollope seems to be the sole proprietor, prove in a mysterious and wonderful way the first of the two following principles to be legitimate; the second to be *illegitimate*, and yet the second is only the reverse variation of the first. If those interested will take the trouble to write out the two plain courses in full they will find the changes are row for row alike.

12345678

12345678

21354687

21354687

23145867

21436587

32154876

12463578

31245786

14236758

13254768

41263785

31527486

42136875

24163857

Again, I ask, could there be a more arbitrary definition than what I am now given to understand has been accepted by the Legitimate Methods Committee as the definition of a legitimate Principle?

I may be wrong, but I believe I have discovered Mr. Trollope's inner meaning. I give my ideas for what they are worth, and no doubt, if I am wrong, Mr. Trollope will correct me. The two Principles given above will illustrate what I believe is the solution of the mystery.

The first Principle, as I have said before, is correct according to the *arbitrary definition*, and by the same authority, the second Principle requires to make it legitimate (?) the two following rows at the first division end:—

21436587

24163857

instead of—

42136875

24163857

There is a distinction here, but no difference, for every change in the one Principle is repeated in the other.

The usual and correct way of beginning Original Major is with a *quadruple change*, and surely what is correct for the parent of all methods and principles must also be correct for the offspring. The arbitrary definition will not permit of this in Principles! but it is permitted and considered good form in Methods!!

A characteristic of Original Major, in addition to the proper coursing order, is the *opposite bell coursing order*. Some of your readers may not understand what I mean by this. The following diagram will explain. Here it will be well to mention that it does not matter which of the opposite pairs of bells are

taken, 1-8; 2-7; 3-6; or 4-5 as shown in diagram; the result in either case is the same.

Original Major.

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

Principles the opposite bell coursing order should never be broken; but the Principles that have this quality intact, as in Original Major, are more symmetrical, and the interior proof is much more likely to be free of false changes.

There can be no question raised about the correct coursing order of Original Major; it is perfect in proper bell coursing order, and in opposite bell coursing order, which is a concomitant.

The diagrams of the half-course of Leek Major and Principle No. 1 will be sufficient for our purpose of comparison with Original Major, for what is true of the half will be true of the whole.

It will be seen in Leek Major that the bells are in proper coursing order at each division-end, and that the opposite bell coursing order is identical with Original Major, plus the interior place-making and the dodging caused by the place-making, which lengthens the plain course to 80 changes. Let it be noted, too, that the opposite bell coursing order is extended to the place-making, as well as in 1-2 and 7-8.

Somehow to me there seems to be nothing wrong with Leek Major, and further, in both Leek Major and its reverse variation, the bells are not only in coursing order at the division end, but at the head of the division as well, and yet the arbitrary

I do not say that we can lay down a definition that in

Leek Major.

Diagram.

12345678	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21436587	2	4			5		7	
12463578	1		4			5		8
21645387	2			4	5			7
26154837	2				5	4		7
62518473	6		5				4	3
26581437	2		5				4	7
62854173	6			5	4			3
68245713	6				4	5		3
86427531	8		4				5	1
68472513	6	8	4	7	2	5	1	3
86745231	8			4	5			1
68754213	6				5	4		3
86572431	8		5				4	1
85627341	8	5						4
58263714	5							4
85236741	8	5						4
58327614	5							4
53872164	5							4
35781246	3	5						4
53718264	5	3	7	1	8	2	6	4
35172846	3	5						4
53127864	5							4
35218746	3	5						4
32581476	3		5				4	6
23854167	2			5	4			7
32845176	3				4	5		6
23481567	2		4				5	7
24318657	2	4						5
42136875	4							5
24163857	2	4	1	6	3	8	5	7
42618375	4							5
24681357	2	4						5
42863175	4							5
48236715	4							5
84327651	8	4						5
48372615	4							5
84736251	8	4						5
87463521	8		4					5
78645312	7			4	5			2
87654321	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Principle No. 1.

Diagram.

12345678	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21354687	2			5	4			7
12536478	1		5			4		8
21356487	2			5			4	7
12354678	1			5	4			8
13245768	1				4	5		8
31247586	3			4			5	6
13427568	1		4				5	8
31245786	3				4	5		6
13254768	1				5	4		8
31527486	3	1	5	2	7	4	8	6
13572468	1		5				4	8
31754286	3			5	4			6
13574268	1		5				4	8
31572486	3		5				4	6
35127846	3	5						4
53128764	5							4
35218746	3	5						4
53127864	5							4
35172846	3	5						4
53718264	5	3	7	1	8	2	6	4
35781246	3	5						4
53872164	5							4
35782146	3	5						4
53781264	5							4
57318624	5							4
75316842	7	5						4
57136824	5							4
75318642	7	5						4
57381624	5							4
75836142	7	5	8	3	1	6	4	2
57863124	5							4
75681342	7	5						4
57861324	5							4
75863142	7	5						4
78536412	7		5				4	2
87534621	8			5				1
78354612	7				5	4		2
87536421	8		5					1
78563412	7		5					2
87654321	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

definition would prove both to be illegitimate. O.E.D. The most perfect Principles are those that have no adjoining places and alternate quadruple and triple changes throughout Leek Major conforms to these rules.

Now let us examine Principle No. 1, which Mr. Trollope assures me has correct coursing order according to arbitrary definition. Here we find the opposite bell coursing order except in 1-2 and 7-8, a very mixed medley, and this combined with the adjoining places (there are four in each division) I have no doubt is responsible for the nine false course-ends to the one of Leek Major.

Just two more illustrations, Mr. Editor, if you can spare me the space, and then I shall have finished.

Principle No. 2. Principle No. 3.

12345678	12345678
	21354687
21436587	23145867
12463578	32418576
21645387	23481567
26154837	32845176
62145873	23854167
26418537	32581476
62481573	23518467
26845137	32154876
62854173	31245786
68245713	13254768
86427531	
68472513	31527486

Principles Nos. 2 and 3 are both my own compositions. Principle No. 2 is arranged on similar lines to Leek Major, and has the same division end; there are twelve changes to a division against the ten of Leek Major. What has been said of the qualities of the latter Principle is applicable to this, with the exception that the changes are not alternately quadruple and triple throughout; with twelve changes to a division this is impossible as it is necessary to have an out-of-course row at the first division end.

Principle No. 3 is correct according to arbitrary definition, but it is not equal to Leek Major; in the latter Principle the 7-8s and 6-8s preponderate, and in No. 3 Principle the 4-8s and 5-8s preponderate.

Principles Nos. 2 and 3 have no adjoining places, and if bobs only are used they both have but one false course-end tenors together: viz. 126543. With the 6th a fixed bell both Principles have a clean proof scale even if singles are used. When the 6th is shifted and singles are made use of, there are two extra false course-ends in both Principles to be contended with, viz. 124635 and 125364. The extent of Nos. 2 and 3 Principles tenors together is 17,280; with the sixth a fixed bell 11,520.

In conclusion, I might say that after examining Leek Major for my friend Mr. Ridgway, I told him it was *Ne plus ultra*, and I am still of that opinion, despite the arbitrary definition, which I snap my fingers at.

I trust I have made my position quite clear, and it only remains for me to thank you, Mr. Editor, for your kindness in allowing me to make use of your columns.

Yours, etc.

GEORGE BAKER.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT WOKINGHAM.

For the first time since 1895 Wokingham has been honoured by the visitation for their annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A special service was held in All Saints Church at 11.30, the provisional form of service of the Guild being used. The preacher was the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, President of the Cambridge University Guild. Mr. S. A. Mosdell, the organist, was at the organ, and the choir was present, while a number of visiting clergy also occupied seats in the stalls. The clergy included the Rev. B. Long (Rector), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (Hon.

Treasurer), the Revs. H. C. Wilder (Sulham), G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), and A. C. R. Freeborn, while the Revs. Wilson and Bevan were present in the church. The congregation, which included many ladies, numbered some three hundred. The first hymn, a typical composition suitable for the Guild, was sung to music by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, and the organ accompaniment, imitating the bells, was very effective.

The business meeting was held in the Church House. The Master of the Guild presided, and was supported by Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Mr. A. E. Reeves (the Guild secretary). The clergy already named, the Rev. H. M. Walter and a large number of members, filled the hall.

The secretary read the minutes of the last Guild annual meeting, and announced apologies for absence from the Revs. W. C. Carter, W. J. Palmer, R. P. Newhouse, J. A. Anderson (owing to a family bereavement), J. H. Jackson, and Canon Drummond, and Mr. W. Newell, of Reading.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was unanimously re-elected Master, Mr. A. E. Reeves secretary, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, honorary treasurer. The honorary auditor Mr. E. Francis, was also unanimously re-elected.

The Master referred with sympathy to the decease of Mr. J. E. Hern, a member of the committee, also to the death of Mr. Hounslow. The remaining eleven members of the committee were re-elected, viz.: the Rev. W. C. Carter, Canon Drummond, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. F. W. Carew Hunt, the Rev. J. B. Kirby, the Rev. G. A. Littledale, the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the Rev. W. J. Palmer, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, and Mr. A. W. Pike. The name of the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth, of Twyford, was unanimously added. The twelve change-ringing members of the Committee were also re-appointed, viz.: Messrs. R. Buckland, G. B. Bartlett, F. Boreham, F. Dentry, J. Evans T. Hawtin, F. W. Hopgood, W. Newell, W. Pole Routh, F. Webb, J. W. Wilkins, and W. J. Smith. Representatives of local branches have also seats on the committee. The committee were instructed to consider at their April meeting a better method of election for committee. The Rev. R. A. C. Bevan suggested that some members should retire annually by rotation. A resolution "that the Guild hold its annual festival at High Wycombe on a Saturday once in every three years, commencing 1914, was moved, but an amendment to the effect that the whole question of place of annual meeting be referred to a special meeting of the Committee, and that the Master be requested to arrange such meeting at place and time so that all branches shall, as far as possible be represented, and report to the next annual festival meeting was carried unanimously. The place of the Festival for 1914, was fixed as Slough. The hon. treasurer called attention to the falling off of the balance in hand year by year, and moved that £15 be drawn from the reserve for general purposes. He explained that the payment of accounts was delayed, and urged this as the honorable course, and it was adopted.

On the recommendation of the Committee a grant of £2 2s. was made to Milton, Berks, and a similar amount to Fenny Stratford, Bucks. In each case bells had been re-hung at extraordinary expense incurred, £53 at Milton, of which £46 10s. had been locally raised, and £170 at Fenny Stratford, of which £120 had been subscribed locally.

[Owing to circumstances entirely beyond our control we are compelled to hold over the remainder of this report till next week.]

HOLIDAY SEA TRIPS.

The New Palace Steamers announce that their p.s. "Koh-i-Noor" commenced her popular afternoon "Husband Boat" trips on Saturday, the 28th ult., and on Sunday, the 29th, she made her first trip to Deal, whilst on Monday the regular service to Dover commenced. These trips mark the opening of the full service of sailings by the "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-Noor." A special feature this year is the early morning sailing of the "Koh-i-Noor" on Saturdays, when she will leave Old Swan Pier at 7.45 a.m. for Margate, calling at Tilbury only to pick up passengers from Fenchurch-street and St. Pancras, arriving at Margate at 12.45 p.m. A postcard to Mr. T. E. Barlow, 77, King William-street, E.C., will bring full particulars of these enjoyable sea trips to those in search of fresh air and comfortable travel.

The Belle Steamers announce that the daily summer services to Clacton and

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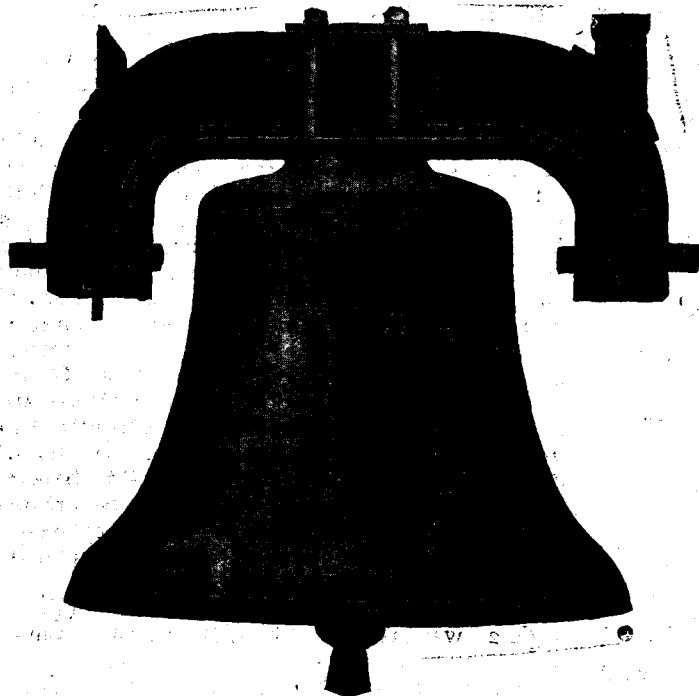
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 5th and 19th; St. Giles, Cripplegate, August 5th; Southwark Cathedral August 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited. F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary.

136, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Summer Festival at Woburn on August 4th. Bells available after 11.0 a.m. Tea at 5.0. Service at 6.0.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Guildford and Leatherhead Amalgamated Districts will be held at Ranmore on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful peal of eight bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5. Tickets at 6d to members: 1s. to visitors. By kind permission of the Hon. Henry Cubitt, C.B., the gardens of Denbies will be open to members and friends from 2 to 4.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30.

Rev. Connop L. Price, } Hon. Secs.
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The Bedfordshire Association.—The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Monday, August 4th. Tea in the Town Hall at 5.0 p.m. Service at 6.0 p.m. Preacher—the Rev. C. R. Dickinson. The Woburn bells (8) will be available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Husbome Crawley bells (6) after the service.

A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

Peterborough and District Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 4th. Bells available—Cathedral (5); St. Mary's (6); St. John's (5). Service at St. John's at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting after at the Bedford Temperance Hotel. Usual reduction made to those notifying Secretary early.

F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec.

195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Hilda will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at Bucks Clifton Hotel, Middlesbrough; members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Tea on tables at 4.30.

T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Beddington (Surrey).—On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, the tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

The Secretary of the ringers of St. Mary's, Dover, is Mr. H. C. Saywell, to whom all communications respecting the bells should be addressed.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting for the North Eastern District was held at Harwich on Saturday last, ringers attending from Braintree, Mistley, Ipswich, Harwich, etc. Tea was provided at the Norfolk Dining Rooms, which was followed by the meeting, at which the election of three members from Rettendon and seven from Shalford were confirmed. The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells. Ringing in various methods during the day included Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Sunday, July 12th, for the Men's Service, 504 Erin Triples. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, G. Giblin, A. Matthews, S. Brooks, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), C. Powell. For the evening service 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Hargest, S. Brooks, R. Kinsey, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), W. Griffiths. On Sunday evening July 19th, 504 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, G. Hardwick, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, W. Evans, W. Fletcher. On Thursday, July 24th, for practice, 336 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, S. Brooks, G. Giblin, C. Powell, G. Hardwick, W. Fletcher, W. Evans, A. Matthews. Longest length in the method for C. Powell and W. Fletcher. On Sunday evening, July 26th, for the evening service, 350 and 536 Grandsire Triples, J. P. Hyett (St. Peter's, Glasbury), W. Hargest, G. Giblin, S. Watkins, S. Brooks, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), C. Powell.

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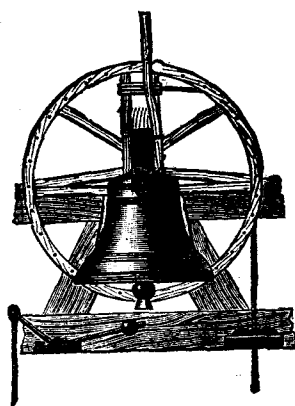
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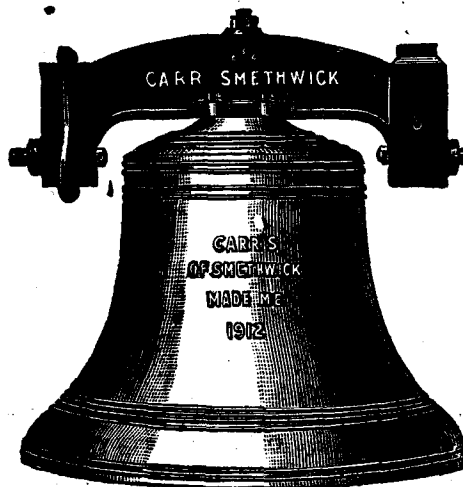
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one every Friday to bid all men to pray
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DEDICATION AT MEARS ASHBY.

NEW RING OF SIX.

The dedication of the new ring of six bells cast and hung by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., for the Parish Church of Mears Ashby, took place on Tuesday in last week, Bishop Clayton, of Leicester officiating. The quaint old church was well filled.

The old ring of five has been recast and hung in a new iron frame. The bells have all been tuned on a true harmonic principle, and the parish has now a set of bells of rich tone, of which the inhabitants may be justly proud. The old bells were taken down and sent to Loughborough in May, the re-casting being completed early in July, and the re-hanging on July 24th. In weight the new bells are about the same as the old ones, the individual weights being as follow:—Treble, 3cwt. 1qr. 20lb.; 2nd, 4cwt. 9lb.; 3rd, 5cwt. 3lb.; 4th, 6cwt. 15lb.; 5th, 8cwt. 7lb.; tenor, 11cwt. 3qrs. 2lb.; total weight, 38cwt. 2qrs. The inscriptions on the bells were reproduced, with the addition of "Recast 1913," the new treble (the additional bell) being inscribed "Te Deum Laudamus," with the date. These inscriptions show that one bell was given by Mr. H. M. Stockdale, in 1879, and another in 1793, by Mr. John Callis. Two of the bells are of considerable age, one—an Alphabet Bell—dating back at least as far as the fifteenth century.

The cost of the work has been rather over £300, and, thanks to the generosity of Lady Wantage and Mr. H. M. Stockdale, each of whom contributed £50, and the liberality of the inhabitants generally, this has almost all been subscribed. This success is largely due to the enthusiasm of the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. E. Barton), and the energies of Mr. J. W. Lomax, the hon. secretary, and Mr. H. J. Smith, the hon. treasurer of the fund.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE

commenced with the hymn "Glorious things of thee are spoken," Miss Stockdale presiding at the organ. The service was sung to Bunnett's setting. The prayers were read by the Vicar.

After the second lesson the bishop, attended by the clergy, choir and churchwardens, proceeded to the belfry, where Mr. George Callis (the people's warden) taking the bell ropes in his hand, presented them to the bishop, with the words "Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate these bells to the glory and praise of God."

The dedication prayers were said by the Bishop, at the conclusion of which a few rounds were rung as the procession returned to the chancel.

The Bishop preached a homely and appropriate sermon, emphasising the message of the bells, from Rev. xxii, 17, "The Spirit and the bride say Come. And let him that heareth say Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."

The service included the 150th Psalm "O praise God in His holiness," the "Magnificat," and "Nunc Dimittis," and the hymns were "Jerusalem my happy home," "Hark! hark! my soul," and "Now thank we all, our God."

As the sound of the organ died away at the close of the

recessional hymn the bells rang out their inaugural peal, the ringers being Messrs. W. Perkins (conductor), Jas. Garrett, Jas. Houghton, A. Perkins, J. Morley, and F. Wilford. They came from Irthlingborough, and were accompanied by Mr. Wilford, secretary of the Central Northants Association. The bells have been examined and tested by Mr. W. W. Starmer, F.R.A.M., who speaks in the highest praise of them. As previously stated they are the work of Messrs. Taylor & Co., and were erected under the supervision of Mr. Bellinghurst, and all concerned are to be commended on the result of their labours.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Peterborough, on Monday, when members attended from Maxey, Peterborough, Pinchbeck, Whittlesea, Wisbech and Yaxley. Among the visitors were the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), Messrs. York Green (London), Fourn (Isham), Giddings (March) and Miss Steele (Bedford).

The service was held at the Parish Church of St. John, the Rev. M. A. Lester officiating. He also gave an appropriate address.

A good company afterwards sat down to tea at the Bedford Cafe, presided over by the Rev. Canon Bury, supported by the Rev. E. V. Cox and Mr. F. T. Cooke, the Secretary.

The business meeting followed presided over by the Very Rev. Dean Page. Among others present were the Rev. Canon Bury, Mr. W. Chattle and Mr. R. Gamble. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The former, with other interesting items, stated that nine peals have been rung since December. It also passed high commendation on the Wisbech band for the progress they had made during the year, and on Mr. G. Jutson, the conductor at St. Mary, Peterborough. The sheet gave the receipts as £9 18s. 1d., expenditure £3 14s. 6d., balance in hand £6 3s. 7d. The number of members (honorary and performing) is about 100. Mr. F. T. Cooke, being unable to devote the necessary time to the duties of the office, resigned, and Mr. J. J. Jutson was unanimously elected in his stead. The remaining officers and the committee were re-elected, with the addition of Messrs. Cooke and O. Richardson to the latter body.

Mr. Ralph Narborough, the representative on the Central Council, gave an excellent report. With reference to the Ladies' Guild it was felt that they should be represented on the Council as soon as the requisite number of members had been enrolled.

The sum of £1 was voted to the fund for restoring the tower of St. Mary's, Whittlesea. A vote of thanks to the Dean, and to the clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

The methods rung during the day included a peal of Bob Minor in the early morning, at Maxey; Bob Doubles and Grandsire at the Cathedral; Bob Major, Treble Bob and Grandsire at the Parish Church; Oxford and Kent Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob at St. Mary

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pendoylan on Saturday last, and considering the out-of-the-way place Pendoylan is, the meeting was well attended, and was most successful. The Vicar of the parish (the Rev. M. C. Gower Williams), was at the church heartily welcoming the members on their arrival, and after a few 120s of Grandsire Doubles on the ring of six bells, which, by the way, were rehung a few years ago, the business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, which is close to.

The Vicar kindly took the chair, and after expressing the pleasure it gave him for the Association members visit to his parish, he asked the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct, and signed. The restoration of Michaelstone bells, which is under consideration, and for which funds are being collected, was discussed, the Hon. Secretary explaining that the Rector had written to him asking if the Association could assist with a subscription. It was decided, however, that no grant would be made that day, but would be left to the annual meeting. The question of augmenting Penarth bells by adding two more was also discussed. A few of the Penarth ringers present said they are most anxious to have a complete octave, and it was decided that the Hon. Secretary write to the Rector of Penarth asking if he will consider the question, and say that no doubt the Association would grant a donation towards the object if he would but take the matter up. New members were elected and subscriptions taken. The place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was left open until the annual meeting.

The Vicar very kindly invited every one to the Red Lion Hotel, where he had made arrangements for tea. This was gladly welcomed, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness. Some handbell ringing was next indulged in, much to the delight of the locals, and then a return was made to the tower, but, unfortunately, owing to a severe case of illness close to the church, the ringing had to be somewhat curtailed.

Happily this is one of the few towers where call changes are rung in this Diocese, and several of the local ringers were much pleased to hear half pull ringing and promised to join the Association and make an effort to learn half pull. It is hoped in the near future that the object of our Ringing Association will be thus achieved at Pendoylan.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the amalgamated Leatherhead and Guildford Districts was held at Ranmore on Bank Holiday, and was a distinct success from every point of view. The beautiful gardens of Denbies were open to the visitors, by kind permission of the Hon. H. Cubitt, and the large extent of glass houses and their profusion of fruit gave rise to many expressions of admiration. The splendid peal of bells were kept going in various methods till 4.15, when a well-attended service was held, and an interesting address given by Canon Chichester, Vicar of Dorking. Tea had been laid for 30, as 24 had informed the Secretary they were coming. Brother Whittington however reported that he had sold 58 tickets, and that the company included Miss Bennett, from London, Mr. Pitman from Lyminge, Mr. Dawe, from Woking, three brother strings from the wilds of Sussex, who wished to join the Guild and other old

friends from far and near. Luckily tea was laid under the trees, and after a postponement of half an hour, during which Alfred kept his merry men (and a maid) busy with handbells, everything was ready, the caterer nobly rising to the occasion, only plaintively remarking "that 30 teas were ordered, and he had already cut 50 plates of ham and beef, and that ought to be enough!" The two amateur waiters however urged him to further efforts, and finally all were satisfied. A move was again made for the tower, and a party went down to Dorking (where a peal of Stedman had been lost in the morning) and had about an hour's ringing there. The thanks of all are especially due to Mr. Dobinson, churchwarden of Ranmore, and Mr. Dodd, of Dorking, for their attention to the bells and the comfort of the visitors.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

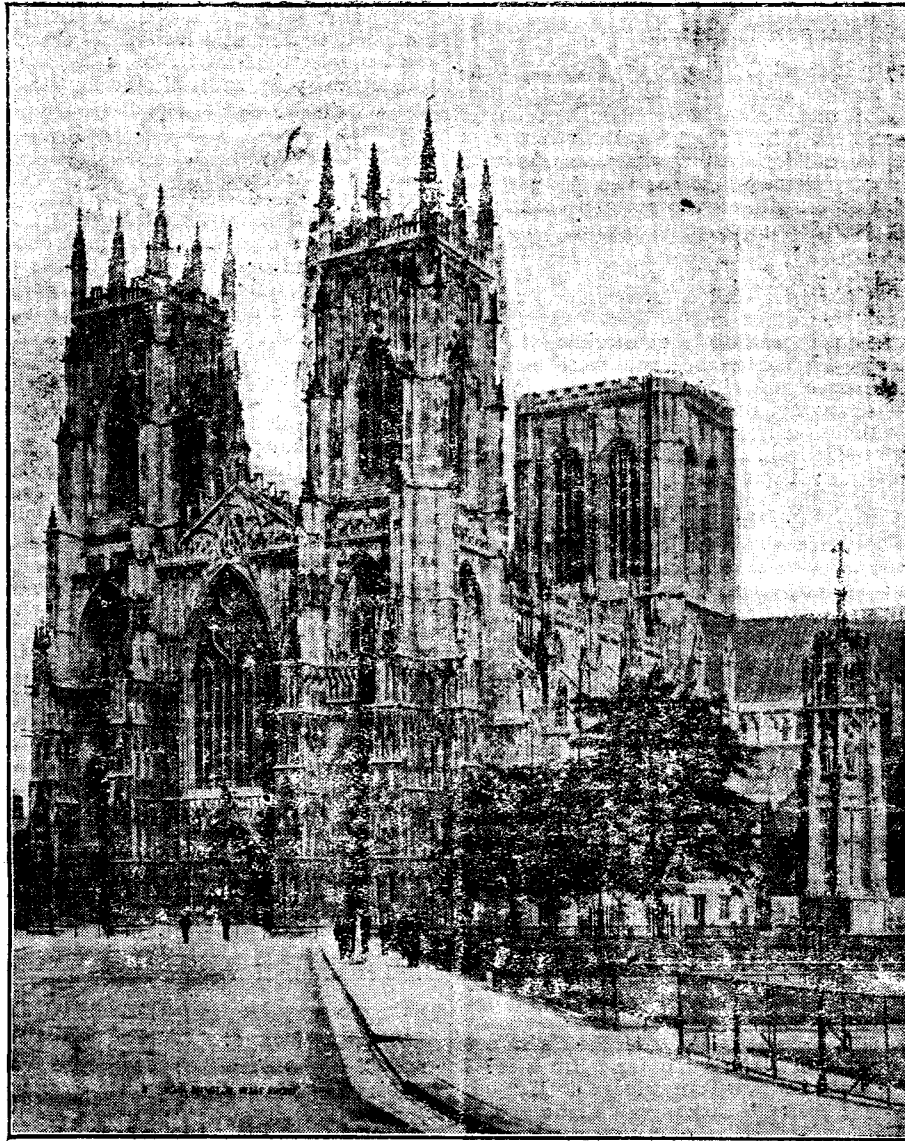
The annual summer festival of this Association was held at Woburn on August 4th. This is the first time the Festival has been held on a Bank Holiday. The attendance of members was small, owing, no doubt, to other attractions. Touches of Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung at intervals between 11.30 and 8.30. Tea was provided in the Town Hall at 5.0 by Mr. King, of Woburn, and a service was held in the church at 6.0, at which the Rev. C. R. Dickinson, formerly Vicar of Woburn, gave an excellent address. By kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, K.G., the ringers were allowed to visit the sculpture gallery and the gardens of Woburn Abbey. After tea a vote of condolence to the members of the family of the late Canon Haddock, for many years a Vice-President of the Association, was passed.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the above Branch was held on Saturday, August 2nd, at Rochdale Parish Church, when there was a very good attendance of members. At the business meeting there was some discussion on the subject of ladies' representation on the Central Council, and the vote went in favour of the ladies when they get the requisite number. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. H. Bastow, late Secretary, for his services, the opinion being expressed that he had carried out his duties in a very capable manner. It was also decided that the Secretary should send a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. Zebulon Lord, who in years gone by had been a good and faithful servant of the Association. A vote of thanks to the church authorities and to the Chairman, Mr. W. Crabtree, brought the business meeting to a close. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Oldham on the second Saturday in September, at which meeting there will be an election of President and Secretary. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Minor.

SWINDON (Wilts.)—On Tuesday, August 5th, for practice at Christ Church, 1088 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, E. Bishop, R. W. Hyner (conductor), J. H. Odey, G. Lancaster, W. G. Lancaster, L. A. Wilson (longest touch), C. J. Gardiner.



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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

When in the year 1707 Lemuel Gulliver, Surgeon, of Rotherhithe, visited Lagado he was shewn the Academy for which that City was famous, and he afterwards wrote an account of it "The first Professor I saw," he writes, "was in a very large room with forty pupils about him. After salutation, observing me to look earnestly upon a frame which took up the greatest part of both the length and breadth of the room, he said, perhaps I might wonder to see him employed in a project for improving speculative knowledge by practical and mechanical operations. But the world would soon be sensible of its usefulness; and be flattered himself that a more noble, exalted, thought never sprang in any other man's head. Every one knew how laborious the usual method is of attaining to arts and sciences; whereas, by his contrivance, the most ignorant person, at a reasonable charge, and with a little bodily labour, might write books in philosophy, poetry, politics, law, mathematics and theology, without the least assistance from genius or study. He then led me to the frame, about the sides whereof all his pupils stood in ranks; it was twenty feet square, placed in the middle of the room. The superficies were composed of several bits of wood about the bigness of a die, but some larger than others. They were all linked together by slender wires. These bits of wood were covered on every square with paper pasted on them; and on these papers were written all the words of their language in their several moods, tenses, and declensions; but without any order. The Professor then desired me to observe; for he was going to set his engine at work. The pupils, at his command, took each of them hold of an iron handle, whereof there were forty fixed round the edges of the frame; and giving them a sudden turn the whole disposition of the words was entirely changed. He then commanded six-and-thirty of the lads to read the several lines softly as they appeared on the frame; and where they found three or four words together that might make part of a sentence, they dictated to the remaining four boys, who were scribes. Six hours a day the young students were employed in this labour, and the Professor shewed me several volumes in large folio already collected of broken sentences which he intended to piece together, and out of these rich materials to give the world a complete body of all arts and sciences."

Our ringing professors go to work just in the same way that this Lagadan professor did. He started from the assumption that a book is a collection of words put together in a certain order; they start from the assumption that a Method is a collection of figures put together in a certain order. But is it? I think I may truthfully say that my real knowledge of Methods starts from the time that I began to ask myself that question and similar questions. If you take a set of figures and go to a ringer and say—"What is this?" he will reply "It is Double Norwich, or Superlative, or Kent Treble Bob" as the case may be. But take them to a man who is not a ringer, and ask—"What is this?" and he will reply "It is a collection of figures, but what else it is I do not know. It may be a sum in simple arithmetic, or it may be the winning numbers in a lottery, or it may be a secret code of some sort or other. In fact it may be many things, but just at present to me it is a collection of figures and nothing more." And the reason is that the ringer sees something behind the figures which the other man knows not of. And that something is the Method. When you have recognised the fact that the figures are not the Method but only the expression of the Method, just as words are not the book, but only the expression of the book, and a score is not music, but only the expression of music, you will be able to grasp several important facts. One of these, and that not the least important, is that a Method is an abstract thing, and here comes in one of the greatest difficulties that we have to encounter when we are trying to study or to explain the laws of Method Construction. For the great majority of men are not capable either naturally or by training of understanding anything that is abstract. Even when men to talk about things that are abstract, they nearly always mean a number of concrete examples of them. It takes a great effort of mind for instance to think of goodness apart from good deeds, good thoughts, or good things. To most men a thing that is purely abstract must be vague and

indefinite. Yet it is not so; the contrary is the case; for the purely abstract is the only thing that is capable of real proof. I have an argument which I always use whenever I think it can be understood, and that is that the problems of Change-Ringing may be and oftentimes must be treated on the lines of Euclid's Principles. I fancy they don't teach Euclid in schools nowadays. More's the pity. But I am greatly afraid that I shall not be able to explain the way in which I argue Method Construction to anyone who does not know Euclid's argument. Euclid is purely abstract from beginning to end, and therefore the proofs of Euclid are real proofs that must eternally stand. I do not say, of course, that my conclusions must always be true, because I often catch myself in some faulty logic. But I do not accept anything as proved till I can trace it step by step from the fundamentals of Change-Ringing.

It is quite evident that I can supply no proof of my views that will satisfy the man who is not prepared to go back to the beginning and follow the argument step by step, and that means that the great majority of ringers must either accept the laws of Method Construction, on the authority of men whom they can trust as experts, or else ignore them. One class of men there is with whom it is almost useless to argue. They are the men who start from the assumption that a method, or an extension of a method, in which they are interested is correct. However honest they may be they cannot help special pleading; their aim is not to seek the truth, but to shew that their views are true. It is a fatal position to get into, and to avoid it, although I have worked out some hundreds of Methods, I never publish them and I have not, and do not, claim a single one as "mine." The point of my first article is that the laws of Method Construction are natural laws; my second point is that if you want to understand them you must approach them in the proper way; you must clear your mind of all previous ideas and prejudices.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

(JASPER SNOWDON SERIES).

CHAPTER IX.—*Concluded.*

THE TWELVE COURSE-ENDS WITH THE 6TH AT HOME.

(Continued).

By SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN 1888.

Owing to pressure, in getting out our last issue some errors were overlooked. We are, therefore, at Mr. Snowdon's request, inserting a corrected version of the matter following the tables.

It remains to apply to the question of the twelve courses the deductions which have been proved to result from the truth that has been established that no touch of other than an uneven number of complete courses is possible. If a touch of eleven such courses (which it has been shown must contain 15 bobs) be taken, although it is impossible to obtain the twelfth course in its entirety, part of it may be introduced by an extra bob. This will cause a break in the touch, which can only be got over, as has already been pointed out, in methods that possess a call that shortens the course by eliminating some portion of it which contains either the W or H lead, or their equivalents, as, for instance, lead 6 in Double Norwich. What part of the twelfth course is so introduced will depend upon the method in use. In Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Duffield, etc., the part will contain the course-end, but in such a method as Bob Major or Albion Treble Bob Major this would not be the case, for in these latter methods the bob B may be considered as producing a short course of one lead, with the result that the remaining six leads are cut out, and with them the course-end.

It was shown in the previous chapter that in a twelve-course plan there must be 6, 9, or 12 bobs (*i.e.* a multiple of 3) at the calling place which was not cut out by the bob B or its equivalent. Now it will be found that some of the eleven-course touches may take in part of the twelfth course by using a bob W, and some by using a bob H. It follows that those in which the bob W is used will only make twelve-course plans in methods in

which the bob B (or its equivalent) cuts out the H; and in these the utilized part of the twelfth course would not contain the course-end. In the two eleven-course touches given above, the first is an example of the former condition, while the second illustrates the latter. It will now be apparent why every twelve-course plan must contain exactly 16 bobs, exclusive of those which bring home and move the 6th, namely, because a single extra bob is used over and above the 15 which are necessary for the eleven courses.

With regard to the relation of the first of the twelve courses to the last, it will be found that in methods in which the bob B (or its equivalent) cuts out the W (or its equivalent) lead, these two courses form part of a triplet properly connected by bobs W, and that a bob W called in the first of such courses would always produce the last course. Similarly it will be found that in methods in which the H (or its equivalent) is cut out, the two courses form part of a triplet properly connected by bobs H. For instance, in plan No. 1 in the previous chapter the bells before the first H are in the course 3542, while after the last H they are in the course 2345; and a bob W on 3542 produces 2345.

It is also to be noted that as a bob in the first course will produce the last course, so a bob in the last course can never produce the first.

A further point may be mentioned, although it is not of sufficient importance to be worth analysing in detail. In no twelve-course plan are there more than ten complete courses, for where the extra bob (to complete the 16 bobs) is called, there are two—what may be termed, "raw ends:" to one the twelfth course is affixed by the extra bob; the opposite end, however, cannot be continued with either of these calls, therefore a bob other than W or H, or their equivalents, has to be placed before the original break is reached, thus cutting off a part of the last course also.

I have, in the previous chapter, set forth, a complete statement of the practical arrangement of twelve consecutive course-ends with one of the five working bells fixed; whilst in the present chapter the logical demonstration of the problems involved has been presented. The former will doubtless prove of general utility, whilst the latter will only be of use to scientists, but I trust to have succeeded in demonstrating that there is nothing arbitrary or mysterious about the arrangement of the twelve course-ends, but that, whether first connected by guess work, or not, they are in their various forms subject to certain definite laws of composition.

(To be continued.)

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT WOKINGHAM.

(Continued from page 263)

The case of Bicester where the bells had been similarly treated, was referred to the April meeting of the Committee.

The Master said that the question of grants would have to be considered, and the amounts given reduced by one-half unless the funds greatly improved.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Pole Routh, seconded by Mr. Osborn, it was resolved to refer the whole question of Finance to the next Committee meeting in April.

The amendment was carried unanimously, and was then adopted as the substantive resolution.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis reported on behalf of the Robinson Memorial Committee that £205 3s. 8d. had been raised, and that there was a balance in hand of £29 17s. 9d. They had put up a screen and a tablet at Drayton, and a tablet at Oxford. They proposed to spend the balance in putting up a bronze at Appleton, where Mr. Robinson did his early ringing, and where he increased the peal from eight bells to ten.

The report was adopted.

The Master reported that a form of service (used that day) had been drawn up, but that the Rev. R. W. H.

Acworth had seen it and had made most valuable suggestions. On that account it was being held over for a time. In some quarters the idea was advanced that the Prayer Book contained all that was necessary.

The Rev. G. E. Coleridge reported upon his visit to the Central Council meeting for 1913, held at Newcastle, and gave some interesting details.

The question of a Guild badge was considered, and ultimately referred to the Committee for consideration and decision.

Eighty-one change-ringers and 40 probationers were confirmed in membership.

In the printed report book it was stated that four new towers had entered the Guild during the year, viz., Cookham, Sympson, Beechampton, and Shinfield.

Some 150 persons, among whom were several ladies, sat down to a cold collation in the Drill Hall after the business meeting. Mr. H. C. Mylne, Deputy Mayor of Wokingham, presided. In addition to the clergy already named, the visitors included the Rev. L. E. Lydekker (All Saints), Mr. S. A. Mosdell (organist of All Saints), Dr. Nash (All Saints' choir).

The following towers were open for ringing during the afternoon, by kind permission: Wokingham All Saints, Wokingham St. Paul's, Twyford, Hurst, Binfield, Easthampstead, Finchampstead, Sandhurst. Brakes were run to those at a distance. The Festival at Wokingham, notwithstanding the unsettled weather that prevailed, was a most successful one.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

We have been asked to open our columns for an urgent appeal on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn.

A fund has been started, and the sum already received is made up as follows:—

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Correspondence

NATURAL LAWS AND LEGITIMATE PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Baker has totally misunderstood my position, and makes me say things I never said. Consequently his criticism is of no value. The condition he himself lays down, which he calls "opposite coursing order," but which is not coursing order at all, will not bear a moment's investigation.

Yours etc.,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—I am not sure that Leek may not turn out to be legitimate after all. It is not a Principle, but a very complicated thing, with two hunts altered in every division.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1913

AN appeal has been made for funds to carry out the restoration of the bells of All Saints', Rayne, Essex. The bells are, it would appear, in an unsatisfactory condition, and it has been decided to re-hang and quarter-turn the five bells, strengthen the frame, and add a new treble to make a ring of six, at an estimated cost of £65. On the face of it this looks but a small amount, but when it becomes known that other parts of the church are in need of repair, involving a total expenditure of £300, it presents quite another aspect. The need for help is still further emphasised by the fact that Rayne is a purely agricultural parish, with a population of only 349 souls, the great majority of whom are unable to give even the smallest donation.

The frequency with which these appeals are made opens up the broader question of whether it is possible to devise some means by which they could be avoided. Most of our village churches (and it is in connection with these that appeals are most frequently made) were built hundreds of years ago, and it speaks well for the work that was put into their construction that they have stood so well. But the best of anything comes to need repair, and so it is with our churches. They have stood through all these years, and now, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the

country, are scores of them needing repair but minus the money to carry it out, in many cases, like Rayne, because the parishioners are too poor to raise the money. It would have been well if our forefathers had set apart a small sum in each case, for the repair of the fabric. This would have accumulated during the years when little or no repair was needed, and would have provided the wherewithal to do so when it became necessary. It would be well if some such provision were made in the case of churches built now, and so obviate the necessity of such appeals in the future. The fund should, of course, be available for the provision or restoration of bells. Even this need not take away the opportunity to give from those generous contributors who might wish to perpetuate their own memory, or that of some relative, by a gift.

The Provinces.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday July 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN Treble	DENISON HAYWARD 4
GEORGE ORFORD 2	JOHN BALLS 5
ALFRED BENNINGTON 3	ARTHUR J. CROWE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

A. Bennington hails from Greenwich. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of the Master of the College Youths, Mr. Thomas Fankner, to Miss Mary E. Bacey, with all good wishes for their health and happiness.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, 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 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICEMAN, M.A. .. Treble	JOHN CAFF 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
FREDK. C. RICE 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM J. ALISS 4	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

*First peal of Stedman, and was elected a member prior to starting.

LEYTONSTONE—THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEAL Treble	WILLIAM H. TREBOLD 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
GEORGE DAWSON 3	HARRY TORBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

The two former methods are Class iii; the rest Class iv.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING Treble	ARTHUR STUBBINGTON 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
FREDERICK BURNETT 3	HENRY JENNINGS 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	HENRY C. INGRAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Humfrey, of Abingdon, Berks., who was spending a holiday in Portsmouth, was elected a member before starting the peal.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble	JAMES H. MIDWINTER 5
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WILLIAM CRANE, JDN 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 4	JOHN WAED Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. F. Swann, of Erdington, Birmingham, who was elected a member previous to starting.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AS THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

MISS MAUD PIGOTT Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	WALTER PIGOTT 6
HORACE BELCHER 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	RICHARD LEE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Astbury, daughter of Canon Astbury, Vicar, and Mr. Geo. B. Rawlins, on the above date.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 6-PART.

REGINALD SMITH* .. Treble	ERNEST L. BURGESS 5
EDWARD TRENDLELL 2	ALFRED T. W. BONES 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 3	HORACE GILBERT 7
CLARENCE SMITH† 4	PERCY SPILLETT* Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDLELL.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. P. Spillett was elected a member of the Association before commencing the peal. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

CHIGWELL Row (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. F. Freestone, G. Margetson, A. Chaplin, E. Butler, G. Playle (conductor), E. Hawkins.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET (Wilts).—On Thursday, July 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Moulden, R. W. Hyner, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), G. Lancaster, D. W. Jackson (first 720), W. G. Lancaster.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
GILBERT H. HARDING 2	H. W. L. WELLS 6
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 3	SYDNEY HILLIER 7
CHARLES J. GARDNER 4	ERNEST BISHOP Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

L. Wilson hails from Wootton Bassett; Lancaster from Stratton St. Margaret; Hillier from Devizes; Gardner, Wells and Bishop from Swindon; Harding and Hector are local men.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT ASHTON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
ROBERT LEATHER 2	GEORGE CLEWS 6
RICHARD DAGNALL 3	GEORGE SANT 7
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 4	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

This is the first peal by the Association and in the county in which a lady has taken part. The calling of peal is No. 26 in Central Council Collection.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
REUBEN HALL 2	EDWIN J. TYLER 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
BERT HORTON 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNAE, and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, members of the above Church. Mr. Price being a sidesman of over 25 years' duration. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Price sumptuously entertained the Vicar and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. J. Arthur Price), the ringers and several friends to supper. The Vicar, Mr. B. Gough, and Mr. Bert Horton heartily congratulated them on attaining 25 years' married bliss.

ISLWORTH.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for Men's Service in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. G. A. Ransom (conductor) F. G. Goddard, F. G. Symonds, T. Beadle, E. F. Cole, H. Cook, F. Skevington, C. Hunt.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

JOHN DENTON Treble	DENISON HAYWARD 4
GEORGE ORFORD 2	WILLIAM LEE 5
FREDE. KILBORN 3	ARTHUR J. CROWE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

Arranged for Fredk. Kilborn who hails from Desborough, near Market Harborough.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. HODGKIN Treble	FRANK SHARP 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	PHILIP HODGKIN 6
DAVID HODGKIN 3	GEORGE HADAWAY 7
LEONARD STARTUP 4	CHARLES H. SOER Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and Conducted by C. H. SOER.

*First peal of Bob Major. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1913, page 90.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER 5
THOMAS HUGHES 2	REUBEN HALL 6
BERT HORTON 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Dutch Scouts to Sedgley.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Cambridge Maximus. This is the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung in the county of Cambridge, and was rung in honour of the silver wedding of the Master of Trinity College.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	JOSEPH B. SYKES 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	GEORGE COOK* 6
BENJAMIN THORP 3	WILLIAM KATHRO* 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4	SYDNEY ESSEX* Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

*First peaf, and belong to the local company.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 7
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 2	WILLIAM PYE 8
REUBEN SANDEES 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	KEITH HART 10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
WILLIAM D. JAMES* 6	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

*100th peal.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. Treble	ALBERT CATTEWELL 5
WILLIAM WIFFEN 2	FREDERICK A. POULSON* .. 6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	GEORGE MORE* 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal in the Kent Variation.

BIRMINGHAM.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 7
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM FISHER 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
JOHN NEAL 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
JOSEPH FIGOTT 6	JAMES H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal of Stedman Cinques for the above Association. This was W. Short's 600th peal.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s differently called.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK DAINTY Treble	OSWALD RICHARDSON 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	FRANCIS DAVIS* 5
WILLIAM WALDRON 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

*First peal. First peal on tower bells by the ringer of the treble away from tenor behind. This is the first peal on the bells since June 11th, 1849.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARLINGTON.—On Saturday, July 26th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor.
D. Archer, G. A. Ransom, T. Barker, C. Bird, C. J. Tricker, C. Edwards (conductor).

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch).

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN BRAITHWAITE Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON .. 5
ALFRED NEWTON 2	ERIC L. BENNETT 6
WILLIAM ATKINSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
JOHN HOLME 4	ROGER SATTHEETHWAITE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON* .. Treble	PERCY TAYLOR 5
WILLIAM B. KEMPTON .. 2	ABRAHAM WILKINSON† .. 6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN .. 3	FRANK E. KEMPTON .. 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS† .. 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

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

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

CECIL J. BAKER Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
CHARLES WILKINSON 2	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON* .. 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	WILLIAM THORNLEY 7
ARTHUR FREEMAN 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

*50th peal. Arranged for Henry W. Wilde who hails from Palford, Cheshire.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY .. 3	ERNEST PYE 7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 4	KEITH HART Tenor

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

First peal of Surprise in the county of Huntingdon, and first of Superlative by the Association. Messrs. Grimes, Pye and Hart were elected members previous to starting.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandiacre Pleasure, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY Treble	ARTHUR FREEMAN 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	HENRY W. WILDE 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Arranged for H. W. Wilde.

DEATH OF MR. ZEBULON LORD.

54 YEARS A RINGER.

There passed away last week at the Rochdale Infirmary one of the oldest exponents of campanology in Lancashire in the person of Mr. Zebulon Lord, of Bacup. Deceased had suffered from a painful internal malady for the greater part of two years and on the Tuesday of the previous week he was removed to the Rochdale Infirmary, where he should have undergone an operation, but was too weak, and gradually sinking, he died in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Mr. Lord was a native of Bacup, being born in the neighbourhood of Doals in September, 1843. He was thus in his 70th year. All his life had been spent in this locality, and he had worked from boyhood in the local collieries.

The deceased was undoubtedly best known in the capacity of bellringer. All his spare time had been devoted to campanology, of which he was not only a proficient exponent, but an able instructor. He first commenced change-ringing in the bell-tower at Christ Church when he was nineteen years of age, and was the last of the old band of campanologists at that place. His connection with Christ Church as a ringer lasted about thirty-eight years—for a considerable portion of which period he was the leader—and then his services were transferred to St. Saviour's Church, Bacup. At the latter belfry he continued as leader up to the time of his illness.

The devotion of the deceased to the Art of change-ringing was really remarkable, and he was never more happy than when instructing beginners. His services as an instructor were always in great demand, and his enthusiasm was such that he regularly tramped miles over the hills, after working at the colliery all day, to coach the ringers at various churches. In fact, it is not too much to say that the majority of the local bell-ringers at the present time, and others further afield, owe to the late Mr. Lord their knowledge of the Art. He was one of a few devotees of campanology who some years ago drafted the six bell diagrams for the instruction of beginners.

The oldest bellringer in Rossendale, Mr. Lord was one of the founders of the Lancashire Association, and had served the organisation both as Secretary and on the committee. He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, which he first joined in 1887. In connection with that body he had also held a seat on the committee.

It is now a little over four years since Mr. Lord celebrated his jubilee as a bellringer and at that time he was the recipient of many interesting presentations. The ringers at St. Saviour's and Christ Church Bacup presented him with a purse of gold, and an autograph album in token of their appreciation of his valued services, and the esteem in which they held him. In connection with the same event the members of the Rossendale Association, along with friends from Todmorden and Heptonstall, presented to him a purse of gold, pipe and tobacco pouch, and an ebony, silver-mounted walking-stick.

Of an unassuming and genial disposition, the deceased was a man of strict integrity, and was held in high regard by all who knew him. His patience and kindness were exemplary, and as a result he quite endeared himself to his colleagues and pupils in the various bell-towers with which he was connected during his life.

The interment took place on Wednesday at the Bacup Cemetery, and the services at the house and the Cemetery were conducted by the Rev. William Johnson, M.A., Vicar

of St. Saviour's. The funeral was attended by representatives of the bellringers at the following churches: St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup; St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch; Ramsbottom, Bury, Todmorden, and Heptonstall. Messrs. Stanley Pickup, William Ashworth, James Standring, and George Coates (ringers at St. Saviour's Church), acted as bearers. Mr. Illingworth Law attended as the representative of Messrs. G. Hargreaves and Co., the proprietors of the collieries where the deceased had been employed.

After the interment touches were rung on the St. Saviour's bells, which were deeply muffled in memory of the late Mr. Lord.

WOODFORD AND LOUGHTON RINGERS.

Monday, August 4th, Bank Holiday, was the day chosen by the above ringers for their annual excursion. Mr. Edgar Wightman, the well-known conductor, was at his post to welcome us. Then came the veterans, W. Doran and G. F. Margetson bearing the weight of years. Then the Loughton men, Rann, Clarke, Bacon, Freeman and Carter, with A. Gowers and F. Spark, visitors. Those of Woodford were Morse, Kimberley and Green, approaching with a heavy bag of handbells, looking as pleased as if they carried a sack of gold. We are now all seated, and the order to "hold tight behind" is given. Away through the suburban density of Walthamstow we make our way. We get through and are soon within the precincts of Tottenham's venerable church, and the ancient demesne of King Bruce of Scotland. Our friend Mr. Dart is there to conduct us to the belfry, where we achieve several touches of Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. We are compelled to pass Wood Green owing to a levy of not less than half-a-crown for having the use of the belfry. So we brush the dust of Wood Green from off our shoes, and pass on to High Barnet, where we meet with the usual civilities among bell ringers. Mr. H. Buckingham is awaiting us, and touches of Forward, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire are scored. At two o'clock we dine at the Church House. Here we found ample room for "sticks and rags." The apartment in which we dined had a great length, with only one large window to admit the light. Although our table was laid at the remote end of this huge room, we could very well see and sample all the delicacies forthcoming, and the look of surprise on the dial of our host as the joints quickly vanished. We never saw a better place for quartering soldiers. The ancient Gauls would have found plenty of room for their heavy armour. The dinner ended, after handbell tunes and touches, we again ascend the tower of Barnet, finishing our appreciation of this good peal of bells, tenor 24 cwt. The driver and horses were now ready to start for Old Southgate on our journey home, our last place of call and then we conclude. Here was the realisation of "The Ringer's Dream of Paradise," which some day must be written. Those beautiful bells of Old Southgate are still ringing in our ears. Here we enjoyed listening as well as ringing. Thanking Mr. Miller for his kind attentions in arranging tea, etc., we are now on the way to Woodford, our place of separation. We stay a while at the "Golden Cross," where a course of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and tunes on handbells conclude the day's enjoyment. The Loughton men ring Stedman double-handed, and with the assistance of Messrs. Wightman and Doran, gave an excellent example of their capabilities which proved the greatest item of the day.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By E. C. GOBEY.

5088. (No. 16).

23456 I 4 5 6

42635 - -

62534 - -

64523 - -

25463 - -

45362 - -

52364 - -

32465 - -

42563 - -

23564 - -

53462 - -

43265 - -

35264 - -

54263 - -

24365 - -

34562 - -

53246 - -

34256 - -

52436 - -

24536 - -

45236 - -

32546 - -

25346 - -

43526 - -

35426 - -

54326 - -

42356 - -

23546 - S

Repeated.

By omitting the bob at 1 in second course brings the third course-end up one part only, and the peal is reduced to 5008.

DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR.

By the same Author.

5344.

23456 M B W H

43526 - - -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

45623 - - -

36524 - - -

53624 - - -

62534 - - -

56234 - - -

23564 - - -

52364 - - -

M B W H

35264 - - -

26354 - - -

32654 - - -

52634 S - -

63524 - - -

45326 - - -

34526 - - -

52346 - - -

35246 - - -

23546 - - -

54236 - - -

25436 - - -

42536 - - -

53426 - - -

Repeated.

BOB MAJOR.

By the same Author.

5056.

23456 W B H

42356 - - -

54326 - - -

32546 - - -

53246 - - -

25346 - - -

43526 S - S

43265 - - -

24365 - - -

23465 - S -

23654 - - -

62354 - - -

36254 - - -

25364 - - -

32564 - - -

53264 - - -

26534 - - -

26345 - - -

32645 - - -

63245 - - -

24635 - - -

24356 - - -

32456 - - -

Repeated.

Contains all the combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6.

We understand that the peal programme organised by Mr. W. Willson, at Leicester, for Mr. Frank Bennett, of the Cumberlands, was highly successful. Up to going to press six peals have been rung. The most remarkable feature was that the 14-year old girl ringer—Miss Hilda Willson—rang in four peals. Two of these were Stedman Caters and Double Norwich in one day, a total of over 10,000. She is evidently the youngest ringer of either sex to ring a peal of Stedman Caters, or to ring 10,000 in a day! Full particulars will appear next week.

"THE BELL NEWS," post free, 1s. 8d. per quarter, or 6s. 6d. per year

HOLIDAY SEA TRIPS.

The New Palace Steamers announce that their p.s. "Koh-i-Noor" commenced her popular afternoon "Husband Boat" trips on Saturday, the 28th ult., and on Sunday, the 29th, she made her first trip to Deal, whilst on Monday the regular service to Dover commenced. These trips mark the opening of the full service of sailings by the "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-Noor." A special feature this year is the early morning sailing of the "Koh-i-Noor" on Saturdays, when she will leave Old Swan Pier at 7.45 a.m. for Margate, calling at Tilbury only to pick up passengers from Fenchurch-street and St. Pancras, arriving at Margate at 12.45 p.m. A postcard to Mr. T. E. Barlow, 77, King William-street, E.C., will bring full particulars of these enjoyable sea trips to those in search of fresh air and comfortable travel.

The Belle Steamers announce that the daily summer services to Clacton and

Walton, also to Felixstowe, Southwold, Lowestoft, and Yarmouth, are now in full swing. Since last summer the Trinity House authorities have buoyed a new channel between the Buxey and Gunfleet Sands, which will be navigable at all states of the tide, and enable the steamers always to call at Clacton first and arrive punctually. Passengers can also rely on getting over an hour ashore at Clacton before the boat returns from Walton on the homeward journey. Cheap tickets are issued at 5s. for the day trip. Full details may be obtained on application to Belle House, Fish-street-hill, E.C.

The General Steam Navigation Company are affording every facility to holiday-makers for reaching the various popular resorts on the East Coast. The fast new saloon steamer Golden Eagle leaves Fresh Wharf daily at 8.40 a.m. (Sundays 9.10) for Southend, Margate, and Ramsgate, whilst a special train from Fenchurch-street at 9.12 (Sundays 10.15) enables passengers to join

the boat at Tilbury. The company have also a second service, via Tilbury, to Southend, Margate, Ramsgate, and South Foreland. Special trains over the Midland and Tilbury Railways run in connection with these services on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, leaving St. Pancras at 7.45 a.m., Kentish Town 8.3, and Fenchurch-street 8.28 a.m. Sundays: St. Pancras 9 a.m., Kentish Town 9.5, and Fenchurch-street 9.25 a.m. On Saturdays two trips to Margate are made—first journey to Southend and Margate, trains in connection leaving St. Pancras 7.45, Kentish Town 8.3, Fenchurch-street 8.28; and the second journey, commonly known as the Husbands' Boat, goes direct to Margate, calling at Southend on the way back, trains in connection leaving St. Pancras 2.12 p.m., Kentish Town 2.30, Fenchurch-street 2.40. Full particulars of the above trips, as well as the Continental services of the company, may be obtained at the offices, 15, Trinity-square, E.C.

JOHN TAYLOR & CO.,

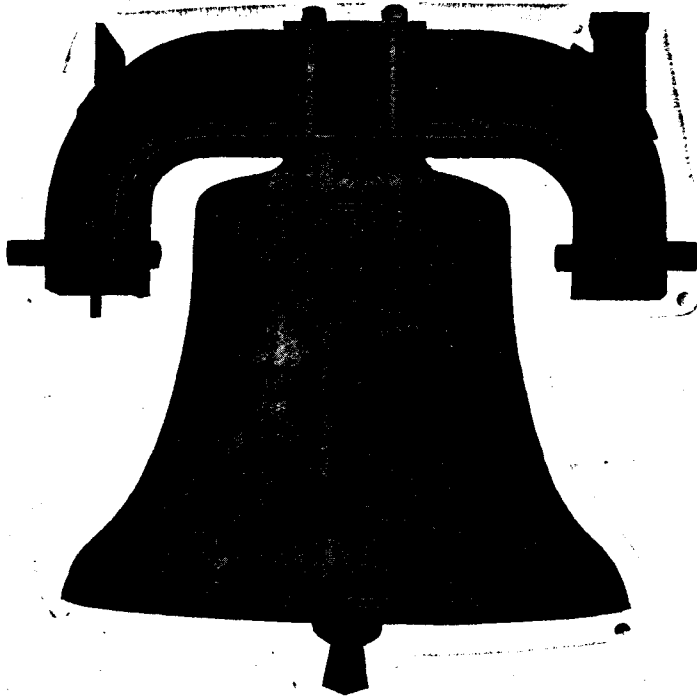
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 19th; Southwark Cathedral August 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited. F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec. 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

The Oldham and District Society.—The quarterly meeting of this Society will be held at St. Thomas's, Moorside, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to

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The Secretary of the ringers of St. Mary's, Dover, is Mr. H. C. Saywell, 45, Clarendon Street, Dover, to whom all communications respecting the bells should be addressed.

Ringers' Outings.**COSELEY PARISH CHURCH**

These ringers, this year, decided to go on a "Missionary expedition," and to visit the country villages of Trysull, Pattingham, and Patshull, permission having been previously obtained from the Vicar of each parish to ring at these Churches, and a special permit to visit Patshull Park, the seat of Lord Dartmouth.

Leaving Coseley Church at 12.30, in a two-horse conveyance, accompanied by Mrs. Gough and Miss Mullett, tracks were made towards Bilston, where the party was joined by Messrs. Bayliss Bros. of S. Martin's, Bradley, and later on at Blakenhall, by Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, of S. Luke's, Wolverhampton. Going via Penn Fields, they soon found themselves in the country lanes and enjoying the sweet smell of the new made hay. After a splendid journey, Trysull Church was reached exactly at 1.40, and soon the bells (a fine-toned peal of six) were pealing out to 26 scores Grandsire Doubles and a 720 Grandsire Minor, to the delight of the villagers. At 3.15 the journey recommenced en route for Pattingham, which was reached just before 4 o'clock. After ordering ham and eggs for tea at "The Pigott Arms Hotel," for 5.30, the church was visited, and all ascended the ringing chamber. Here the eight bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major were brought round and the bells lowered. It being now tea time all adjourned to the hotel and did full justice to the good things provided. After tea a move was made for Patshull Park, which was reached at 7.15, and after a good drive in the Park, the party came to the pretty little church, where the keys were found as instructed by the Vicar. Whilst some went in Church others went up to the belfry, which had been

painted and renovated specially for the occasion. After raising the peal of six bells, they were soon tapping off 120 Grandsire and 120 Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Minor till 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. It was now time to make tracks towards home, and after another ride for half an hour in the park, under the shady trees, all were glad to get out on to the main Wolverhampton road. Our own church was reached a few minutes past 11, one and all agreeing that it was the best outing they had experienced.

PARISH CHURCH, RAYNE, ESSEX.**RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION OF THE RING OF FIVE BELLS.**

We have been asked to insert the following appeal, and most willingly do so:—

The bells of our Parish Church have for some considerable time been in an unsatisfactory condition, and it has been decided to re-hang and quarter-turn the ring of five bells, strengthen the frame, etc., and add a new treble to make a ring of six. An order has been placed with Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to execute the work at a cost of £65. The scheme has the approval and warm support of the Rector, churchwardens and parishioners, but as we are a small agricultural parish, and other necessary additions and improvements to the Church are to be carried out at the same time at an estimated cost of £300, it is impossible for the whole of the money to be raised in the parish. At a meeting of parishioners we were elected a Committee for the purpose of raising funds for the Bell Restoration, and respectfully ask you to bring our appeal before the readers of your valuable paper, feeling sure they will give us what assistance they can. The smallest contribution will be most gratefully received.

The appeal is endorsed by the Rev. C. Hutchinson (Rector): J. Barnard, and W. E. Hawkes (churchwardens); and signed by B. Rugewell (Hon. Sec.), L. Richardson, G. Barnard, W. Turner, J. Clayden (ringers of Rayne Parish Church).

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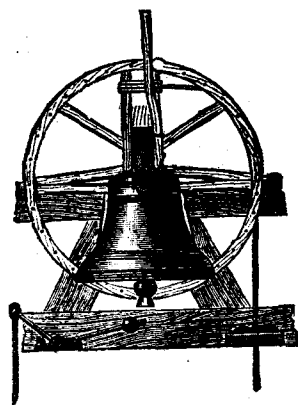
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H(AEC) TI (M) FPAN AFECERVNT ECPONI

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

The delightful old village of Cranham was visited for the first time on Saturday, July 26th, by the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Twenty-four members from Avening, Minchinhampton, Bisley, Stroud, Painswick, Barnwood and Coaley attended. The Rector, the Rev. H. R. Hanson, had kindly allowed the association the use of the musical ring of six bells from 3 p.m., and during the afternoon various touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. At 5.15 a service was held in the church, at which the Rector officiated, and the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung by the ringers unaccompanied. An excellent address was given by the Rector, who pointed out the great value of the Diocesan Association in linking all the ringers from the many parishes in the Diocese together in one great brotherhood which had been the means of lifting the office of the church bellringer from a secular one to a most efficient and useful body of church workers. After the service, by the kind invitation of the Rector, all were invited to tea at the Rectory, which was much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and for their kind hospitality. The Rector responded and thanked the association for their most welcome visit, and trusted they would visit Cranham again at some future time. It was unanimously decided to organise a local band of ringers at the earliest opportunity. The tower was again visited and the bells were rung in the Stedman and Grandsire methods till 7 p.m., when all the party left for Painswick, cycling, driving and walking, and at 7.45 the grand old ring of 12 bells were raised and some good touches were rung by the combined ringers till 9.15, all being delighted with the tone and go of the bells, and the most enjoyable, instructive and useful time spent amongst the bells and the kind friends of these delightful Cotswold parishes.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SPECIAL MEETING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

A special meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held on Bank Holiday at Middlesbrough, the assembly numbering about 40. The bells of the Parish Church were at the disposal of ringers from one o'clock, but prior to this a mixed band succeeded in recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Old Ormesby, a picturesque little village about 3 miles from smoky Middlesbrough. Ringers were present in the afternoon from Bedale, Hemingbrough, Marsky, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Ripon, Skelton, Stockton and West Hartlepool, and these had the additional pleasure of the company of the band of ringers from Shipley, who were spending the week end in the district.

Tea was provided at the Clifton Commercial Hotel, Middlesbrough, presided over by the president, the Rev. W. P. Wright, who was supported by vice-president, Dr. H. C. Pauli, the Rev. J. C. C. Kenn, Vicar of Ormsby, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (of Croydon, and Mr. T. Metnalfe, secretary.

After tea, the royal toast being duly honoured the President of the Association the Rev. W. P. Wright proceeded to address the company. In the course of his remarks he said he was pleased that the Middlesbrough band had rejoined their Association, and explained that it was in order to welcome that the Meeting had been arranged. He hoped that the Middlesbrough band would again become what it was in the days of old, a Tower of strength to the Association. Mr. F. G. Laverick responded on behalf of the Middlesbrough ringers, and thanked the Association for their kind welcome and good wishes.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon, who was present at the meeting, was elected a Life Member of the Association, and Mr. J. W. Passman, of Middlesbrough, an ordinary member. The Shipley ringers, through Mr. McFarlane of Middlesbrough, expressed their appreciation of the courtesy shewn to them by the members of the Association.

The belfry was again visited as soon as possible, and several well-struck touches were brought round. These included Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Stedman Double Norwich and Superlative.

DEDICATION OF ST MARY CRAY BELLS.

The public dedication of the bells of St Mary Cray Parish Church, following the recasting and complete restoration which they have undergone, together with the renovation of the church clock, took place on July 31st, the ceremony being performed by the Ven. Archdeacon of Rochester (the Rev. John Tetley Rowe). There was a very large congregation, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ball), whose health has of late very greatly improved, took part in the service. The total cost of restoring the bells, with the addition of a new treble making six bells bell-frame in the belfry, and the thorough overhauling of the church clock, has been as nearly possible £260. The restoration of the clock and bells of the church mark a very interesting feature in association with the parish, for at this time the Rev. E. Ball and his people are commemorating a quarter of a century's earnest and faithful work and service by the rev. gentleman as Vicar. It is 25 years ago that Mr. Ball from Farleigh came to St. Mary Cray, and one of the first and happiest peal that the ringers will be able to ring out on the restored and retuned bells will be that in honour of the Vicar's silver wedding, since it is also just upon 25 years ago that the rev gentleman brought his bride to St. Mary Cray and Mrs. Ball has every since been a devoted sharer in her husband's work.

The form of dedication service was that of shortened evensong. At an appropriate part of the service a procession was formed, the choir and clergy proceeded down the central aisle to the belfry. Here the Archdeacon offered

the special dedicatory prayers after which as the procession returned to the chancel, a few rounds were struck. The effect produced by the recasting and retuning were at once evident. The bells are lighter in tone, yet more resonant, while the harmonies produced by the retuning upon the latest method are most beautiful.

Previous to a short address, the Archdeacon referred to the absence of the Bishop, occasioned by illness; also to the 25 years faithful service rendered by the Vicar to the parish.

The Archdeacon then proceeded to speak on the subject of bells, taking as his text, Exodus xxviii., 33, 34 and 35. There were not, he said, many references to bells in the Holy Scriptures, neither in the Old nor New Testament, but the history of bells dated from a time earlier than anything they read about them in the Bible. The Egyptians had them, and so had the Syrians, the Greeks and Romans. Indeed, bells had formed a most interesting part in history; and when they came to the Christian period of the world's history it was astonishing to find how great a part they played. The first bell put into a Christian Church was in the Campagna at Rome; and the first order they had about bells to be rung in church was that given by their own Saxon King Egbert, who ordered the bells to be rung for the different services. The first tunable bells were used in 960 or just upon a thousand years after Christ. But when they came to look into the later period of the Church's history they were astonished to find the great use that was made of bells. He had had a lot to do with bells, and was very fond of them, and was interested in their weights. As far as Europe was concerned however, it was only in England that bells were really rung as they would hear them rung there after service. In appealing on behalf of the offertory that was being taken up that evening for the bell and clock renovation fund, the Archdeacon said he had never failed to get money for bells. He once made an appeal for bells, and the whole of the money needed was forthcoming in two days. He hoped the congregation would give as liberally as possible. He concluded by strongly advising the local ringers to become affiliated to the Kent County Association.

At the close of the service the clergy, choir, and congregation made their way to the Vicarage grounds, which had been illuminated for the occasion, and here a reception was held, the company being cordially received by the Vicar and Mrs. Ball, and the churchwardens. At the close of the service six members of the Kent County Association rang a 360 of Kent Treble Bob, standing as follows:—T. Groombridges sen., C. F. Johnston, W. J. Jeffries, J. Wheadon, C. Barnett sen., I. Emery (con.). The Archdeacon at the finish visited the belfry and congratulated the band on the striking. A touch of Bob Minor and 120 of Grandsire Doubles concluded the ringing.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, who was at the dedication was the recipient of hearty congratulations on all sides.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Monday, August 4th, the members of the above, accompanied by a number of friends, numbering 18 in all had their annual days outing. Leaving Reading at 7.45 a.m. for Twyford, where they had been previously invited

to breakfast by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. W. Ackworth. At the conclusion Mr. Osborne proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and Mrs. Ackworth for their kindness. It certainly made a splendid start for the day. The tower was next visited and the bells were soon going to the tune of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A course of "Kent" in which Mr. F. Dentry, the local captain took part, brought to a close the visit to Twyford. Soon they were wending their way towards Wooburn, which was reached after a splendid drive through the pretty country of Cookham and Bourne End. Here again the bells were set going to Stedman and Bob Major, Miss E. Goodship calling a touch of Stedman, and Mr. C. Higgs Bob Major. After a look round the Church and admiring the beautiful screen, a move was made for dinner, which was most admirably prepared by Mr. W. Mellett of Wooburn Green. The next place to visit was High Wycombe, and on arrival at the Parish Church the bells were soon off into Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Tea was the next item, all enjoying a cup of the refreshing beverage. The tower was again visited and a course of Treble Ten, also rounds on the beautiful peal of 12 was much enjoyed, most of the party ringing on 12 bells for the first time. Time going all too swiftly, the homeward journey of about 20 miles was commenced and Reading was safely reached about 11 p.m., all expressing their opinion that the day had been most enjoyably spent. The party desire to take this opportunity of thanking all who helped in promoting the day's enjoyment; also the respective vicars and ringers for the use of their bells.

THE WEST HAM SOCIETY.

The seventh annual outing took place on Saturday, July 26th, Sawbridgeworth and Harlow being the places selected. Arriving at the former place, tracks were made to the King William the Fourth, and after attending to the inner man Mr. W. Tarling, the obliging steeplekeeper conducted the band to St. Mary's tower, where the fine peal of eight were soon set going to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich. After an hour's ring a walk was taken round the town and back in the tower again at 11.30 a.m. This time we were reinforced by H. Torble who had arrived from London and this gentleman turned the tenor in one of his favourite touches of Double Norwich. Dinner time had by this time arrived and a return was made to the King William the Fourth, where 14 sat down to a good English spread, which all present enjoyed. On removing the cloth, Mr. W. Doran proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. O. Beverley and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. W. Tarling for making the arrangements. After another half hour ringing the party went on tramp to Harlow, two and a half miles (some thought them old fashioned ones). Arriving here further reinforcements were found in F. Doran and J. Moules who had arrived from London. But a little disappointment was met here as no steeple-keeper had turned up; but Mr. Tarling who had showed us the way soon obtained the missing key. Here the ringing consisted of the same as at Sawbridgeworth with the exception of some courses of Superlative. Ringers taking part were as follows:—T. Cranfield, F. Doran, W. Doran, A. Fiddes, A. Neale, F. Newman, G. Potter, J. Scholes, R. Sanders, W. Theobald, H. Torble, W. Truss, T. Joyce, J. Moule, S. Sharp, and H. J. Tucker who came over from Bishop's Stortford to assist,



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FORTHCOMING RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Swindon, propose holding their annual outing on Saturday, September 13th next. Programme.—Leave Swindon by 7.22 a.m. train, arriving at Bristol at 8.28, and board torpedo motor charabanc for circular tour extending to Wells or Glastonbury, and calling at several towers for ringing on the outward and inward journeys. Arrive in Bristol in time to catch the 7.50 p.m. train. A limited number of seats are available, and brother-ringers wishing to join the party are invited to send in their names at once to facilitate arrangements, to E. Bishop, "Myrtledene," Westlecott Road, Swindon,

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER X.

THE PROOF OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON, } Past Presidents of the
Revised by WM. SNOWDON. } Yorkshire Association.

As out of the five peals that have been rung in this method, it is extremely probable that only one was a true peal, the examination of this proof should be of much interest.* Following the mode of examination of Superlative Surprise Major, I now annex a treble lead, using the same method of marking the different rows to which attention will be called.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

Treble in	12345678	in
	21436587	in A
1-2 up	12463857	out
	21648375	out B
3-4 up	26143857	in
	62418375	in C
	62148735	in
	26417853	in c
5-6 up	62471835	out
	26748153	out E
	27641835	in
	72468153	in F
7-8 up	27648513	out
	72465831	out G
	74256813	in
	47528631	in H
7-8 down	74256831	out g
	47528613	out
	45782631	in h
	54876213	in
5-6 down	45786123	out e
	54871632	out
	58476123	in f
	85741632	in
3-4 down	58714623	out D
	85176432	out
	85716342	out d
	58173624	out
1-2 down	51876342	in a
	15783624	in
	51738264	out b
	15372846	out
	15738264	in

The repetitions of the rows in 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6 will be found numerically the same as in Superlative; that is, only two of the actual rows will be repeated if one of them is reproduced. In 7-8, four rows are reproduced, and here the number of proof-

* This was true at the time it was penned; so great has been the advance in ringing that it seems almost incredible!—Ed.

scale rows is again reduced to two. There is one curious feature in connection with Cambridge which is worthy of mention, that is, when the treble is in 3-4 going up all the rows are *in-course*, and when the same bell is in the same place (3-4) coming down, the four rows are *out-of-course*. It is, therefore, obvious that the rows going up cannot be reproduced coming down; but it will be found that the row going up before the dodge can be reproduced after the dodge; that is, C can be reproduced c, or c at C, and so on with D at d when the treble is coming down. These and all the other reproductions possible are, however, noted in the following table:—

Proof Rows	Possible Reproductions.	Rows taken from the first lead.	Position of Treble.
from 17582634	A at a	in	up
from 13452768	B at b	out	down
from 15783624	a at A	in	up
from 15234768	b at B	out	down
from 16547283	C at c	in	up
from 16843257	c at C	in	down
from 13628475	D at d	out	up
from 14268375	d at D	out	down
from 15326847	E at e	out	up
from 15347862	F at f	in	down
from 14382576	e at E	out	up
from 18342756	f at F	in	down
from 14326378	G at g	out	up
from 18347552	g at G	out	down
	H at h	in	
	h at H	in	

The lead-ends of a plain course must now be transposed by the "Proof-Scale Rows" to shew where the repetitions can occur when the tenors are kept together:—

(To be continued.)

HIGH WYCOMBE.—On Wednesday, August 30th, at All Saints Church, on the occasion of the marriage of H. Duncan Scott, Esq., of Egypt, to Miss W. M. B. Green, 1265 Stedman Caters, in 51 mins. R. Coles, G. White, E. Markham, W. Phipps, J. W. Wilkins, J. Gransbury, A. F. Ashman, B. Page, F. Hayes, F. W. Boxell. Composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins. Also 1299 in the same method, in 55 mins. F. Hayes, J. Gransbury, C. C. Mayne (first quarter-peal of Caters), A. F. Ashman, R. Coles, W. Phipps, B. Page, G. White, J. W. Wilkins, F. W. Boxell. Composed and conducted by F. Hayes

BASINGSTOKE.—On Tuesday, August 5th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rev. W. E. Colchester, Alice White, C. H. Jennings, F. G. Wilson, J. Ward, A. Burgess, J. E. Ballard (conductor), H. Knight. The Rev. W. E. Colchester and C. H. Jennings, for whom this was arranged, bail from Winchester and Wyke Regis respectively.

SUNNING (Berks).—On Saturday, August 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hands, A. Whatmore, A. Osborne, C. H. Jennings, F. Bennett, W. Webb, C. Giles, G. Essex. This was the first touch of Stedman by Mr. Jennings, who hails from Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY.

5056

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			-	-
25634		-		
53246	x			
24536			-	-
52436				-
43526			-	-
65324	-			-
26354			-	
52364			-	
36524			-	-
53624				-
46325	-			-
34625				-
23645			-	
64235			-	-
26435				-
42635				-
63425			-	-
54326	-			-
35426				-
42356			-	-
34256				-
23456				-

This peal (in twenty-three courses) has two pairs of bells reversed in 5-6, viz.: 4th and 6th and 4th and 5th. It has the 6th ten courses home extent on this plan, and has only one bob "Before" without 2nd or 3rd being in 6ths place. It is the first peal produced with these particulars in this number of changes.

TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By the same Author.

5120.

23456	M	W	H
24536		I	2
42635	2		2
65324	I	I	2
23564		2	2
32465	2		2

Repeated.

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HACKNEY.—On Sunday evening, August 10th, at the church of St. John-at-Hackney, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 52 mins. H. C. Alford, W. Hewett, E. E. Grimes, E. F. Pike, T. King, W. T. Powell, J. Hunt, A. W. Grimes (conductor). Tenor 24 cwt. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. C. GOBEY.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
54326	I	-		2
36245	I		I	2
32465			I	2
23564	2			2
65324			2	2
26543	2		2	2
25463			I	2
32654	2		I	2
64523	2	-	2	2
26432		-		2
62534	2			2
24536	2	-	I	2
25346	I	-	2	2
23456	I	-	2	2

4th and 6th extent 5-6, without the 2nd in 6ths. By using alternate calling for the seventh course the peal is 5088. Also for the fourth and seventh courses the peal is 5056.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By the same Author.

5184.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			-	-
62534	-			-
56234				-
25634				-
25346	-			-
32546				-
53246				-
24536			-	-
52436				-
64253	-			-
26435				-
26354	-			-
32654				-
65324			-	-
36524				-
53624				-
46325	-			-
34625				-
63425				-
54326	-			-
35426				-
42356			-	-
34256				-
23456				-

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. H. Barrett, H. Cook, H. Stevens, C. Hunt, G. Iles, B. Morris, F. Skevington (conductor), J. Willmott.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1913.

Mr. Frank Bennett's tour in the Leicester district, of which we made a note last week, came to a successful termination. Peals were rung at Anstey, Shepshed, Leicester (St. John-the-Divine and St. Mark), Loughborough and Stanford-on-Soar. Miss Hilda Willson rang in those at Anstey, St. John-the-Divine, Loughborough and Stanford-on-Soar, and established a record which will be hard to beat. On one day she took part in two peals. She is the youngest ringer to attempt such a performance, being little over 14 years of age. A record of the peals rung will be found in our peal columns.

The Middlesex County Association also carried out a ringing tour in Cambridge last week, on the invitation of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, and, as recorded in another place, succeeded in ringing peals at Long Stanton, Great St. Mary's (Cambridge), and in Huntingdonshire.

Ringers' Outings are, still the order of the day, and records of some will be found in our news columns. Prob-

ably the Newcastle Cathedral Guild eclipsed all records for they went across the sea to "Dear dirty Dublin." The report of the outing furnished by one of them makes interesting reading, and shows how much may be accomplished in a little time if but the will impels.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT R. GREEN Treble	LAWRENCE B. PORTER .. 5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 2	HENRY MANCHE 6
FRANK A. SMITH 3	FREDK. J. HARDY 7
HENRY T. GOWLETT 4	RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. J. HARDY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. William Hardy, brother of the conductor, to Miss Alice Witcher.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER, S.W.,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER* Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 7
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES† 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
FREDK. G. PERRIN 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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

Composed by Y. GREEN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble	ROBERT RAYNER 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	EDWIN WHITING 6
ALFRED BENNINGTON .. 3	WALTER RICHES 7
JAMES ADAMS 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BAMPTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Ponder, J. Monk (conductor), C. Long, W. Tanner, G. Plaster, W. Wells, J. Lardner, J. Tanner.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble	RUSSELL RICHES* 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT* .. 6
ALFRED BENNINGTON .. 3	WALTER RICHES 7
ERNEST LINCOLN 4	FREDK. SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.
*First peal in the method.

LISS, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN WOOLACOTT* Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS 4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER .. 2	ALFRED R. ELKINS† .. 5
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	CORPORAL G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Monday, August 4, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs. in G.

ALFRED R. ELKINS Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
ALBERT CROUCHER 2	CORPORAL G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER .. 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells,

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble	HENRY GARNHAM 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	FREDK. ROOPE 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	JOHN SNELLING* 7
GEORGE SNELLING* 4	FREDK. SHAGER* Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lb. in A flat.

ARTHUR E. MOORE Treble	ROBERT WILDING 5
GEORGE DEBENHAM 2	THOMAS FITZJOHN 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3	JAMES CHINERY* 7
JOHN SPARROW 4	HARRY A. TURNER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSOW, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

*First peal in the method.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch).

On Tuesday August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED HOWARD* Treble	THOMAS H. ASHLEY 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	HENRY WILLIAMS.. .. 6
EDWARD W. DUTTON 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
WILLIAM HUGHES† 4	ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.
*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells muffled as a memorial peal to the late Mrs. Maitland Wood, wife of the Ven Archdeacon Maitland Wood, who was formerly Vicar of this parish.

SELBY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON† 6
REV. A. T. BERSTON 2	JOHN MCKELL 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT* .. 8
THOMAS HAIGH 4	FRANCIS BAKER 9
WILLIAM PEARSON 5	SAM THOMAS Tenor

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

First peal of Royal on the bells. †First peal of Royal on tower bells. *First peal of Royal.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch).

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 3	JOHN BASS 7
ALFRED DAVIES 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM AUDSLEY* Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	REGINALD BROUGH 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON .. 4	WILLIAM FLOYD Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON Treble	ARTHUR HAGUE 5
WALTER H. WOOD 2	COLIN RYDER* 6
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	ALBERT H. WARD 7
CHRISTOPHER WARD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.
*First peal and first attempt.

DARLEY DALE, DEEBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Darley Dale Society).

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUN. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	EDWIN BLACEWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	JOHN W. DEEBYSHIRE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIRBY* Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5
THOMAS MURRAY 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
E. MAURICE ATEINS 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Rung for the Patronal Festival. For calling see C.C. Collection No. 175. *First peal in the method.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Biggleswade Branch.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN W. BARKER Treble	CHARLES A. PRATT 5
EDMUND J. HOBBS† 2	FRED BLOOD 6
JOHN HARE 3	WILLIAM J. MAYES 7
HORACE H. SMITH† 4	EDWARD HESSEY* Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal on the bells, which were originally a peal of five. These were recast and rehung with the addition of three memorial bells given by local residents to complete the octave. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well known Croydon firm, were entrusted with the work and of tuning them on the late Canon Simpson's five-toned principle. They have done the work in the very best manner, everyone speaking well of it. Barker hails from Bedford; Smith and Hobbs from Husbourn Crawley; Hare from Hitchin; Mayes from Old Warden; Pratt, Hussey, and Blood belong to Biggleswade.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN* Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT, MUS. B.E.* 4
FREDK. HAYES 2	JAS. BENNETT CORPL. R.M.L.I.* 5
GUY R. AMEROSE 3	FREDK. M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.

*First peal in seven methods. Arranged for V. A. Jarrett, and J. Bennett, of Chatham, and H. Holden (Mecpham); the rest belong to the local band. Rang as a birthday compliment to Fredk. Hayes, ringer of the 2nd.

TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale and Rossendale Branches).

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.**

EDWARD SCHOFIELD Treble	STANLEY PICKUP 5
LOUE SUTHERS 2	JAMES WHITEHEAD 6
HUGH REYNOLDS 3	WILLIAM ASHWORTH 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE Tenor

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

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 6th. It is 42 years since a peal of Major was rung on these bells.

PRIVETT, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARER'S 12-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F.**

REGINALD ROUTH* Treble	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.A. 5
HUBERT CHAFFY 2	ALFRED R. ELKINS 6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER† 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM G. ELKINS† 4	ALBERT E. KING* Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. ‡First peal on eight bells. A First peal of Triples with a bob bell. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to A. R. Elkins.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.**

EDWARD EVANS Treble	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	JAMES MOTTS 6
WILLIAM MOTTS 3	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL* 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

*First peal in this method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.**

JAMES HUNT Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5
ERNEST PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. Author's number 84.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (OXON).—On Monday, July 26th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, A. Brooks, H. Hollis, E. Brown, N. Spindlow, J. Monk (conductor), J. Brooks, G. Brooks. On Sunday, August 10th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. H. Long, C. Walker, E. Brown, T. Bull, J. Monk (conductor), J. Brooks, G. Brooks. For evening service, a quarter-peal was attempted, but came to an end through the breaking of a rope.

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

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Variation of Holt's Ten-Part.**

Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK DAWSON Treble	HARRY GREEN 5
WILLIAM GREEN 2	ROBERT FINCHAM 6
GEORGE H. COOKE 3	JESSE DAWSON 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	JOSEPH FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal by all except the conductor.

YALDING, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. .. Treble	JIM BEECH 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells after restoration by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

The following six peals have been rung by the Midland Counties Association:—

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.*On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.**

MISS HILDA F. WILSON* .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JAMES HOUGHTON 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JOHN OLDHAM* 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.*On Sunday, August 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.**

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. Treble	WILLIAM WILLSON 5
HARRY WHITTLE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
EDWARD JACKSON 4	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Edward Jackson, on his return to Western Canada.

LEICESTER.*On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

On the Royal Memorial Bells at the Church of St. John the Divine.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.**

MISS HILDA F. WILLSON* .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7
JAMES HOUGHTON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

LEICESTER.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY THORPE* Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WILLIAM THORPE* 6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 3	JAMES HOUGHTON 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANGES.
Tenor 30½ cwt.

MISS HILDA F. WILLSON* .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
EDGAR VALLANCE* 3	JOHN OLDHAM 8
HARRY WHITTLE 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
E. MAURICE ATKINS 5	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First attempt for Stedman Caters.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAM.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON* .. 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.**CAMBRIDGE.**

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

BERTAM PERWETT 1-2	ERNEST PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	WILLIAM D. JAMES* .. 9-11
GEORGE PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. J. Nudds. *First peal of Stedman Cinques in hand
First peal of Stedman on handbells in Cambridge.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St. James Society).

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Frederick G. Dewell... 1-2	Harry A. Turner ... 5-6
Frank J. Levitt ... 3-4	James Chinery ... 7-8

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Fredk. G. Dewell.
Umpire—Ernest Hunt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday evening, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Triples, in 46 mins. G. W. Wild (conductor), A. Walton,
H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, T. W. Welbourne, Arch. Miller,
Alec S. Miller, K. C. Wightman. Rung in honour of the birth-
day of the ringer of the 5th.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5088 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation.

Frederick G. Dewell ... 1-2	John Sparrow ... 5-6
Harry A. Turner... 3-4	Frank Levitt... 7-8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and Conducted by Frank Levitt.
Umpire—Alfred Ely.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Alfred Ely ... 1-2	Harry A. Turner ... 5-6
Frederick G. Dewell... 3-4	Frank J. Levitt ... 7-8

Composed by H. J. Tucker, and Conducted by Frank J. Levitt.
Umpire—William Goodship.

BOXLEY.—On Tuesday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grand-
sire Doubles was rung by L. Boxley, W. Gosling (conductor),
W. Hope, A. Baker, G. Pound, W. Kilpatrick. Rung with the
bells half muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. W.
Cheeseman, who was interred in Bearsted churchyard on this
date. He was for about 25 years a member of the Bearsted
band and the Kent County Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL.—On Wednesday, July 23rd, at the Cathedral, a
quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Chamberlain, C. H.
Chamberlain, H. R. Beresford, G. Padgett (conductor), W.
White, H. F. Clulow, E. Foster, F. Pickard. Rung as a fare-
well compliment to G. Padgett, who is leaving for Southwold,
his brother ringers wishing him every success. First quarter-
peal by the ringer of the tenor. W. White hails from Cotgrave,
Notts. On July 30th, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Chamber-
lain, T. Foster, H. R. Berresford, A. Brook, H. F. Clulow, H.
White (conductor), E. Foster, C. H. Chamberlain. A. Brook
hails from Colne, Lancashire. On August 3rd, 360 Bob Minor.
A. J. Chamberlain, J. P. Beeson, A. E. Wilson, E. Foster, G.
Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), H. F. Clulow. On
Wednesday, August 6th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. H.
Wilson, A. J. Chamberlain, H. F. Clulow, W. White (conductor),
E. Foster, C. H. Chamberlain.

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said:—"Smith of Derby will clock you in the best way, and as neat
eternity as possible."

THE NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

"Dear, dirty Dublin," was the destination of the members of the above Guild on the occasion of their annual excursion. Arriving at Manchester on Friday, August 1st, they were met by Mr. Harry Chapman, who, after lunch, conducted the party to Pendleton, where short touches of Stedman and Forward were brought round on the fine ring of eight. Then tea, and a visit to the Town Hall, where the party was increased by the presence of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. Catchpole and Atkins. A peal was to have been attempted here, but instead several touches were rung, as time was short and the weather very warm. Stedman Caters and Forward Royal were successfully brought round, and also a touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells. Between whiles the visitors were conducted round the tower, the remarks, humorous and otherwise, of the genial towerkeeper being much appreciated, and the general arrangement and equipment of the tower much admired. After a social half-hour with their Manchester friends, the party entrained for Holyhead, getting separated from each other in the process, owing to the tremendous crowd. However all turned up safely at Holyhead, and embarked on the ss. "Hibernia," which left at 2 a.m. precisely, and, after a smooth passage, enlivened by handbell music (touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and "The Blue-bells of Scotland" being brought round, much to the delight of the passengers), arrived at Dublin at 5.30 a.m.

After replenishing the furnaces, a gentleman not unknown in the ringing world, Mr. G. Lindoff to wit, was sought out. After introductions and a pleasant talk, the visitors were conducted to the well-appointed belfry of the noble Cathedral of St. Patrick. The bells were not raised here, the visitors being content with looking round, and commenting upon the thought, care and generosity which was apparent in every part. Then across to Christ Church where the bells were soon going to Stedman Caters. After leaving here the party quite accidentally encountered Mr. Richard Hibbert and his brother, who stayed with them the greater part of the evening. The visitors were now feeling the effects of their long journey, and after tea took the car to Dollymount, and had a walk down the pier, from which many felt inclined to bathe, but were afraid the tired frame would not stand it. Then a social half-hour, and to bed, after certain ceremonies, in which pillows played a great part, had been gone through.

No time was lost in the morning, all rising early, and several going to North Wall to meet the boat with their "Master" on board. He had been prevented by business from coming earlier, and now arrived looking happy and smiling. Two jaunting cars were chartered, and after a swift and pleasant journey the whole company sat down to breakfast, and the ham and eggs provided disappeared in fine style. Tracks were next made for St. Patrick's, where the magnificent ring of twelve were soon going to Stedman Cinques, the musical qualities of the bells being much admired by the visitors. Then St. John's was visited, and the visitors after a perilous climb of a flimsy looking helical staircase, which one of the party did not attempt, essayed to ring a touch of Stedman Caters, but found it impossible owing to the bad go of the 9th. The return journey was safely accomplished, though not without some nerve tremors on looking down on the worshippers far below. After dinner St. Patrick's was again visited, and a well-struck touch of Erin Cinques was successfully brought round. This augured well for the morrow, when

a peal in this method was to be attempted. A jolly and augmented party met for tea, and then a car-ride was undertaken, and a pleasant evening spent at Dalkey, which by the way is outside the 5-mile limit.

Monday dawned, and hopes were high. The band, including Mr. Richard Hibbert, met at St. Patrick's, and soon the bells were going to Erin Cinques in true peal fashion, but alas! after 2 hrs. and 10 mins. something went wrong in the turning course, and what was to have been the first peal of Erin Cinques in the Emerald Isle, collapsed. The attempt was a brave one, and the striking beyond criticism. Misfortune dogged the steps of the party this day, for in the evening an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters at the same tower, came to an untimely end after 2 hrs. and 40 mins. good ringing owing to the composition having a wrong turning course. A band for Cinques could not be raised in the evening. It is only fair to the conductor to mention, that he only received the figures for the peal of Cinques on the Saturday morning previous, and not being prepared for Stedman Caters, looked at the figures for 10 minutes only before starting, and had not time to prick over, to see that all was in order. The disappointment naturally was great, but the band consoled themselves with the thought that though beaten this time, they had given a good account of themselves.

On Tuesday morning a visit was paid to the famous brewery of Guinness, our good friend, Mr. Lindoff, having procured a permit. There the making of stout was followed with the keenest interest. A more interesting place the visitors have seldom seen, and they were much impressed with the wonderful cleanliness of the brewery, and the enormous size of the vats in which stout is stored previous to being exported. These vats are circular oaken receptacles capable of holding 1700 hogsheads, an amount sufficient to supply every soldier in the British Army with 2½ pints.

In the afternoon Bray, the Brighton of Ireland, was visited. A peal was to have been attempted on the eight here, but again misfortune dogged, the stock of the 6th being cracked, and rendering the bell unsafe for ringing. So a long walk along the cliffs brought the visit to a close, and the party returned to Dublin in time to catch the steamer.

To describe the beauties of Dublin would take too long, suffice it to say that it is beautiful, and well worth a visit. The Phoenix Park is magnificent, and worthy of such a city. The monuments are unique, and the Glasnevin Cemetery bewildering in its profusion of artistically wrought marbles.

Of how our conductor had a tooth drawn on Bray Head, and how he fared on Monday night after retiring to bed, 'tis best to draw the veil. Neither he nor the other members of the party are likely to forget it.

In conclusion, the Guild, through the medium of this paper, wish to thank the Incumbents and authorities for the use of the bells; Messrs. Lindoff and Townley, of Dublin, Mr. Chapman and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of Manchester, and all others who so willingly co-operated to make the outing a successful and enjoyable one.

The names of those who took part in the service touches and peal attempts at St. Patrick's are as follows:—Sunday morning, Stedman Cinques, J. A. Townley, J. Kemp, C. L. Routledge, G. Booker, R. Tait, B. C. Dixon, G. Lindoff, A. F. Hillier, J. E. Keen, W. H. Barber, R. Richards, J. W. Townley. Sunday evening, Erin Cinques, J. Kemp, G. Lindoff, C. L. Routledge, W. Lynch, R. Tait,

B. C. Dixon, R. Lynch, A. F. Hillier, J. E. Keen, W. H. Barber, R. Richards, J. W. Townley. Peal attempt, Erin Cinques. J. A. Townley, J. Kemp, C. L. Routledge, R. Hibbert, W. H. Barber, B. C. Dixon, G. Lindoff, A. F. Hillier, J. E. Keen, J. W. Townley, R. Richards, J. Noblitt. Peal attempt, Stedman Caters. J. Kemp, C. L. Routledge, G. Lindoff, J. W. Townley, R. Lynch, A. F. Hillier, B. C. Dixon, J. E. Keen, W. H. Barber, R. Richards. Tenor 45 cwt. The conductor throughout was W. H. Barber.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Harry Barton is The Country House, High Street, Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

LONDON.—On Thursday, July 24th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. N. Runham, T. Groombridge, jun., A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy, F. V. Martin. On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 1176 Stedman Triples in 43 mins. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, W. H. Taffender, R. N. Runham, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. V. Martin.

CLOSORTH CHURCH BELLS.

A SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, Castle Green, Bristol, have just completed a successful contract at Closworth. It consisted of taking down the fourth bell, recasting and tuning same to harmonize with the remainder of the ring; repairing the frame by inserting pieces of new oak to take the bearings; stripping the bells of their present fittings and providing each with a complete set of new mountings and rope. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out, and all concerned are to be congratulated upon its efficiency.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, August 5 720 Cambridge Surprise. Corpl. Bennett, R.M.L.I., F. Hayes, F. Mitchell, G. Ambrose, M. Digby (conductor), J. Burles. First in the method by Corpl. Bennett, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Mitchell, father of the ringer of the 3rd. M. Digby hails from Swanscombe.

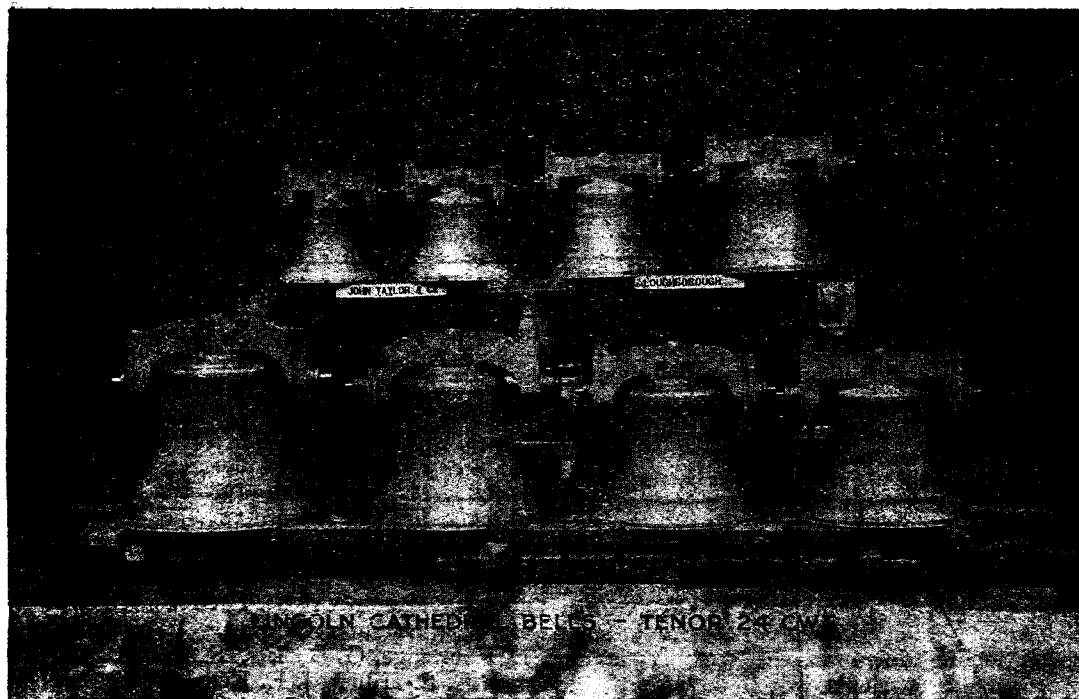
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THE OPENING PEAL AT BOREHAM.

By G. F. M.

I remember once having been invited by an esteemed colleague to take a rope in the opening peal of ten bells at an important town. Friendship had no doubt prompted my friend to choose me in preference to so many more able ringers who had sought the favour and honour of the occasion. In a spirit of ambition and enthusiasm I gladly accepted an offer which, on more sober thought, I might have declined, for there were amongst the company stars of the first magnitude. I felt like a dwarf among giants. However, by sheer luck, the peal of Stedman Caters was brought home, and my bell, which sometimes had deviated from the right path, eventually found its true place.

On Monday, July 28th last, another invitation to an opening peal at Boreham, Chelmsford, awaited my acceptance. The day was fine, and I mounted Pegasus with the vigour of younger days. Taking time by the forelock, thus allowing for accidents such as punctures, loss of memory, etc., I found an hour or two to spare as I approached Boreham. The unpretentious church tower peeped above the splendour of stately trees, now clothed in their summer beauty, looking as if loth to associate itself with the modern conceptions of civilization. Near the church neat and pretty cottages repose in the bosom of the old sanctuary, the Vicarage adjoining. Here, "among ye flowers, I tell ye hours," says one sun-dial, and on another, "Our lives are but as a shadow."

In the distance the railway locomotive dashes along with lightning speed, hurrying its human freight of giddy excursionists to the seaside, where pleasure gilds her deceitful palaces for those who seek not the peaceful shades and serenity of the countryside, where true joy dwelleth, inviting her few guests to taste the delights of simplicity and freedom.

As previously reported, the old peal of six at Boreham have made room for another two bells. This improvement is mainly due to the untiring exertions of Mr. A. Edwards, the tower warden, and the generosity of the entire parish, Rev. Canon Hulton making up the deficiency of contributions required for immediate completion. The bells were dedicated by the vicar, Rev. D. N. Yonge, on Sunday, 27th July. Credit is also due to Messrs. Warner for the excellent finish of the new bells and the work generally.

At 5 p.m. a representative company of ringers arrived to attempt the opening or first peal. Their names have been recorded in the peal list. So intent were they upon getting on with the peal that several scorned the idea of wasting time at the tea-table. Not so the writer, who found comfortable accommodation at the village inn, kept by Mr. Church, a name very appropriate for bell-ringers to remember.

Having adjusted our ropes and garments, and in order arranged by our careful conductor, A. Edwards, we soon launched forth into the near and far places of Double Norwich, Mr. A. Head, as usual, doing full work on the tenor, in the absence of an old friend, W. H. Judd, who generally mounts the pedestal of Hercules. After one or two collisions in righting ourselves, the bells settled down to an unbroken spell of over three hours. As soon as the order to "stand" had been given the shouts of villagers smote upon our ear in appreciation of our success. The heroes of Balaclava did not return from the scene of action with a greater sense of honour and glory. Though in strict parlance we had achieved but little, yet were our hearts glad in the interest awakened by the additional two bells.

To consummate our felicities in the scoring of the first peal we repaired to the hostelry, where change-ringing and tune-playing on the handbells followed a liberal spread.

A course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Cooper, Shufflebotham, Lincoln, Kirton, and Margetson, ended, so far as the visitors were concerned, the events of the day. As we lighted our lamps for departure, the handbells were going again. Fainter and fainter their sound became, as in the darkness of night we sped towards our homes, till finally they were lost altogether, and we were left to our own reflections.

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 August 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 19th; 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.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited. F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec. 86, Gaskarth Road, Balbam Hill, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. Walter Hughes, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 3.30. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec. Shottery.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

105, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. 33, Langham Road, Blackburn. J. Watson, Branch Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th. The bells (10) will be available. N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne, Staffordshtre, on Saturday, August 30th. The bells will be available at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock to be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. F. Nicholas. Business meeting afterwards.

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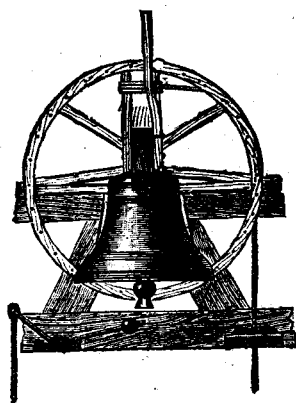
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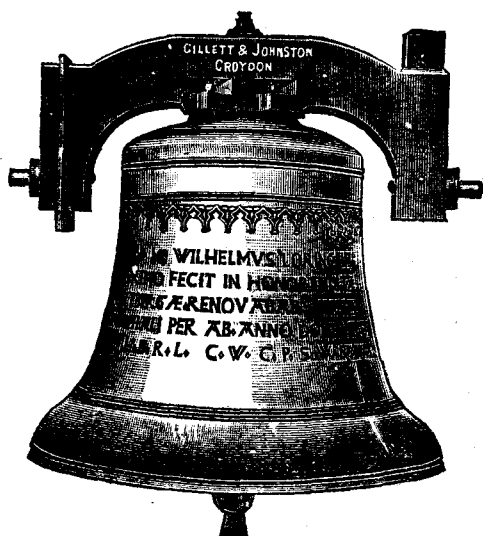
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RING OF EIGHT FOR CORNWALL,

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO LATE VICAR OF GULVAL.

At Gulval Parish Church, on August 8th, a large number of parishioners and others gathered for the dedication of an augmented peal of bells and a tower clock in memory of the late Vicar, Rev. W. W. Wingfield, who was in charge of the parish from 1839 to 1912. These expressions of appreciation have been subscribed for by the parishioners and a few outside friends. In the tower has been erected an automatic clock with four 5ft 6in. dials in black and gold. The clock is controlled by batteries which require attention about once in twelve months. The hours and half hours are struck on a tenor bell which weighs 12½cwt. The mechanism which drives the hands is entirely dissociated from the other mechanism, so that the time-keeping qualities of the clock will not be in any way affected by adverse climatic conditions. Gulval claims the honour of possessing the first electric public clock in the county, as there is not one nearer than Torquay. Two treble bells have been added to the belfry, and Gulval has now a full peal. The new bells have been supplied and hung by Messrs John Warner and Sons Ltd., of London.

The excellent splice and the musical quality of the treble bells, which are tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, leave nothing to be desired, and the whole peal is a credit to the Spitalfields Foundry.

At a later date a suitable tablet will be placed on the walls of the tower, and a tablet for the little church at Trythall is in course of preparation. The whole of the work has cost £364, which has been spent under the direction of an energetic committee, with Mr. J. F. Williams as its chairman.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev Canon Maddrell, Rev W. B. Tremeneere (Madron), A. T. Boscawen (Ludgvan), and J. T. Inskip (Vicar of Jesmond (Newcastle), who some years ago was vicar of St Paul's, Penzance.

After a touch had been rung upon the bells Mr R. F. Bolitho mounted to the ringing room and dedicated them to the memory of the late vicar, who was their friend and guide for 73 years. The late vicar was a man of the highest integrity, the soul of honour, and the memory of him would always remain engraved on their hearts.

A special form of service was used, the lessons being read by the Revs. A. T. Boscawen and W. B. Tremeneere and the prayers by the Vicar.

ADDRESS BY THE REV J. T. INSKIP.

The dedication address was given by the Rev J. T. Inskip, who spoke from I Cor. iv, 15. He said that one of our leading journals has recently stated that the most influential person in English life to-day was the country parson, and that his power must be broken at all costs. It was a striking testimony, coming as it did from a hostile quarter, but it was sad that the exigencies of party politics should allow such a deduction to be drawn. In the public Press and in the House of Commons men and movements were often misunderstood or misrepresented,

but in the real life they are seen in a very different light. If critics could only come down to such a parish as that they would realise how beneficent a country clergyman's regime might be. They might have come at any time and seen for themselves in what light the Vicar was regarded. They might have come on any special occasion in Mr Wingfield's incumbency, on the fiftieth anniversary of his becoming Vicar, or the sixtieth or seventieth, or on that day last November when they stood beside his open grave, and on any of these occasions they would have heard but one opinion of their friend. Mr. Wingfield was the doyen of English incumbents, and no other came quite near him in length of service in one parish. Age—venerable old age—was venerated to-day, even though it was said to be the day of young men. Born before Waterloo, proceeded the preacher, Mr Wingfield lived in six reigns. He was Vicar of Gulval under seven Bishops—his first thirty years under the redoubtable Henry of Exeter; his last 43 under the strenuous Temple; Benson, the first Bishop of Truro and founder of the Cathedral; the saintly Wilkinson; Gott, the builder of the nave of the Cathedral; Stubbs, the poet Bishop; and the present holder of the See.

At the beginning of his incumbency the railway system was scarcely started, and it was impossible to travel by train from London to Penzance. The telegraph was unknown, and many present-day necessities of modern life still undreamt of. Municipal Reform had only lately come to pass. The poor law unions, in the working of which, locally, Mr. Wingfield took a leading part, were then new. The Reform Act was of but a few years standing. As dean rural of Penwith, Mr. Wingfield was commissioned by Bishop Philpotts, over sixty years ago, to hold an inquiry into the practice of Mr. Gorham, in administering the sacrament of baptism at St. Just Church. The preacher went on to say that Mr. Wingfield came to Cornwall in days when its churches, so eloquent to lovers of the Duchy, were valued but little. Robbed often of what we now regard as priceless possessions; damaged ruthlessly in many ways by vandal hands; treated too often with scant respect by the clergy and churchwardens, their churches were frequently the abode of slovenliness and dirt. That church was from the first the object of Mr. Wingfield's reverent care. Under his hand both church and churchyard became a sanctuary of grace and beauty, receiving from time to time such enrichment and addition that the gifts dedicated that day left but little for the future to provide. That parish church was not the only object of Mr. Wingfield's devotion, for up the hills, some miles away, amid the gorse and the boulders, and near the haunts of pre-historic man, nestled the little church which Mr. Wingfield built for the hamlets of Trythall, Carfury and New Mill. He loved his parishioners, and though not a Cornishman, he became one by adoption, and won his way to the people's love by the love wherewith he loved them. He shewed his devotion in time of epidemic—as did some of the other clergy of Cornwall—his wife joining him in self-sacrificing care for the sick and dying, and even for the dead. An outcome of this characteristic love was his courtesy and consideration,

The present age was often blamed for the decay of manners, and their young people might take a note of the exquisite courtesy which marked Mr. Wingfield. His own humility gave him the right to warn, as it was in itself a speaking example of the right temper, as also a standing warning against the sin of pride.

The surplised choir, with Mr. C. L. Taylor at the organ, led the singing.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

This last meeting of the Yorktown District brought a good number of visitors to the various towers during the day. Ringing was commenced at Hersham at 10.15 a.m., and, after touches in various methods had been brought round, a move was made to Walton, some going by cycle and others on foot. Here there was an hour's ringing before dinner. At 2.30 the new peal of eight at Oatlands Park were raised in peal, and to enable all to have a pull, the touches were short and sweet. One of the churchwardens (Mr. Neighbour) welcomed the party on behalf of the Vicar, who was away, and stayed till the end of the ringing. Having a desire to ring some changes on ten bells, a course of Grandsire Caters, on handbells, was rung in the churchyard, after the tower bells had been lowered in peal. At 3.45 the party proceeded to Chertsey, where ringing took place from 4.30 till 6. Owing to Chertsey being without a Vicar, no clergyman was present at tea, and after justice had been done to an excellent repast, Mr. F. Shepherd, sen., took the chair for the business meeting.

In his report the Ringing Master referred to the loss the district would sustain by the departure of Mr. C. J. Hamblin, who was leaving for New Zealand.

Mr. Hamblin thanked those present for the kind words and good wishes expressed, and remarked that what little he had done had been done purely for the love of ringing.

Four new members were elected, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks. More ringing at the church and some handbell ringing at the meeting-room concluded a very pleasant day. A feature of the day's programme was the appearance at all four towers of Mr. W. Weatherstone, who is to be congratulated on the fine form he shewed in all methods rung. Very few ringers are able to add four towers to their list in one day after reaching their 70th birthday.

HOW ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH, GOT ITS RING OF TWELVE.

The addition of two bells to the ring of ten at the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower came about in a rather strange and unexpected manner. It was described in a letter by Mr. R. M. Phipson, written to the "Ipswich Journal" some years ago. He wrote:—

"I was anxious that the peal should be increased to 12, and a subscription was started for this purpose, but after months of labour, only about £140 could be in this way obtained. I, therefore, reluctantly gave the order for the old peal to be re-hung.

"About a month after doing this I was standing in Tavern Street when Mr. Cobbold came by, and stopped and asked how the works were progressing. In the course of conversation I told him about the bells, and that I had

been disappointed in not obtaining a peal of 12. 'How much do you want?' he asked. '£160,' I replied. Walking with him to the end of the street, we were just parting, when he abruptly said, in, I believe, the very words I now give: 'Phipson, I have known you many years, and can trust on your secrecy; order the peal you wish, and you will find some day the £160 paid into your account, but never tell anyone whilst I live. I shall not even tell my wife. When I am buried have the great bell tolled, and after that you may tell anyone you like.'

"The result was the peal was hung. Some months afterwards, in looking through my banker's book, I found that a Mr. Johnson had paid £160 to my account. Not at the moment associating it with the Tower bells, I went to my bankers, and asked for information. All they knew was that a Mr. Johnson had remitted, through some London bankers (whose name they gave me) this sum to my credit, and expressed surprise that I knew nothing about it. The truth immediately dawned on me, but the money coming in this way, I thought it best to take no notice of its receipt, and although I have seen Mr. Cobbold many times since, neither he nor I ever alluded to the matter in any way. In the name of Johnson I fancy I detected a quiet play upon words—he was John (Cobbold's) son."

APPEALS FOR FUNDS.

The appeals for money for bells are not things of recent growth, neither is opposition to bell-ringing. A news cutting from a publication of some 30 years ago has been sent us, which deals with a discussion at the Court of Common Council on a motion to make a grant towards a new bell for St. Paul's.

The article in question says: "The motion to contribute £300 out of the City's cash towards defraying the cost of another bell has been rejected. The mover offered nothing that could be called an argument in support of the motion, and the seconder contented himself with appealing to such sentimentalism as he thought the Court might possess on the subject of the metropolitan Cathedral. Unfortunately for both, as well as for the Dean and Chapter, the Court, with the exception of one or two of its members, is devoid of all sentimentalism on this subject on this subject. The Court indeed regards it in a truly utilitarian spirit. What is the good of more bells, when there are bells enough and to spare already? The Court goes further than this, and does not conceal its opinion that the Church bells are a nuisance rather than a delight in the City. It may, or may not be exactly the case, as was suggested that at a certain hour of the day the citizens generally invoke the opposite of a blessing on the Corporation for having by previous grants enabled the Cathedral authorities to ring more bells than they were wont to ring; but it is a fact beyond dispute that there is a very strong sentiment throughout the City against the desire on the part of the Dean and Chapter to add another to the already superfluous tongues of St. Paul's."

The correspondent who sends this interesting item adds that evidently the two questions prominent in the minds of ringers to-day, were in the forefront thirty years ago, viz., the want of funds for new bells, and the opposition to ringing on the ground of its being a nuisance.

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Ringers' Outings.

CHRIST CHURCH (WANSTEAD) SOCIETY.

On the afternoon of Saturday, August 9th, the members of the above Society, with Mr. H. Rumens (Secretary of the South-western Division Essex Association) paid a visit to Orsett Church. Leaving Leytonstone at 3 o'clock by motor car, they journeyed by way of Ilford, Hornchurch, and Ockendon, arriving at Orsett at 4.30. That genial friend, Mr. A. Keeling, was awaiting them at the Church gate, fearful that they had succumbed to the proverbial punctures, and was quite relieved to find that nothing more than a few mineral water bottles had been disturbed at Hornchurch. Having raised the bells, touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob were indulged in till 5.15, when an adjournment was made for tea. Arriving at Mr. Keeling's residence, a most sumptuous tea was waiting, which had been provided by Mrs. Keeling, who is evidently well acquainted with ringers' appetites. Returning to the Church, a 720 of Plain Bob was rung, followed by an attempt for 720 of Kent, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 18 minutes. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles was then indulged in, after which the bells were lowered, the time having passed all too quickly. Taking leave of Orsett friends, an enjoyable evening drive brought the party back to Leytonstone by 10 o'clock. Thanks are due to the Rector for the use of the bells; to Mrs. Keeling for providing tea; and Mr. Keeling for making arrangements for the visit, which they hope to repeat at some future date.

PLYMOTHIANs TAKE A TRIP.

At the invitation of the President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly), a party from the Plymouth Branch of the Devonshire Guild paid a visit to the picturesque village of Portlemouth, and had a ring on the six bells recently erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This little place lies just across the harbour from Salcombe, where the Rev. M. Kelly was formerly Vicar for 13½ years. Leaving Millbay they journeyed to Kingsbridge, where they were joined by Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, who was spending his holiday in the neighbourhood.

The first stop after Kingsbridge was at West Alvington, where the bells were soon set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, etc. The present Bishop of Marlborough was formerly Vicar here. Extremely pleased with the comiartable ring, the party proceeded to Marlborough, a large church with a peal of six. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were again rung, but not with the pleasure experienced at West Alvington.

The next stopping place was Salcombe, and as the party were passing the vicarage, a large tree was pointed out to them which Mr. Kelly had planted when resident there. At the Temperance Hotel the party sat down to a substantial lunch, which was very much enjoyed. Mr. Walter Marsh, on behalf of the party, thanked the Rev. M. Kelly for his generous hospitality. A start was then made for the main object of the trip. A little motor boat took the visitors across the harbour, and then! Ye Gods! What is this? Mont Blanc! Did you ever, gentle reader, try to ascend a mountain after a good feed. But the party were rewarded by a most enjoyable ring; Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by Walter Marsh. There was a single bell here for years, which Mr. Kelly used to hear on the opposite side of the

water. When he found there was to be a peal of six put up, he asked Mr. Taylor to let this one remain as tenor. This has been done, and a very pretty peal they make.

The hill having again been safely negotiated, the party embarked on the steamer for Kingsbridge, a pleasant little run of four miles up the river. Here they took train for Brent, where arrangements had been made for a ring, but the sexton had given the party up and gone home. He was however found, and the bells raised, and two 6-scores rung, which concluded a most enjoyable day, so far as ringing went. Nothing else remained but the journey home, which was safely accomplished.

BOLTON RINGERS AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

The members and friends of the St. James' Society, Bolton, Bradford, made Middlesbrough the headquarters at the holiday week end, the occasion being their first annual outing. They were met by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, who had made the necessary arrangements, and after tea visited St. Paul's, Thornaby-on-Tees, where touches in different methods were rung. On Sunday morning an early tour of the docks was made, and after breakfasting the visitors rang for morning service at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough. Places of interest were inspected, and much pleasure was experienced at the opportunity of going over the transporter bridge. After dinner, the party made their way to Ormesby, where they found a beautiful peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), and gladly accepted the invitation extended to them by Mr. T. Metcalfe to ring for service.

On Monday morning, Saltburn-by-the-Sea was visited, the company being met by Mr. Littleton and Mr. Laycock. The beautiful peal (tenor 23 cwt.) delighted the ringers in the touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples that were rung. Returning to Middlesbrough a visit was paid to the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, which was being held in the town, and this concluded a very enjoyable excursion in which the party received the heartiest possible welcome on all hands. They desire to thank the various Vicars for giving them permission to ring, and all who helped to make the trip such an enjoyable one.

BURNHAM BAND AT PLYMOUTH.

The Burnham (Somerset) band made the most of a long day on the occasion of their annual excursion. Accompanied by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. Champion and J. Prior), and a few friends, they left Burnham at 7.45 a.m., journeying by motor to Highbridge, where they entrained for Plymouth, which was reached at noon. The party then took train for Devonport where a capital dinner awaited them at Day's Imperial Restaurant, after which they took steamer to Saltash. Here they were met by Mr. S. B. Rogers, and the bells at the Parish Church were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. Later the band returned to Plymouth, and after tea a move was made to the Charles Church, where, with the help of some of the Plymouth ringers, touches of Triples and Caters were rung. The rest of the day was spent in visiting the sights of Plymouth till 9.45, when the homeward journey was commenced, Burnham being reached at 2 o'clock on the following morning. The ringers wish to thank the clergy and others for the use of the bells; Mr. S. B. Rogers for getting permission and meeting them at Saltash, and Mr. Marsh, who did all he could to add to their pleasure.

BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE LEWIS, Ecclesfield.

5008.

23456 W 5/4 B H

53264 S - -

34265 - - -

45263 - - -

24563 - - -

52463 - - -

23465 - - -

35462 - - -

43562 - - -

54362 - - -

42365 - - -

25364 - - -

23564 - - S

52364 - - -

24365 - - -

45362 - - -

34562 - - -

53462 - - -

32465 - - -

25463 - - -

42563 - - -

54263 - - -

43265 - - -

35264 - - -

32564 - - S

45326 - M -

34526 - - -

53426 - - -

42536 - - -

54236 - - -

25436 - - -

43526 S - -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

24356 - S -

32456 - - -

43256 - - -

25346 S - -

32546 - - -

53246 - - -

24536 - - -

52436 - - -

45236 - - -

23546 S - -

W 5/4 B H

52346 - -

35246 - -

42356 - S

34256 - -

23456 - -

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Rung at Rotherham, conducted by C. Glenn.

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1264.

23456 W B M H

23645 - 2 -

64235 - - -

24536 - - -

53246 - - -

25346 - - -

32546 - - -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

34256 - - -

23456 - - -

1264.

23456 W B H

52364 - I -

35264 - - -

23564 - - -

56234 - - -

25634 - - -

32546 - I -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

34256 - - -

23456 - - -

Rung at St. Mary's Church, Bocking, on July 21st, 1907, conducted by its author.

1280.

23456 W B H

45236 - - -

24536 - - -

52436 - - -

35264 - I -

23564 - - -

23645 - I -

64235 - - -

26435 - - -

42635 - - -

34256 - I -

23456 - - -

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1913

Mr. C. H. Hattersley writes, re the peal published in our last issue under his name:—"In a very courteous and friendly spirit Mr. Dains has forwarded to me ocular proof that the peal in your last issue is a reproduction, and really belongs to Mr. Dains. Therefore I unhesitatingly withdraw my claim to the composition."

Mr. George Jutson wishes to make a correction to the footnote of the peal of Minor rung at Maxey on August 4th. Two peals have been rung there since 1849—one in 1895, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James; the other in October, 1903, conducted by Mr. T. Murray. Mr. Jutson tenders apologies to those concerned.

Mr. C. Edwards wishes to withdraw his claim to having rung first peal on Liss bells. He finds that the first peal on the bells was rung on April 13, 1903, conducted by Mr. A. B. Bennett.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields

Foundry, have secured the order for a new ring of eight bells, tenor about 15½ cwt. for the Parish Church at Daresbury, Cheshire.

Reference to the advertisement of Messrs. Warner & Sons, on another page, will disclose an important alteration in the status of Chelmsford Parish Church, the new bells of which are to be dedicated on Sept. 27th. Up to now the church has been designated the pro-Cathedral, but the passing of the Additional Bishops' Bill will enable the new See, together with those of Sheffield and Suffolk to be formed. These have been needed for a long time, and the endowments are already provided, so that nothing now stands in the way of the realisation of the wishes of Churchmen in the matter. Whilst they may congratulate themselves on the result they have not much to thank Parliament for, seeing the amount of obstruction which the Church has met with at the hands of Nonconformists and Radicals in her efforts to carry on her spiritual work. This opposition is nothing short of a scandal, and serves as a means of estimating the value of the friendly professions of their leaders.

A rather belated report of a trip by a few members of the Plymouth branch of the Devonshire Guild recalls recollections of days spent in the neighbourhood of Portlemouth in the time of a vicar before the Rev. Maitland Kelly. The village can be reached in no other way than by walking, when the start is made from the Salcombe side, standing as it does well up the side of a steep hill, which puts vehicular traffic out of the question. And what a climb it is only those who have been there have any idea. The exclamations of the party are only variants of others that have been made in the past. The trials of the ascent on a warm summer day are by no means equal to those of the descent on a winter evening with a light covering of frozen snow on the ground. Then things are apt to be a bit exciting, with just a spice of risk in the undertaking. The party that went there on August Bank Holiday had a truly glorious trip.

The Metropolis.

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

On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	FREDK. J. HARDY 6
ALFRED B. PECK 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	ERNEST PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

On Monday, August 18, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE* 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 6
RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD 4	FREDK. J. HARDY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

*First peal in the method. Mr. Jennings hails from Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The Provinces.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Called ten different ways. Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. BROWN Treble	J. BALDWIN 4
H. A. HARDY 2	F. SMITH 5
W. HALLS 3	H. HARDY Tenor

Conducted by F. SMITH.

First peal by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor. First peal on the bells by the local band.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGORS AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDMUND WEBB Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER 4
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 2	ERNEST G. HIBBING 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,

(North Bucks. Branch).

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE,

*First peal of Treble Bob.

HOMERTON.—On Sunday morning, at St. Paul's Church, 740 Kent Treble Bob Minor (12 bobs). A. Prior, W. Theobald, J. Scholes, G. Dawson, W. Truss, H. Torble (conductor).

LONDON.—On Wednesday, August 13th, at St Mary's, White-chapel, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. H. Jennings, T. Walker, E. Wallage, T. H. Taffender (conductor), R. N. Runham, M. F. R. Hibbert, A. D. Barker, C. W. R. Grimwood.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM .. Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4
HARRY W. GAYTON .. 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS .. 5
EDWIN YATES .. 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Messrs. Yates and Tompkins were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 21 cwt.

E. PARKER .. Treble	W. BENNETT .. 5
W. HOYLE .. 2	H. MOORE .. 6
G. STACEY .. 3	G. ATKINS .. 7
SID. MASON .. 4	W. THORNE* .. Tenor

Conducted by G. ATKINS.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS .. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5
FRANK R. COPEMAN .. 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 6
GEORGE MOY .. 3	JOHN MOY .. 7
A. G. BENNINGTON .. 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.
Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PRECY C. ARTIS .. Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN .. 5
FREDK. KNIGHTS .. 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON* .. 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN .. 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN .. 4	WILLIAM STEELE .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.
*First peal of Treble Bob.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT .. Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE .. 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 2	EDWARD TRENDALL .. 6
FREDK. G. BRETT .. 3	JOHN WILLIS .. 7
EDWIN G. BURSDEM .. 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. Tenor

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BURSDEM.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This peal and the peal rung at Canterbury, were arranged for J. Willis, of Peterborough, who was visiting Canterbury.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SRN. .. Treble	ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 2	CHARLES F. WOODS .. 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN .. 3	ERNEST LINCOLN .. 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 4	WILLIAM STEELE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

F. TOWNSEND .. Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 5
E. T. GREEN .. 2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6
WILLIAM A. GARRARD .. 3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7
HAROLD JAMES .. 4	ALFRED OSMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is the first peal in the method by Harold James, who is 18 years of age, and it was his first attempt. He is thought to be the first native of Poole to ring a peal of Stedman. The peal was arranged for Messrs. Garrard on the occasion of a visit to the district.

A "WILLIAM" PEAL.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE .. Treble	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5
WILLIAM HEWITT .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEW .. 4	WILLIAM WARNE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. Treble	JOHN STENTON DANIELS .. 5
LOUIS ATTWATER .. 2	FRANK N. ATTWATER* .. 6
ROBERT GRIMWOOD .. 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH .. 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER .. 4	GEORGE LIDDIARD .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

*First peal in the method.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch).

On Tuesday, August 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

RICHARD KEEN .. Treble	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. 5
ALBERT BROOKS .. 2	JOHN MONK .. 6
HERBERT HOLLIS .. 3	JESSE BROOKS .. 7
JOSEPH LARDNER .. 4	GEORGE BROOKS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS Treble	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6
EDWARD TRENDLE 2	CHARLES W. BRETT 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	JOHN WILLIS 8
PERCY J. PAINE 4	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 9
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 5	GEORGE J. JENKINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the birthday of Mrs. Helmore, the wife of the Hon. Secretary of the Association, the members of the band wishing her many happy returns.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HENRY FYLES Treble	THOMAS MURRAY 5
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
JAMES R. GRIFFIN* 4	HENRY OWSLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S 12-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK ATWELL Treble	JOHN BUTLER 5
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
JOHN BULLEN 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	FREDERICK STANHOPE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. Walter Wallace hails from Derby, and was elected a member previous to starting. Mr. Joseph E. Sykes belongs to Huddersfield.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 5
HARRY FARLOW 2	BENJAMIN CLARK 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	DANIEL JONES 7
ANDREW JONES 4	CHARLES A. DAREY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. A. Darby and Miss E. M. Prince, who invited the band to a sumptuous feast at the conclusion of the peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 1008 Double Norwich. F. Borrett, A. Smith, C. Baker, F. Burrows, C. Roope, T. Fitzjohn, E. Whiting, F. Roope. On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, 1024 Oxford. F. Borrett, C. Brice, J. Tann, H. Garnham, G. Gower, H. Adcock, C. Tann, T. Adcock.

DEVIZES.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING 5
THOMAS HOGSFLEBB 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
LOUIS A. WILSON 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
FREDERICK C. RICH* 4	SYDNEY HILLIER Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED R. ELKINS* Treble	THOMAS MACK 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 2	CORPORAL G. GILBERT, R.E.* .. 6
HERBERT CHAFFEY 3	WILLIAM J. READ* 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

*First peal of Major. Arranged for Miss E. Steel.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TEIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	LEONARD F. TAYLOR 5
WALTER S. WISE 2	RICHARD KENDALL 6
WALTER G. ROWE* 3	WALTER FARLEY* 7
DAVID WRIGHT 4	ROBERT ETHERRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

*First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Mr. W. Farley, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Wells, Somerset.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREELE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qs. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WILLIAM ROOPE 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	THOMAS FITZJOHN 6
FREDERICK ROOPE 3	FREDERICK BURKOWS 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch).

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFEAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
HARRY THORPE 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE 7
ERNEST A. NIDD 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL 8
REV. C. J. STURTON 4	FRED TURNER 9
J. FRANK PROCTOR 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th its extent wrong in the tittums and inverted home positions.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HDEERT J. BLACKWELL .. Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 5
FRANK I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ISAAC EMBRY 3	WILLIAM HEWETT 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Handbell Peals.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR. 5040 CHANGES.

WALTER PERKINS 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3-4	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

*First peal away from the tenors.

ANOTHER RINGER GOES SOUTH.

Still another Surrey ringer has gone to join the growing band of Surrey ringers who have gone South. This time it is Mr. C. J. Hamblin, of Woking, who sailed last week for Auckland, New Zealand, where he is assured of a hearty welcome from those who have gone before. Together with his wife and two daughters, he has gone in the ss. "Athenic" to join his two sons. Mr. Hamblin is one of the original band formed at Hersham when the bells were put in some twelve years or so ago. He has always been a regular attendant at service ringing and practice, and has been able to render valuable help at other belfries in the district. Mr. Hamblin takes with him the best wishes of a large circle of ringing friends in West Surrey, by whom his departure is much regretted, and who intended to present him with some tangible token of their regard. He has, however, had to leave England before the gift—a gold bell pendant—was ready, and it will be forwarded to him. He has placed to his credit a number of peals up to Double Norwich, and was much disappointed at not being able to ring a peal of Superlative before he left. On Sunday week two quarter-peals were rung as a farewell. In the morning, at Oatlands, 1260 Stedman Triples was rung in 43 mins. by F. E. Dawe, W. Shepherd (conductor), H. Walters, J. B. Hessey, C. J. Hamblin, F. G. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, and A. E. Gray. In the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung in 43 mins. at Hersham by G. Edser, sen., A. Woodrow, C. J. Hamblin, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd (conductor), W. A. Woodrow, A. F. Shepherd, and J. Emery.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLVERLEY.—On Sunday, August 10th, at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. F. Shaw, C. H. Woodberry, W. Smith, W. H. Porter, H. Martin, A. Morris. Conducted by H. Martin. First quarter-peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the Church Parade of Court "Wolverley Old House" of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the parish for Birkenhead. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and 4th. Messrs. Woodberry and Smith belong to Kidderminster; the rest to the local band.

THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, BOLTON.

The first portion of the new Church of St. Barnabas, Bolton, is now completed and consecrated. The portion erected consists of east end and chancel and apse, also side chapel for weekday and other services, clergy and choir vestries, and organ chamber, also first three bays of nave and side aisles, and basement, with heating cellar, etc. This leaves 2 bays of the nave and the west-end tower for future extension when funds permit. The church has been built both inside and outside with best Accrington bricks, with brick window arches, brick piers, and nave arcade of dignified proportions. The roof is boarded and felted and covered with tiles in various shades, and the internal roofs are barrel shape, with moulded ribs, cornices, etc., in selected pitch-pine. A marble floor of suitable design has been laid to the chancel and altar pace, and also the altar pace of side chapel and baptistery, and the aisles and passages are tiled, and floors under seats and to vestries boarded. The present portion provides seating accommodation for 300 worshippers, to be increased to 500 in the complete church. The cost of the portion now erected is about £4,500, and the completed church, with tower, will cost about £7,500. The Early English style of architecture has been adopted.

BELFRY RHYMES.

The following lines are in Gulval Church, Cornwall, the new bells of which were dedicated last week:—

Good Sirs! our meaning is not small,
That God to praise assemblies call;
And warn the sluggard when at home,
That he may with devotion come
Unto the church and join in prayer;
Of absolution take his share.
Who hears the bells, appears betime,
And in his seat against we chime,
Therefore I'd have you not to vapour,
Nor blame ye lads that use the clapper,
By which are scar'd the fiends of hell,
And all by virtue of a bell.
You ringers all, observe these orders well!
He pays his sixpence that o'eturns a bell;
And he that rings with either spur or hat,
Must pay his sixpence certainly for that;
And he that rings and does disturb the peal,
Must pay his sixpence or a gun of ale.
These laws elsewhere in ev'ry church are used,
That bells and ringers may not be abused.

Accordingly to Halliwell's Dictionary of Archaisms and Provincialisms, "Gun" is a north country word for a large flagon of ale. "Son of a gun, implies a merry, jovial drunken fellow."

FORTHCOMING RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Swindon, propose holding their annual outing on Saturday, September 13th next. Programme.—Leave Swindon by 7.22 a.m. train, arriving at Bristol at 8.28, and board torpedo motor charabanc for circular tour extending to Wells or Glastonbury, and calling at several towers for ringing on the outward and inward journeys. Arrive in Bristol in time to catch the 7.50 p.m. train. A limited number of seats are available, and brother-ringers wishing to join the party are invited to send in their names at once to facilitate arrangements, to E. Bishop, "Myrtledeane," Westlecott Road, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

We cull the following from the Annual Report of this Association for 1912:—

During the year 1912 the Association rang a total of 26 peals, an increase of three on the preceding year. They were rung on 18 different rings of bells, and only in one case were there more than two peals on the same bells, and this was at Painswick, where five were rung.

Two peals call for special mention, viz., the first Surprise peal ever rung by a band composed entirely of clergymen, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association.

The work of forming the Ruri-Decanal Branches, which has been going on quietly since the meeting at Gloucester in December, 1909, has now been completed. We trust that the improvement in the prospects of the Association already noticed, may be more than maintained in the future.

At the Annual General Meeting, held at Chippenham this year, the hon. treasurer, in presenting the balance-sheet, warily thanked the branch hon. secretaries for the way in which their accounts had been sent in, saying that it was a great improvement on previous years. In this connection we would appeal to the general body of our members to assist in every way possible in lightening the labours of our hon. secretaries. If the members at each tower would appoint one of their number to act as correspondent, to receive the notices of meetings and to collect the subscriptions and hand them over to the branch secretary early in the year, his work would be considerably reduced.

We wish to call attention to Rule VIII., and especially to the latter part of it. In future this Rule will be strictly carried out. The list of peals will be checked by the list of members, and if in a peal the name of any ringer appears who has not paid his subscription for the year in which it was rung, the peal will not be included in the Report.

The balance-sheet shewed receipts amounting to £72 2s. 4d., and expenditure £36 14s. 4d., including a balance in hand of £35 8s. 0d., as compared with a balance of £24 15s. 4d. from 1911.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

We have been asked to open our columns for an urgent appeal on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn.

A fund has been started, and the sum already received is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
From his fellow-workers, per Mr. A. Howell	2	10	0
Anonymous	2	2	0
From Chelmsford and Boreham ringers, per Mr. Cooper (Chelmsford)	2	12	6
Vicar and Churchwarden of St. Ann's	1	1	0
Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0
Rickling, Newport, Essex, Ringers, Mr. A. B. Wiften	0	4	0
Loughton Ringers, per Mr. E. Wightman	0	8	0

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Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday, August 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280 changes) in 52 mins. A. L. Coleman, W. Malins (conductor), H. O. White, W. Taylor, C. W. Wheeler, J. B. Fenton, J. W. Chandler, J. George. Composed by James George. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Arthur L. Coleman to Rugby.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

PETERBOROUGH.—On August 15th, for practice at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Jutson, F. J. Cooke, J. J. Jutson, T. Vaughan, H. Beechey, A. H. Pulling (conductor). Also 240 Kent and 360 Oxford Bob, with W. Waldron, L. F. Dainty, G. Jutson (conductor).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 38 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson, T. G. Deal, W. H. Daynes, E. B. Crowder, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), W. A. Knott. On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. W. H. Daynes, F. W. Richardson, T. G. Deal, R. Fosdike (first inside), A. G. Bennington, E. B. Crowder (conductor), T. Easterby, C. H. Macklin.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

GUILD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, KENNINGTON.

KENNINGTON.—On Sunday, August 17th, for Divine Service at the Church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. S. Garnett, G. W. Wild, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, T. W. Welbourne, Arch. T. Miller, Alec. S. Miller (conductor), K. C. Wightman.

NOTE.—The quarter-peal published in our issue of August 16th, under Ancient Society of College Youths, was rung by the above Guild and in the above tower.

GORING, OXON.—On Wednesday, August 20th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. Miss Dora Hopgood, W. Aldridge, A. Mobey, J. Smith, F. Hopgood (conductor), J. Bower.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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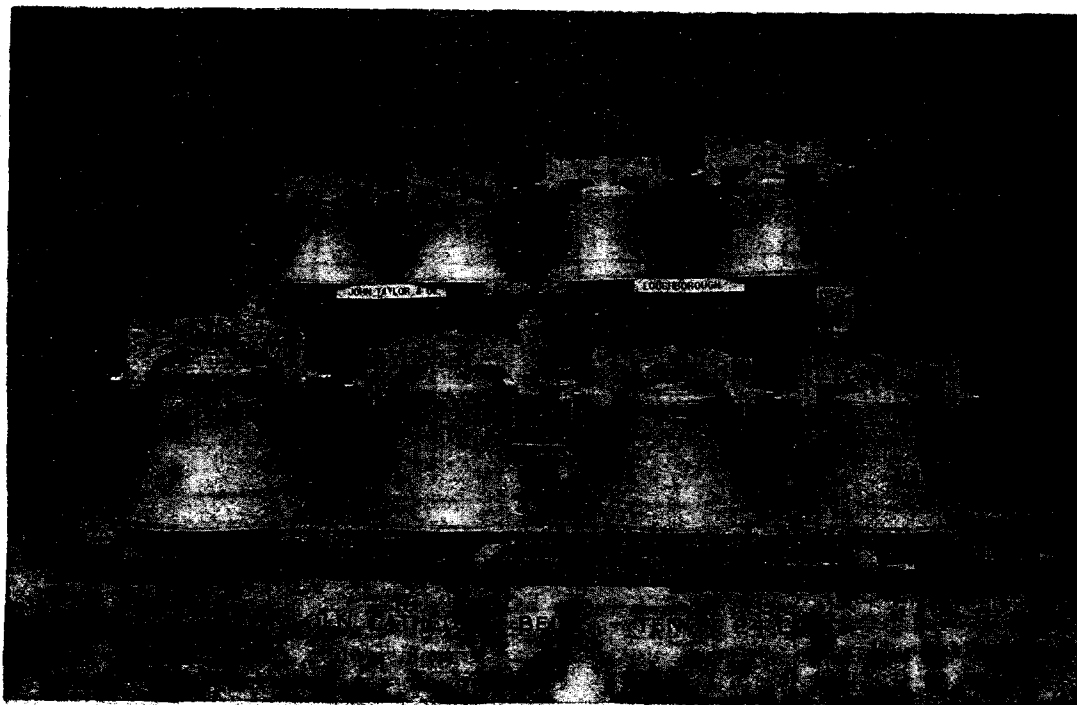
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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 30 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 28th; 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 Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 3.30.

C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Shotton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

105, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

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

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th. The bells (10) will be available. N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne, Staffordshtre, on Saturday, August 30th. The bells will be available at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock to be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Nicholas. Business meeting afterwards.

66, Himley Road, Dudley. Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Clay on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton. A. King, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Institute at 5 o'clock. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, August 27th.

William Watts, Dis. Sec.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, and if possible at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury. Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall at 5

o'clock. Members will oblige by notifying me by Wednesday, September 3rd their intention of attending the meeting. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to H. Rumens, Hon. Dis. Sec. 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday next, August 30th. Bells ready at 3.30. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending who send in their names not later than Wednesday, August 27th, to

Harry Wakley, Sec.

140, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

LYMINGE (Kent).—Will ringers please note that, with the hearty approval of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Rutty, M.A., all who desire the use of the bells for peals, etc., should address the newly-elected Captain, Mr. G. Fisher, Well House, Lyminge. Sunday ringing—10.15 a.m., and 5.45 p.m. Practice night—8 p.m. on Thursdays.

W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., Oxon., F.R.C.O., Hon. Sec.

PARISH CHURCH, FRODINGHAM.

The parish church of St. Lawrence Frodingham, North Lincolnshire which has been enlarged and beautified has been reopened. The cost has been about £6,000. The diocesan architect, Sir Charles Nicholson is responsible for the design, which, while given more than double the seating accommodation—over 600—has retained all the best features of the old church, including the old tower. The greater part of the old church was of the Transitional period, 14th century. The new part is mainly Gothic. The old nave is merged into the new, with an entirely new north aisle. The new chancel is side by side with the old ehancel; the old chhncel, containing the monuments of the Healey family of Ashby Decoy, being the side chapel. The sanctuary in the new portion is extended eastwards beyond the eastern part of the old church. The north wall of the nave is carried on pillars, made of Ancaster stone. The outer walls are Frodingham ironstone and brick, with Ancaster stone dressings. The old south doorway has been preserved, rebuilt, and used as an entrance to the clergy and choir vestries.

BARNES (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. *F. Ashford, E. H. Cook H. Stevens, H. Crook, A. J. Smith, †J. Wilmott, B. Morris (conductor), *G. Wilmott. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

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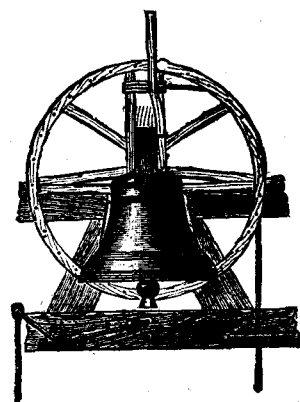
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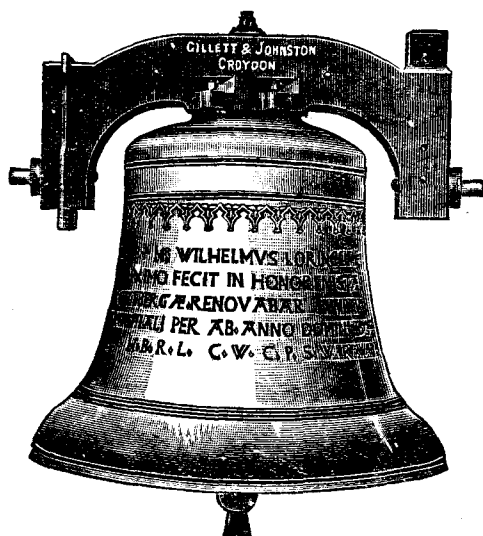
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dated, but with an inscription in Saxon
characters, which he assigns to the
twelfth century.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Bassett by members of the Winchester District on Saturday last, the Bishop of Southampton having extended a kindly invitation to all the members to meet him at his residence, South Hill. His Lordship had also invited a number of friends to meet them there. On arrival the members were very heartily welcomed by the Bishop and his friends, and found tea already prepared in the lovely garden attached to the house.

After tea Mr. J. W. Elkins, the popular hon. secretary of the district, in suitable terms, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for having given the members the opportunity of meeting together there, for his kind hospitality, and for the use of the bells.

The Bishop, in replying, said it was a real pleasure to him to have another opportunity of meeting the ringers, and to be able to express to them his high appreciation of their work as church officials. He was also very gratified to know that several of them combined the two offices of choirmen and ringers. His Lordship further said he always felt sorry when he heard, as he sometimes did, of a good ring of bells in a tower hanging idle for lack of ringers, and of some good ringers eager to exercise their Art, who would become good church workers, but who found no bells in the neighbourhood in which their occupations had placed them. It was a pleasure to him to have been able to invite them that day, and he hoped they would make the most of the opportunity.

After a most delightful stroll round the spacious grounds the visitors made their way to St. Michael's Church, where the Vicar had very kindly placed the bells at their disposal for the evening, and touches in various methods were brought round. Some members visited North Stoneham on the way down, and rang some touches there. Mr. George Williams (the general secretary of the Guild) and Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Captain of the Cathedral band), were present, together with representatives from Barton Stacey, Bishopstoke, Twyford, Bassett, North Stoneham, Dibden, Bishop Sutton, Kingsworthy, Hursley, Southampton and Winchester. Very sincere sympathy was expressed with Canon Braithwaite (the Chairman of the district) who, owing to ill-health, was unable to attend.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The August monthly meeting was held at Hatton on Saturday last, and although the number attending was small a very pleasant afternoon was spent, and, as an opportunity for good practice, left nothing to be desired. The church stands well away from the village on the side of the main road which runs between Warwick and Birmingham. It has been very well restored in recent years, and the ring of six in the tower are of pleasant tone, with a tenor of 12½ cwt. They have recently been provided with new ropes, and apart from the feel of the rollers on

the back bells, go well. The belfry is on the "ground" floor, and might be improved by having a curtain which could be drawn across while ringing was in progress. Members put in an appearance from Allesley, Warwick, Rugby, and Stratford-on-Avon; the Ringing-Master and the Hon. Secretary being also present, while in addition were two visitors—the Messrs. Stone from Burton-on-Trent, who were staying in the district. Word came along the next day that the Rev. E. V. Cox was the Church at 5.25 p.m., and had proceeded to Warwick for tea on finding the belfry deserted. As it happened, members had only adjourned fifteen minutes before for tea at "The Falcon" wayside inn, and ringing was in full swing again at 7.0 p.m. Two of the local band rang well in some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, but it is a pity that, with the Doubles band they used to have here, the bells are so often silent on Sundays now. The other methods rung were Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, and Ront Treble Bob Minor. The ringers present desire to express their thanks to the Rev. R. J. Hopkins for his kind permission to ring, and also the sexton for having the tower ready for the meeting.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL OUTING AND BUSINESS MEETING.

The members of this Guild combined business with pleasure when they visited Margate for their annual outing. An early start was made, and on arrival a visit was paid to St. Peter's Church where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, Messrs. C. W. Player and C. Tribe sharing the calling. Among those present were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of the Cambridge University Guild. Master. J. C. Pitman, of Lyminge, rang his first touch of Triples. Dinner was served at Austen's Restaurant, after which St. John's was visited, and under the conductorship of Messrs. Oxborrow and Pitman Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. After tea the bells of St. Laurence were at the service of the visitors, and here Mr. C. W. Player conducted through touches of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Tribe presided over the business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at New Romney, on Sept. 13th, in conjunction with the Ashford District whose annual meeting was being held there on that date. Mr. Billenness (the Master) wrote, re the monthly peal, that efforts were being made to get Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, to conduct a peal of Stedman at Appledore on August 30th. Mr. Hart would be at Rye on that day, conducting the quarterly peal for the Sussex Association (Eastern Division) and he had been asked to come on to Appledore. Master J. C. Pitman was elected a member of the Guild. Thanks were tendered to the clergy who had given permission to use the bells, and to Messrs. Saxby and Twyman, for the splendid arrangements they had made for the reception and comfort of the visitors. The outing was voted a great success. Representatives were present from Appledore, Ashford, Lyminge, Rye, Salehurst, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden.

ST. GEORGE'S, JESMOND, NEWCASTLE.

After a lapse of many years, the bells of the above Church were rung open for the practice of change-ringing last week. Although the "open" ringing was of very short duration, the fact that a practice took place is a most gratifying result of the indefatigable efforts of Professor Potter to promote change-ringing in this tower, where hitherto "stoney" has obtained. We are pleased he has convinced the authorities of the claims of change-ringing, and wish St. George's every success.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

THE PROOF OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON, } Past Presidents of the
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The lead-ends of a plain course must now be transposed by the "Proof Scale Rows" to show where the repetitions can occur when the tenors are kept together. This is done in the following table.

Treble	False in	First (H) Lead	Second	(Call: B) Third	(M) Fourth	(W) Fifth	(Result: B) Sixth	Seventh
1-2	(A at a B at b a at A b at B)	2345678 7582634 3452768 5783624 5234768	5738264 6845273 7385624 8647253 8573624	8674523 2438576 6748253 4236587 4867253	4263857 5374826 2634587 3572846 3426587	3327486 8763452 5273846 7865432 7322846	7856342 4627385 8597432 6428375 6785432	6482735 3256748 4826375 2354768 2648375
3-4	(C at c c at C D at d d at D)	6547283 6843257 3628475 4268375	2836547 2437586 7254368 3524768	4572836 5376842 6583724 7853624	8365472 8762435 2847653 6487253	4728365 4625378 5436287 2346587	3654728 3258764 8372546 5732846	7283654 7584623 4765832 8675432
5-6	(E at e e at E F at f f at F)	5326874 5347862 4382576 8342756	8752463 8736425 3745862 4735682	4683327 4672358 7638425 3678245	3248756 3265784 6274358 7264538	7534682 7528643 2563784 6523874	6873245 6854237 5827643 2857463	2467538 2483576 8456237 5486327
7-8	(G at g g at G)	4326578 8347652	3752864 4736285	7685423 3672548	6248357 7265834	2534786 6528473	5873642 2854367	8467235 5483726

The places where repetitions in the above table can occur are underlined.

N.B.—It will now be seen that in every lead except the fourth, false rows occur when the tenors are together, and in the following table I have arranged these rows, previously

marked by the line beneath them, along with the different course-ends from which they are produced.

False Course-ends.	False Lead end
from 46253 produces C in 1st lead at c in 5th lead	6547283
from 46253 produces c in 5th lead at C in 1st lead	4625378
from 46253 produces d in 3rd lead at D in 6th lead	7853624
from 46253 produces D in 6th lead at d in 3rd lead	8372546
from 43265 produces G in 1st lead at g in 1st lead	4326578
from 24365 produces b in 2nd lead at B in 3rd lead	8573624
from 24365 produces B in 3rd lead at b in 2nd lead	6748253
from 24365 produces a in 5th lead at A in 6th lead	7865432
from 24365 produces A in 6th lead at a in 5th lead	4627385
from 32546 produces e in 2nd lead at C in 5th lead	2437586
from 32546 produces C in 5th lead at c in 2nd lead	4728365
from 32546 produces D in 3rd lead at d in 7th lead	6583724
from 32546 produces d in 7th lead at D in 3rd lead	8675432
from 32465 produces H in 7th lead at h in 7th lead	5483726

Before proceeding to examine these different false course ends, I would remark that in Superlative Surprise the proof was much simplified from the fact that the leads in the false courses (which would produce false rows against the leads of the plain course) were always found to act against the leads of the plain course which were on the same side of the calls at the M or W. My meaning will, perhaps, be better understood if the table, similar to the foregoing one, of the false course-ends of Superlative Surprise be examined. It will then be seen that in the proof of Superlative b in the second lead of the plain course has to be compared with B in the third lead of the false course; G in the second with g in the second; and B in the third with b in the second; these leads all being previous to the calls at the M or W. The remaining places to be compared are all in the fifth and sixth leads, and thus it is that in Superlative the actual course-ends of the peal were first transposed by the false course-ends and compared; and, that, as a subsequent and distinct operation, the natural course-ends (found by transposing for bobs at home) were then transposed and compared by their false course-ends.

In Cambridge Surprise, however, further considerations arise.

(To be continued.)

FALSE TOUCH.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Will you allow me to call attention to a false touch in Snowdon's "Grandsire," namely, Shipway's 1064 of Triples, on page 57. This runs true only as far as the half-way single. It is the old, old class of error only to be avoided by comparing both the hand and backstroke lead of the single with the previous handstrokes. Shipway published this touch in his book in 1816, and this is, I believe, the first time its falseness has been pointed out. My thanks are due to Mr. G. H. Cooke, of Metheringham, Lincolnshire, for drawing attention to the matter.

Yours, etc.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

The St. Nicholas Guild at Bristol are nothing if not original in the way they spend their annual holiday, and it is very doubtful if there is at the time of writing, a band of ringers who are regular members of one tower, that have ever left the shores of England for an annual outing as the St. Nicholas ringers have done. This year it was arranged to visit the Channel Islands, and on Friday, August 1st, the majority of the Guild met at Temple Meads Station en route for Southampton, where they embarked on the South-Western steamer "Lydia" at 1 a.m., Guernsey being reached about 8 a.m. after a fairly good passage, with about 1½ hours of boisterous weather thrown in, making those of the passengers who were not good sailors begin to feed the fishes. Fortunately the party proved to be made of the right material for boat trips, as not one felt any ill effects of the rolling of the boat, and every man reached Guernsey and their lodgings fit to eat his hat if need be. It may be well to mention that it does not require sea trips to sharpen the appetites of Bristol ringers, especially some belonging to St. Nicholas Guild, and the writer will not soon forget what vanished out of sight when a crab supper was put on the table. Does the eap fit?

One of the pleasures anticipated during the outing (permission having been granted), was to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at the Town Church (St. Peter Port), the bells of which had quite recently been re-dedicated after being recast by a French firm. The bellhanger however had but a scanty idea of hanging bells for change-ringing, as it was soon found that to attempt a peal was out of the question, for the bells were rehung with the old stocks, etc., the chief aim being to favour the best way to fix the chiming apparatus for chiming. This meant that sliders and other important accessories were ignored; this soon became apparent when the bells were being raised, and it was with great difficulty the bells were rung round, which damped the spirits of those whose thoughts were of attempting to ring a peal in Guernsey.

An inspection of the frame, etc., soon convinced the men that it would be a difficult matter to ring decently, and it was then the handy men of the party whose eagle eyes discovered that the grease pot, some string and some labour and patience would improve matters a little. It was however decided to start for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. This came to grief after ringing nine courses, the tenor man not being able to keep the bell up. The inside men were also gradually wasting from the honest sweat which dropped from their manly brows, and had had quite enough for one day. However, not to be denied the pleasure of being able to record the first quarter-peal on the bells, it was arranged to meet to ring for the evening service on the Sunday, with two men on the tenor. Again failure has to be told, and again nine courses were rung when a general collapse occurred. A course of Major and some Grandsire Triples were rung after some difficulty. An English bell hanger would do much good in the tower. There is also a very nice ring of six bells at the Vale Church some two or three miles out, which were rehung by Warner and Sons some few years ago, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung before morning service to the consternation of the local ringers. These men had stands in the centre of the belfry with cards shewing in figures the bells to take. They could not understand how it was done without having anything to guide them. The

following stood in the 720: G. Wiltshire, treble; F. G. May, 2; F. K. Howell, 3; F. W. Wade, H. T. Howell, J. Long, tenor. Conducted by F. G. May. This is the first 720 ever rung in Guernsey. On Monday a visit was paid to Sark, very interesting to archaeologists but not to bellringers; and some of the stalwarts were leg weary and tired scaling the heights and having to tramp practically all over the island before returning to Guernsey. Nevertheless the day was an enjoyable one. Tuesday, August 5th, saw the first break up of the party, three having to return to their duties at Bristol. Others went on to sample sunny Jersey, and spent several enjoyable days visiting notable places of interest, etc., the last of the party returning to Bristol on Saturday, August 9th. The following members made the visit: H. T. Howell, F. K. Howell, J. Richmond, J. Long, W. Bevan, F. W. Wade, G. Wiltshire, C. Scull and F. G. May. Regret was expressed that all the members of the Guild could not avail themselves of so unique an outing, which has been acclaimed as being absolutely the best ever arranged by or for the Guild, although a few years ago Paris was visited on the occasion of the annual outing, but it did not meet with the same amount of approval. There is a hint dropped that a trip to Canada would make a decent outing for 1914. Will all interested kindly note, and send names early to avoid disappointment.

COSELEY, STAFFS.

A "missionary expedition" was indulged in by the Coseley (Staffs.) Parish Church company for their annual outing, the villages of Trysull, Pattingham and Patshull being visited. Accompanied by Mrs. Gough and Miss Mullett, Messrs. Bayliss brothers, of Bradley, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, of St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, the party had a pleasant drive to Trysull, where the fine-toned ring of six were utilised, and two 6 scores of Grandsire Doubles and 720 Grandsire Minor were rung to the delight of the villagers. At Pattingham, where tea was partaken of, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Darlaston Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major were rung. In the evening, Patshull Park, the seat of Lord Dartmouth, and the pretty little church were visited. In the newly painted and renovated belfry, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor were rung before the horses' heads were turned for home, which was reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing.

ASTON RINGERS AT EVESHAM.

The ringers of Aston visited Evesham for their annual outing, and were accompanied by Messrs. Carter, Godden, Morris, and others. They were met by Mr. Middleton, who conducted them to the tower, where Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on the fine peal of ten. Host Moreton, one of the local ringers, served up a splendid dinner, after which Mr. W. H. Godden proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens of Aston for their kindness and consideration in providing the ringers with an outing and supper every year. Thanks were also accorded the tower-keeper (Mr. James Jones), for his services, and mention was made of the regular attendance of the band at Sunday ringing. Mr. M. J. Morris seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. A pleasant evening was spent with handbells and singing.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
56234			2	2
64235	2	X	I	2
24365*	I	X		I
46325	I	X		
23645	I	X		2
63425†			2	I
32465	I	X		

Repeated.

This composition contains 4, 5, 6 the extent in 5-6. They are exclusively in 6ths place at course-ends, 2nd and 3rd never. Alternate calling may be used in * course in either or both parts, when changes will augment to 5088 and 5120 respectively, while other variations of this peal are obtainable. This is the first peal in two equal parts with these qualities in this method. By use of alternate calling † course the peal will be one of 5024 changes.

5088.

By the same Author.

23456	M	B	H
43526*	I	X	I
32465		X	
64235	I	X	2
24365*	I	X	
23645	I	X	2

Twice repeated,

This composition contains 4, 5, 6 full extent in 5-6. The same bells are exclusively in 6ths place at course-ends, 2nd and 3rd never there. Alternate calling can be used in * courses in either one or both of them, and in either ONE, TWO or all three parts, just as a conductor may require. The full peal will contain 5280 changes, and this is the first peal in the method obtained with these qualities.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY J. TUCKER, Bishops Stortford.

1280.

23456	W	B	H
45236	-		-
24536			-
52436			-
35264	-	I	-
23564			-
62345	-	I	-
36245			-
23645			-
42356	-	I	-
34256			-
23456			-

BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE LEWIS, Ecclesfield.

5008.

23456	W	B	M	H
26453	*			
42653				-
64253				-
25436	-	-	-	-
43526	S			-
54326				-
24356	S			
46352	-	3		-
34652				-
63452				-
45326	-	-	-	-
32546	S			-
53246				-
43256	S			
36254	-	3		-
23654				-
62354				-
35246	-	-	-	-
24536	S			-
52436				-
32456	S			

Repeated; calling first course—

W	B	H
S	3	-

*Produced by bobs at 51, 2, 3, 5. Contains the 5th and 6th the extent at their natural course-ends in the minimum number of courses and changes.

Rung at Wortley, conducted by C. Glenn. Believed to be the first peal published on the plan with these qualities.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. C. GOBEY.

6336.

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	I			I
26543		-	2	2
45362	2	-	2	
52364	2	-	I	2
53624			I	2
25346	2		2	2

Twice repeated. By using alternate calling for the 6th course in either part the peal is 6208; for 6th course in any two parts 6080; for 6th in three parts 5952. By calling the first course—

M	W	H
2	2	2

in one part only the fourth course is brought up and the peal is reduced to 5056, with using alternate calling for last course in first and 3rd parts.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1913

The new bells at Chelmsford Cathedral are to be dedicated on September 27th by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. The service is fixed for three o'clock. Following the service there will be ringing by a selected band under the conductorship of Mr. Thos. Faulkner, Master of the College Youths. Then will follow tea, for which the Vicar and churchwardens are issuing numerous invitations, after which there will be ringing until eight o'clock, when Festal Evensong will be sung. The bells will be open after the service till ten o'clock.

The ringers of St. Nicholas, Bristol, have gone one better than their brethren at Newcastle, and claim that they have established a record by selecting the Channel Islands as the venue of their annual outing. The claim is based on the fact that they are the first band from one tower to take a sea trip. Like the Newcastle men they were disappointed at not being able to score a peal, though not from the same cause. In this case it was because the bells had been hung by a bell hanger who was not an Englishman. The opinion is expressed that it would be well to call in an English expert to make them ringable.

The Provinces.**SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.**

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
JOHN F. WILSON 2	DENISON HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM STEELE 3	GEORGE OXFORD* 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	FRED. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

*First peal in the method. A. G. Warnes has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Arranged for Messrs. Hayward and Oxford, who hail from Great Yarmouth.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

WILLIAM WHEELER Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING 5
FREDK. W. THORNTON 2	CECIL CREASEY 5
FREDK. BURNETT 3	FREDK. A. HOLDEN 6
JOSEPH WHEELER* 4	RICHARD STONE Tenor

Conducted by Lance-Sergt. F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I.

*First peal. F. W. Thornton hails from Greenwich, Kent. This is his first attempt at a peal for five years.

EYE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.**

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	FREDK. DAY 7
FRANK COPEMAN 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION***On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. GREENACRE* Treble	T. GREENACRE 4
W. MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
H. PORTER* 3	GEO. HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEO. HAWES.

*First peal.

BEXHILL.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.**

JOSEPH SHARP Treble	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5
ERNEST GOWER 2	EDWARD W. BRAY 6
FRANK MEDHURST 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 7
WALTER ALCOCK* 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First peal in the method with an inside bell. The band wish to thank the Rector (Archdeacon Churton) for the use of the bells, and the local company for having everything in readiness for the peal.

KINGS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)***On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
FRANK WITHERS 2	ALFRED DAVIS 6
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 7
GEORGE SWANN 4	JOHN WITHERS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.**

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM E. ASH 5
WILLIAM B. SMITH 2	FREDK. W. DIXON 6
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
JOHN B. JACKSON 4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON

W. B. Smith's 50th peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Milton, Gomersal, and Miss Alice Fox. After the peal the band were sumptuously entertained.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lbs.**

GEORGE DEBENHAM Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6
FREDK. G. DEWELL 3	HARRY A. TURNER 7
WALTER RADLEY 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal.

ROTHERHAM.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

CLEMENT GLENN Treble	FRANK R. CUNDALL 5
MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 2	COLIN RYDER* 6
ARTHUR HAGUE 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
GEORGE HALESWORTH 4	JOHN W. J. COTTAM Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

*First peal in the method; also first tower bell peal by Miss Hague, who is the first lady to ring a peal of Stedman for the Association.

EAST HADDON, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.**

FREDERICK ROWLEDGE .. Treble	THOMAS LAW 3
FRANK ROLLINGS 2	GEORGE PARKER 4
	HARRY CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

First peal as conductor.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER 4
GEORGE R. FINCH 2	ROBERT G. MILES 5
HENRY PUTTOCK 3	WILLIAM B. RERVE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Modwen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOHN H. BENSTEAD 5
THOMAS DICKEN 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
JOSEPH BRITTON 3	LEONARD BULLOCK 7
HARRY KENDRICK 4	LESLIE C. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

R. W. FALCONER Treble	R. A. GOFTON 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	A. H. HILLIER 5
C. L. RUTLEDGE 3	T. T. GOFTON 6
CHARLES W. WHEELER 4	W. H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

The above is the quickest peal of Major on the bells, and was rung as a wedding peal on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John Bird, Secretary of the Gosforth Guild, to Miss K. Sanderson, of Gosforth, to both of whom the ringers tender their best wishes for happiness and prosperity. Mr. Bird has been a member of the Gosforth company since its formation in 1901, and the representative band and willingness of so many ringers to take part in short touches immediately after the wedding ceremony, bears testimony to the high esteem in which he is held. The occasion was also the anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. Richardson, Master of the Gosforth company, and to him also the ringers extend their warm congratulations. Mr. C. W. Wheeler hails from Rugby, and was elected a member of the Association in the belfry.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt

ALGERNON P. STONE* .. Treble	H. HURDMAN 4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON .. 2	LEONARD BULLOCK 4
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	E. H. STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

*First peal of Minor. This is L. Bullock's 100th peal.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1280 changes. O. J. Hunt, W. W. Worthington, W. J. Smith, J. H. White, W. T. Cox, C. Freeman, A. Roberts (conductor). On Sunday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43½ mins., for evening service. F. E. Pervin, Miss D. Steel, W. Pryce, W. T. Cox, J. Herron, C. Freeman, J. H. W. White (conductor), W. H. Brnsdon. Arranged for Miss D. Steel.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN Treble	JAMES SCHOLES 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
HENRY TORBLE 3	JOHN MOULE 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE 9
AUGUSTUS G. SCAMBLER* .. 5	GEORGE POTTER Tenor

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE H. DAYNES Treble	WILLIAM W. FOX 5
WILLIAM MARTIN* 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
FRANK BRUNETT 3	HARRY WARNETT 7
GERALD KING* 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Martin.

CHARLTON MACKEREL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. MADDOCK Treble	T. DOBLE 4
W. DOBLE 2	E. E. BURGESS 5
W. EVANS 3	W. TARE Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Doble and Son, the "go" being very satisfactory. The band wish to thank the Ven Archdeacon Brymer for so kindly providing tea after the peal, and also for the use of the bells.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROOT Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 2	WALTER BURST 6
HORACE H. COOPER 3	JAMES FLEUTY 7
LEWIS WISEMAN 4	JOHN ROOT* Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MISS M. CHILLINGWORTH .. Treble	ARTHUR E. BAILEY 4
JOHN BOWER 2	JAMES ARRY 5
SAMUEL PAICE 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PAICE.

*50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, the band wishing them the usual compliments.

WOOLWICH, S.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES† Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.*First peal in the method away from the treble. †First peal in the
method as conductor. Rung on the Eve of St. Bartholomew.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
WILLIAM HENRY† 2	HERBERT COX 6
WILLIAM H. RUSSELL 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks. Branch).

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM MEAD† Treble	THOMAS BEST 5
JOHN MEAD 2	EPHRAIM MARKS 6
CECIL A. VALENTINE 3	HARRY SEAR 7
REV. W. P. WRIGHT 4	JAMES TOMEINS* Tenor

Conducted by H. SEAR.

†First 5000 in any method. *First peal on eight bells. This peal
was arranged for the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, Yorks.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

(Bowdon and Stockport Branch).

On Monday, August 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL GLADWIN* .. Treble	HAROLD HIBBERT 5
HENRY HAYTHORN†	THOMAS ASHTON 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 7
WILLIAM BUTLER 4	THOMAS RAMSBY Tenor

Comprsed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.*First peal in the method. †First in the method with a bob bell.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William Lowery, the leader of
the local band.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday, August 24th, at St. Matthias
Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. W
Niblett, E. E. Barber, F. Stanton, J. Brown, H. Chance F
Bryan, R. G. Knowles (conductor), A. Richings. Tenor 16½ cwt.
Rung with the bells half muffed in memory of Archibald Day
(the Vicar's father) and Mrs. Richardson, the donors of the bells.

DORCHESTER, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Dorchester Branch).

On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

T. PAGE Treble	T. WOOLLEY* 5
L. W. WIFFEN 2	C. B. HURST 6
W. A. PAINTER 3	G. T. WHITE† 7
W. J. BINGER 4	T. HYDE Tenor

Conducted by G. T. WHITE.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Handbell Peals.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

MERVYN DUCK 1-2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER .. 5-6
ALBERT COATES 3-4	F. PHILIP CHEETHAM .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire—John W. Wilkinson. Mr. Cheetham, a member of the
Cambridge University Guild, was elected a member of the above
Association previous to starting for the peal.

SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

MR. WASHBROOK'S REPLY TO THE LEGITIMATE METHODS
COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In answer to the Legitimate Methods Committee allow
me to say that I entirely differ from them. My method is a
principle, because it fulfils all that is required and all that is
possible in a Major Principle, which is, that every bell performs
the same work in a course. It is not necessary to argue this
point, I hope, that a system could not be allowed because the
division ends are alternately "in" and "out."

We have no right to use the word "illegitimate," have we?
Any method that fulfils the order of hunting, dodging, and
place-making is legitimate in my opinion. It is not desirable
from a musical point of view to ring methods with place-making
in 1-2 and 7-8, and it is not fashionable to lie four blows in one
place in the interior. I am afraid that we are getting too much
science and too little art. Here we have a system fulfilling all
the old laws of hunting, dodging and place-making in their best
form, extremely interesting to ring, difficult (especially if the
6th is moved), and the finest of bell music, and four gentlemen
would condemn it because it is not following out some new
fangled theory, which not one ringer in a thousand would ever
understand or care about. Perhaps these gentlemen would be
so kind as to tell us in plain ringers' language what is the matter
with the system.

I would also like to remind them that there is no law governing
what a Surprise Principle really should be. I am glad to think
that this may possibly lead to some opinions on the matter,
and before I enter into points of theory on this subject I would
be glad to see some outside opinions. But do let us look at
things as they are in practice, and not throw good things
away for the sake of some stupid theory that the future genera-
tions will laugh at. Let us remember that some of our finest
musical composers ignored the theory of music, and a good job
they did, too, as we should have been short of some of the best
if they had not.

Yours etc,

J. W. WASHBROOK.

A LEGITIMATE METHOD.

By G.F.M.

The other evening, during an interval between the various methods we practice weekly, a mysterious-looking individual made his way to our belfry. We had previously noticed him meditating on the sun-dial and reading the tombstones. His appearance was that of a student, but to give you a better description, I must quote Shakespeare in "Julius Cæsar":—

"He has a lean and hungry look,
but he's not dangerous;
he reads much;
He is a great observer, and he looks
Quite through the deeds of men;
Seldom he smiles, and smiles in such a sort
As if he mocked himself and scorned his spirit
That could be moved to smile at anything."

As he came forward beneath the gaslight glitter, we experienced a difficulty in restraining our mirth at his singularity. He began to address us by apologising for the interruption of our evening's enjoyment. By no fault of his own he was not a ringer, but took great interest in reading "THE BELL NEWS," being highly delighted and instructed by the articles of Snowdon and Trollope.

"It seems," he went on pleasantly, "you ringers require more than ordinary education. Of course you are all acquainted with the theorems and postulates of Euclid, the difference between abstract and concrete speculations, that a straight line cannot enclose space; that things which are equal to the same thing are equal to one another, and that no thing can be in two places at the same time? By the bye," he added, suddenly changing the subject (for he evidently saw our confusion by the nervous manner in which we clutched our ropes for the next touch) "what is the method you are now to attempt—a legitimate one, no doubt, and may be a Surprise?"

"Yes, Sir," said our conductor, "it is legitimate and called Chigwell Row Surprise. It is original, as no other company have yet seen fit to ring it; it hasn't passed the Peals Committee."

"Proceed," said the stranger. "No doubt I shall partly recognise its beauty and intricacies."

"All a-hold!" shouted the conductor, and after a few rounds, "Go!"

"Very nice indeed," said the visitor as the order to "Stop" was obeyed, "no doubt a great surprise to your Rector and parishioners that you ring so evenly and well, and, being original, of course, enhances the appreciation. The music is ravishing."

A smile of satisfaction beamed upon the faces of all as we then started to lower the bells.

"You are highly privileged," said the stranger, "in having such a musical peal, and your tenor bell is the best I have heard for its weight. Ah! friends," he broke off dramatically, "I often contemplate the narrow intelligence we have of the abstract realities of things terrestrial! None of us know even what the bell is in itself."

"We all know what a bell is, Sir!" shouted the lot of us.

"Wo are you, Sir?" inquired our conductor sternly, putting himself in rather a menacing attitude, and looking as if he were considering a legitimate method of dropping the professor down the staircase. "You might tell us who you are—some schoolmaster I should think—asking us such a foolish question. Do you think we don't know nothing?"

Here the stranger, upon being handed the visitors' book, signed himself "Professor Gulliver, Potsdam."

"You have not yet told me," said the professor seriously, "what a bell is. I wish to instruct you," he said, as he closed the visitors' book. "Instruct us," said the conductor decisively, "I'll tell you what a bell is. It is a thing in the shape of a campanula! if it is made of metal, and offer resistance by its weight when we pull it; it has a sort of leaden colour, and sends forth a sound when it is struck by a hammer."

"My dear friend," said the professor kindly, "you will pardon me for saying you have much to learn beyond change-ringing. I find you know nothing of hylo-idealism, based upon the phenomenality and relativity of mental sensation. You have only told us your sensations produced by the characteristics of the bell. Its weight is not the bell, neither is its metal, color, shape, or sound. These are but appearances, or phenomena. The non-phenon, or reality, eludes our grasp."

Here the company lost all patience by grasping the visitor in a legitimate method of ejection. Under one of the seats in the belfry a domesticated animal of the genus Canus, who had been perfectly quiet hitherto, and who understood the professor quite as well as we, suddenly sprang forward with a piteous yelping as we lifted the visitor carefully into the churchyard, the noise of which awoke me to my senses.

There at my side lay "THE BELL NEWS." I had an hour before been reading about the Lagadan philosopher and his wonderful machine, and I knew I must have been snugly dreaming.

A BOLSOVER PEAL.

There was an interesting ceremony at the Parish Church, Bolsover, on a recent Saturday afternoon, when the Vicar (Rev. F. H. Webb Peploe) dedicated a tablet erected to commemorate a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Bolsover on April 12th, in honour of the golden wedding of his parents, Prebendary and Mrs. Webb Peploe, London. In addition to the members of the Bolsover band, there were present visitors from Chesterfield, Ripley, Darley Dale, and Mansfield. At the close of the service of dedication, the Vicar gave an impressive address on the words, "Ring out the false, ring in the true," which appears on the top of the tablet. Subsequently touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, Norfolk and Cambridge were successfully brought into rounds, and during the afternoon the ringers visited the vicarage, where they were entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Webb Peploe.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

In connection with this Guild, combined practices have been held in South Bucks, at Stoke Poges on August 16th, and at Chalfont St. Peter on August 26th. The following methods were practised, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford.

A combined practice by the Sonning branch was held at Sonning on August 16, members attending from Binfield, Caversham, Easthampstead, Henley, Hurst, Sonning, Twyford, Wargrave and Wokingham (All Saints). Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major were rung on tower bells, and Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on handbells.

HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES.

CONTRIBUTED BY A WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.

Our American friends are often accused of a love of exaggeration and relating tall stories, and it may be that some of my friends may imagine that I have been spending my holidays with Uncle Sam or with some Yankee storyteller. But let me at once clear their minds of any such thought; I have been spending a holiday in the Isle of Man, and whilst there have heard some strange stories of piscatorial bell-ringing and the curvature of the earth, and have listened to some fine sermons. Whilst on Douglas pier head one evening watching a rod with "patience at one end and a worm at the other," I got a talk with an aged angler, who told me of some strange happenings, and of the enormous size of the herring sharks they catch when deep-sea fishing. Suddenly I was startled by the ringing of a bell. It was not a bell calling worshippers to church, neither was it a summons to a fire. It was a call to take an offering. Curiosity led me to inspect the belfry, which I found to be a short rod with a bell attached, fixed so as to give warning when a fish took the bait. On this occasion it gave the intimation "I'm caught; unhook me."

A question as to the distance of a ship, the masts of which could just be seen above the horizon (a proof that the earth is a globe) drew from my angling friend an admission that he was content to be standing on the flat part, and was satisfied that the water was horizontal. He was also perfectly satisfied that his bell was a good fisherman's "float."

Visitors to Douglas should make a point of visiting Kirk Braddon on a Sunday morning to hear the Bishop preach to some 30,000 people. He has a magic charm of voice, a distinct and impressive delivery, which captivates his hearers and appeals to their consciences. He needs no bell to call his hearers together.

His looks adorned the venerable place,
Truth from his lips prevailed with double sway,
And fools who came to scoff remained to pray.

FORTHCOMING RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Swindon, propose holding their annual outing on Saturday, September 13th next. Programme.—Leave Swindon by 7.22 a.m. train, arriving at Bristol at 8.28, and board torpedo motor charabanc for circular tour extending to Wells or Glastonbury, and calling at several towers for ringing on the outward and inward journeys. Arrive in Bristol in time to catch the 7.50 p.m. train. A limited number of seats are available, and brother-ringers wishing to join the party are invited to send in their names at once to facilitate arrangements, to E. Bishop, "Myrtledene," Westlecott Road, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 17th, for Divine Service at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1260 changes), in 50 mins. H. Coles, T. Vaughan, G. Jutson, F. Davies, W. Cross, H. Beechey, J. Jarvis, F. T. Cooke (conductor).

PENGE (Kent).—On Sunday August 24th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Conn. E. Pobgee. G. Conn, W. Smith, E. Tigwell (conductor). G. Wickens. First 720 as conductor). On August 26th, for practice, 720 Kent, in 26 mins. E. Tigwell, E. Pobgee (first in the method), G. Conn, A. Garforth W. Smith, G. Wickens (conductor).

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor.

SIR—Is there any independent spirit left in these islands? In many villages and even in large townships one sees Carnegie Free (bless the mark!) Libraries. When a church needs a new organ an appeal is made to Mr. Carnegie, and now one is aghast to find the suggestion of an appeal, and that by a large and representative body, on behalf of church bells. In this despised country a Roman Catholic congregation some years ago had a wretchedly small and unsuitable place of worship.

Many of the members had perforce to crowd round the door, the interior being packed. What did they do? Every Sunday for years collectors went round to these houses, these poor people paid a penny or two of their hard-earned money with clockwork regularity. Now a large and handsome building stands where the former unsuitable one was. Some grif hear?

But then Mr Carnegie had not come back from America. I am sure these people get help outside their own parish, and I do not object to the principle of outside help for church bells, but the idea of relaxing all effort and depending on the gift of one wealthy man who may have no interest in or knowledge of the district is to me most objectionable.

Yours, etc.

C. MURRAY.

Laurel Lodge, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

SIR,—In reply to this suggestion I say "No." Might I suggest an appeal to all ringers throughout the country. Each tower to be asked to give, once a quarter, according to its means, and so build up a fund, the interest only to be used, and as the years go on so the fund will increase. For a time, of course, appeals will have to be made for help to restore any bells that require it.

Yours etc.,

W. FOREMAN.

Greenwich.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—At the Parish Church, on August 19th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Best, W. Sear, H. Sear, J. Mead, W. Pether, Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor).

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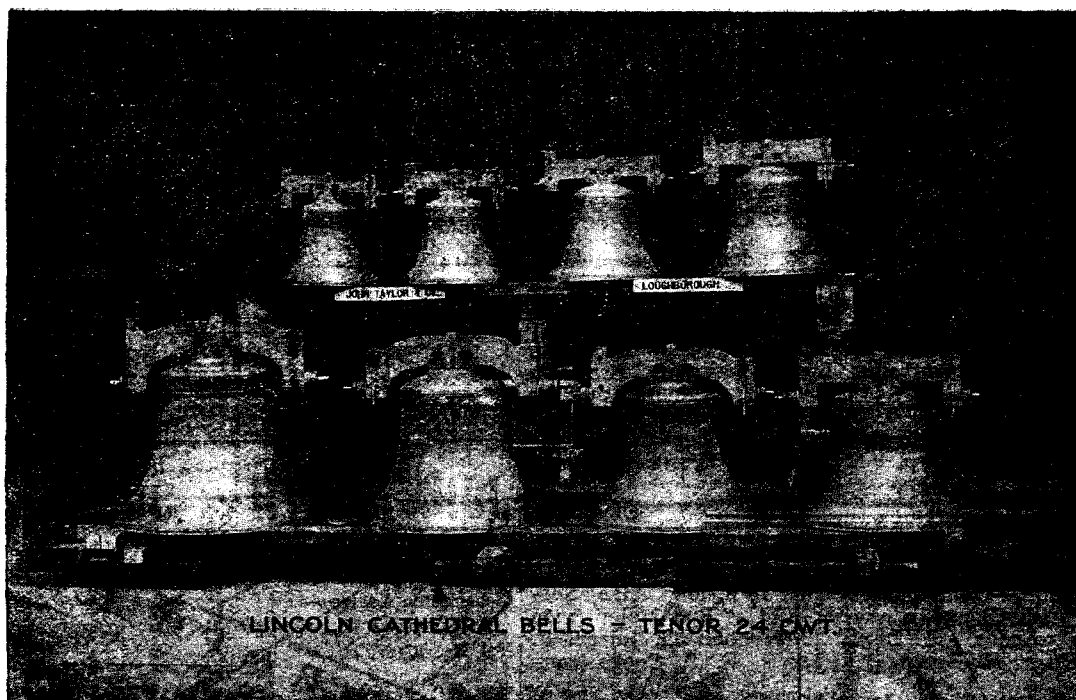
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 2nd, 16th, and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th. Also 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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Further particulars next week. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as early as possible. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. The bells (10) will be available. N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service. J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wombourne, Staffordshtre, on Saturday, August 30th. The bells will be available at 3.30. Service in Church at 5 o'clock to be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. P. Nicholas. Business meeting afterwards.

66, Himley Road, Dudley. Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Clay on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

A. King, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Institute at 5 o'clock.

William Watts, Dis. Sec.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, and if possible at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury. Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members will oblige by notifying me by Wednesday, September 3rd their intention of attending the meeting. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to H. Rumens, Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday next, August 30th. Bells ready at 3.30.

Harry Wakley, Sec.

140, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at

Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Meeting at 4 p.m.

Wm. Robinson, Branch Sec.

Thorn Fold, Smith Brow, Ambleside.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. An election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for the same to be sent in as early as possible to Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

20, Culver Road, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. The tea will be provided by the Association (free) to all those who signify to me their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, September 9th.

C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks, Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p.m.

Thos. Best, Sec.

Bletchley.

LYMINGE (Kent).—Will ringers please note that, with the hearty approval of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Rutty, M.A., all who desire the use of the bells for peals, etc., should address the newly-elected Captain, Mr. G. Fisher, Well House, Lyminge. Sunday ringing—10.15 a.m., and 5.45 p.m. Practice night—8 p.m. on Thursdays.

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Stedman Triples	31	1
Bob Major	3	2
Duffield Major	2	
Double Norwich Major	7	1
Superlative Surprise Major	7	
Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
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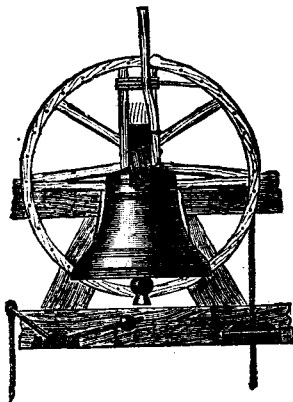
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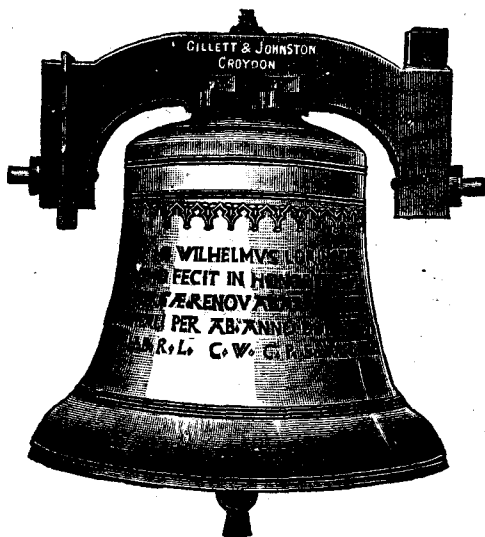
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WIGAN HANDBELL RINGERS.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

A Derby ringer has sent us a cutting from the "Wigan Observer," recounting the doings of the Wigan band of handbell ringers of the last century, and the rescue of their bells from the melting-pot. Quite recently it became known among the local ringers that a local brassfounder had acquired as scrap presumably—the whole of the handbells that formerly belonged to the famous band of Wigan exponents of the Art in the middle of the nineteenth century. On the disbanding of the team in the late sixties, the bells came into the possession of one of their number, and it was always understood that it was his intention to hand them over to some responsible authority for future care. This intention never came to fruition, and as time went on, the fact that the bells were still in existence passed away from the minds of many, and the natural desire that they should be rescued from obscurity, was not fulfilled.

The bells since the year 1868 have been sorely neglected and are in a somewhat dilapidated condition, and it is only charitable to assume that this consideration led to the belief that they were of little value, and would only realise the price of old metal if placed on the market for sale. Various associations and pleasant memories were scattered to the winds, and the bells that had provided a wealth of entertainment for the older generation, found their way eventually, as stated, into one of the local brass-founding establishments as scrap.

A LOVER OF THE ART.

Not for long, however. Mr. Gilbert C. Hall, an enthusiastic lover of the campanological art, and for many years a ringer in the Wigan Parish Church belfry, hearing a rumour to the effect that the bells had come into the hands of Mr. W. H. Baker, brassfounder, sought an interview with the head of the firm, and pointed out to him the history and romance attaching to the bells, and made an eloquent appeal for their rescue from the melting pot, which to all intents and purposes seemed their fate. The appeal did not fall on unwilling ears, for on Mr. Hall further stating his intention to have them put into a thorough state of repair, and dedicate them to the use of the present and future bellringers of the Wigan Parish Church, Mr. Baker fell in with his wishes, and they have since been handed over to Mr. Hall with the understanding that there must be no further transaction of a merchantable kind. The promise was readily given, and the kindly spirit shown by Mr. Baker throughout the transaction has been received with favourable comment among those best able to appreciate his kindness.

Mr. Hall still takes an interest in all that pertains to the art of bellringing, and there has been unbounded pleasure among the "craft" appreciative of the kindly spirit that prompted him to rescue the bells from an undeserving fate. The bells form a complete set, seventy-nine in number, and are of magnificent tone, tuned in semi-tones, rendering it

possible to play a piece of music in any key. The maker of the original bells was Mr. Charles D'Albert, of London, but it is said that four or five of the largest bells were added by a local maker (probably Mr. Roger Bolton).

FAMOUS HANDBELL RINGERS.

It may not be out of place to recapitulate a few items regarding the old Wigan handbell ringers, who earned something more than local fame, and were recognised as amongst the most skilful campanologists in the kingdom. Mr. Edward Benson, a well-known local musician, was their tutor and conductor, and the team included many ringers well-known at the present time, among them the late Mr. Daniel Dix, and Messrs. W. Richards (brother of the late Alderman Richards), Jas. Dix, Peter Mather, Thos. Richardson, Peter Buckley, William Buckley, John Brears, Charles Jowett, Edward Smith, Peter Finch, and Thomas Wilkinson. All the above, with the exception of Mr. Jowett, have passed over to the great majority.

Mr. Jowett, though now 76 years of age, is full of reminiscence and anecdote, and the tales he yet tells of the annual contests at Belle Vue, are many of them worth recording. Each band of ringers, he says, had a numerous following of keen partisans, and on one occasion the Wiganers' appearance on the platform was not altogether a flattering one, for they were received with a fusillade of sods and stones, and on not a few occasions something bordering on a free fight was indulged in. "Charlie" seems rather fond of pointing out a facial wound he received in one of these melees over fifty years ago. The Wigan band, he says, were greatly in demand, and entertainments were given by them in various parts of the country, and numerous visits were made to the halls of the landed gentry, where they were always well received. Two stories of more than general interest are worth recording:—

AT DUXBURY HALL AND HAIGH HALL.

On one occasion the ringers proceeded to Duxbury Hall, the residence of Squire Standish, who received them courteously, and was so pleased with their rendering of "All good lasses," and other popular tunes, that their exchequer was considerably enhanced by his generosity. Previously to their departure they gave a rendition of "Old Towler," and then bade the Squire a hearty "Good day." The party then proceeded homewards, but had scarcely gone fifty yards on their journey when the sound of firing arrested their attention, and on looking round the old squire was seen gun in hand, pointing in their direction. The volley was evidently intended as a parting salute, but the party were glad to beat a hasty retreat.

The ringers on another occasion received from Haigh Hall what to them was a mysterious message, but so crabbed was the handwriting that they were unable to decipher it. Neither "Owd Rector Gunning" nor the church clerk could tell the purport of it, and it was finally decided that Mr. Jowett should go to the hall the next day and make inquiries. Asked what might be the nature of his business by a "fine lady" who answered his call, he

inquired whether the "Colonel" (referring to the Hon. Sir James Lindsay) was at home. "The Colonel is not at home," replied the lady smilingly, "but the General is." News had just been received at Haigh that the higher distinction had been conferred upon the "Colonel." It was then ascertained that the undecipherable message contained an invitation to the ringers to give an entertainment at the hall, where they appeared a few days later. "The company at Haigh were ta'en up with our playing, and 't owd earl (great grandfather to the present earl) danced a reel in red knee breeches to the ringers' accompaniment." That was the only time, he continued, that he ever saw "ale on a bogie."

Practices were first held at the residence of the late Mr. Dix's mother, but the inconvenience of this becoming more and more manifest the bells were removed to the Parish Church belfry, several of the band being also ringers at the Church. They had soon to seek fresh quarters, however, and eventually the bells were housed in a room at the rear of the Commercial Hall—the old Cloth Hall—and it was here that the practices were continued for a considerable time. Much interest was evinced in those days in their doings at the contests held annually at Belle Vue, which were inaugurated in the year 1855, and have been continued down to the present day. Their successes at these contests was somewhat abnormal, as will be seen by the awards they obtained, which are given below:—

In 1859 the Wiganers secured the fourth prize and the extra prize for playing "nearest to copy" the fifth figure of Julien's "Martha Quadrilles." To commemorate the success of the Wigan band, the bells of the Parish Church were, at one o'clock in the morning, merrily rung, to the great astonishment and disturbance of the inhabitants residing within a considerable circuit of the church, many of whom believed that either the town was enveloped in flames or the French had landed. Perceiving, however, that neither of these calamities had fallen upon them, they retired again to rest, bestowing maledictions dire on the heads of those who had aroused them from their slumbers.

In 1860 the Wigan band, who were conducted by Mr. Wm. Mason, succeeded in taking the fourth prize, and in 1861 the first prize and the special fell to them. In 1862 Wigan were awarded third and extra prize, and in 1863 they again secured third prize and the extra. The band on this occasion were presented with a silver medal each, as a mark of honour for taking all the extra prizes. In the next year the extra prize was withheld, but the Wigan band came away with premier honours, following this up in 1865 by again winning first prize.

It may be of interest to add that the Leigh band of handbell ringers competed during the earlier years of the Belle Vue competitions, from 1855 to 1861, being first in 1855, third in 1856, second in 1857, fourth in 1858 and third in 1861. The team from Swan Meadow Mills (Wigan) occupied the fourth position in the year 1868.

THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

THE PROOF OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON, Past Presidents of the
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In Cambridge Surprise, however, further considerations arise. If the first of the leads in the foregoing table be examined, it will be seen that 16547283 produces the row at C, in the first lead of the plain course, at c in the fifth lead of the false course

from 46253. Therefore one of the leads before the M and W has to be compared with one that comes after the leads in which those calls can be made. In this case it is evident that the transpositions of the actual course-ends by the false course-end, 46253, will have to be compared with the natural course-ends of the peal, and *vice versa*; and so, in like manner—for similar reasons—it will also be necessary to proceed with the false course end 32546.

The false course-ends that appear against a plain course of Cambridge Surprise are 46253, 43265, 24365, 32546 and 32465, as set out in the previous table. The false course-end 43265 is only required to prove the changes in 7-8 of the first lead of each course, the *actual* course-ends only of the peal to be proved have, therefore, to be transposed and compared by this false course-end. The false course-end 32465 proves the seventh lead in each course; hence the *natural* course-ends have therefore, in this case, to be transposed and compared. Both the *actual* and the *natural* course-ends have, in separate processes, to be transposed and compared by the false course-end 24365, the *actual* being transposed to prove the second and third leads in each course, and the *natural* to prove the fifth and sixth leads which precede these course-ends. Of the two remaining false course-ends, 32546 and 46253 the former requires the second and third leads to be proved against the fifth and seventh leads, and *vice versa*. The *actual* course-ends have, therefore, to be transposed by the false course-end 32546, and the transpositions have then to be compared with the *natural* course-ends of the peal, and *vice versa*. The same is the case with the other one, 46253; that is, the *actual* course-ends, transposed by 46253, have to be compared with the *natural* course-ends, and the transpositions of the *natural* course-ends compared with the *actual* course-ends. In peals where bobs Before are not used it is however, unnecessary to go through both these processes, as, if it is proved that the transpositions of the *actual* course-ends by 32546 and 46253 are true with the *natural* course-ends, the transpositions of the *natural* course-ends, if pricked, will undoubtedly be true with the *actual* course-ends. In many cases it will be found that all the *natural* course-ends are included in the *actual* course-ends of the peal, as was explained with regard to Superlative Surprise.

A bob Before will cut out the third, fourth, and fifth leads in a course; therefore, when such calls are made, the courses do not need to be transposed by the false course-ends 24365, 32546, and 46253. It should be remembered that the *actual* course-ends are used to prove the leads following the course-ends, and the *natural* course-ends used for proving those preceding the course-ends. Therefore, in the case of bobs Before, the *actual* course-ends that have not to be transposed by the false course-ends are those that are followed by these bobs, while the *natural* course-ends that do not require transposition are those that are preceded by these calls.

It has been previously shown that, in peals wherein bobs Before are not used, it is unnecessary to compare the transpositions of the *actual* with the *natural* course-ends and then to compare the transpositions of the *natural* with the *actual* course-ends; but where bobs B are used, the *actual* course-ends of any full courses immediately preceding ones in which the bobs B are called do not require to be transposed by 32546 or 46253, but their *natural* course-ends will have to be transposed by these false course-ends. The simplest way in such cases is, I consider, to transpose the *actual* and the *natural* course-ends, which require transposition by 32546 and 46253, and compare the transpositions of the *actual* with the *natural* course-ends, and, also, the transpositions of the *natural* with the *actual* course-ends.

The following is an example of the proof of a half-peal (2528) of Cambridge Surprise:

(To be continued.)

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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

When you are dealing with the laws of Method Construction it is necessary to remember that you are dealing with facts and not with opinions. It does not matter one scrap what I think ought to be, nor what you think ought to be; what does matter is what really is. But it is also necessary to remember that all facts are not of equal value. You must learn to distinguish between those that are essential and those that are merely accidental, to use the technical terms. That is so, of course, in everything, and one of the chief reasons that there is so much bad argument in such things as politics is because people will drag in side issues. It is a fact that only a very small minority of people can argue at all properly, and of these few that can, still fewer do so. Ringers are ordinary men after all, and if the ordinary man cannot, as a rule, either argue or follow an argument, you must not expect too much from the former. I do not remember a discussion on any point of theoretic Change-Ringing in which people did not mix up the essential and accidental facts and so obscure the truth. I will give one instance of what I mean, because I happen to remember it, and it is a very good average example of faulty argument. It was at the time Mr. Law James brought forth his views on Stedman. It will be remembered that he held that the Slow Six is the Method and the Quick Six is the Bob. A certain ringer, I forget who, sent a letter to "THE BELL NEWS." He gave a set of rows. "These," he said, "are a Quick Six of Stedman; they are also a Bob of Grandsire. Therefore the Quick Six must be a Bob."

The first question people will ask is "But how are we to know what facts are essential and what merely accidental?" And it is not easy to answer this question off-hand. You must really go back to the foundation and follow the thing up step by step, and then only if you consciously or unconsciously keep yourself within the limits of the strict laws of logic will you get the truth. But there are some things which are quite obviously accidental, and not of the essence of the Method. For instance, there is no necessity, other than convenience, for our starting to ring at hand-stroke. We might, if we choose, start at back-stroke, as indeed we occasionally do in Stedman Caters. Bob Major started at back-stroke with hand-stroke dodging would be just as much Bob Major as when you start at hand-stroke, and have back-stroke dodging. Now one of the easiest proved facts of theoretic ringing is that Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples are the same Method; not merely variations of each other, but actually the same. But nothing is more difficult than for the people who ring these to recognise this fact; to them Bob Minor is not merely not the same Method as Grandsire Triples, but essentially a different Method; so much so, that a clever man like Mr. Earle Bulwer took them as the distinctive examples of two large groups. And the reason is simply that one starts at hand-stroke and the other at back-stroke. Start both at hand, or both at back, and the work of the two methods is the same. Again, all facts connected with the musical qualities of Methods are accidental, and not essential. In its fundamental nature Change-Ringing is not music, and music has nothing whatever to do with Method Construction. It is not correct to say that this Method or that Method is musical; Methods are quite indifferent to music, and impartially give you good and bad. The most you can say is that this Method or that Method will, under certain

circumstances, give you a harmonious sequence of rows or that its plain course is musical. And that depends on whether the bells you are ringing are in tune or not. But a course of Double Norwich rung on bells out of tune, and starting from 17384265, is just as much Double Norwich as a plain course rung on Sunbury bells. You could not play "Home, sweet Home" on an instrument out of tune; it would not be "Home, sweet Home."

Thus when men argue, as they constantly do argue, that such and such a Method must be legitimate because it is musical, they are arguing altogether beside the point.

I do not mean, of course, that in ringing you can neglect music. My point is that music has nothing to do with the fundamentals of Change-Ringing. Later on I will deal with the question of music and ringing, and shew their proper relationship.

Once again, it is an accidental thing that we are tied to a limited number of bells. We never ring on more than twelve for the sufficient reason that there are no rings of greater numbers, and the majority of ringers are still further restricted to six and eight. But the laws of Method Construction are not so restricted. They will give you a Method on fifty bells as easy and indeed far more easily than on five. Many Methods can hardly express themselves on the small numbers, and if you want to understand them you must write them out on large numbers. The man who knows Cambridge only as a six or eight bell Method, can have no idea of its qualities, its perfect regularity, and its excellent arrangement of Places. Why it is not so very long ago that people thought Cambridge was a freak Method, with lots of unnecessary Places stuck in unnecessary positions without design or order. Write out Cambridge on twenty bells, and you will understand the arrangement of the Places in Cambridge Major.

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Kent Treble Bob Royal... ..	3	1
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Bob Royal... ..	1	1
Bob Major... ..	10	9
Stedman Caters ...	5	1
Stedman Triples ...	8	2
Grandsire Caters ...	2	2
Grandsire Triples... ..	19	15*
Six Minor Methods ...	1	1
Five Minor Methods ...	2	
Four Minor Methods ...	3	1
Three Minor Methods ...	3	2
Two Minor Methods ...	1	1
One Minor Method ...	2	2
On handbells:—		
Bob Major... ..	5	3
Grandsire Caters ...	1	1
Grandsire Triples... ..	4	2
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23456	W	5/4	B	M	H
45236	-				-
24536					-
52436					-
43526	-				-
54326					-
35426					-
42356	-				-
25346		-		-	-
32546					-
53246					-
34256	-			-	-
23564			-	-	-
52364					-
26354	-		-	-	-
32654					-
63254					-
35264	-		-	-	-
23645			-	-	-
62345					-
24365	-		-	-	-
32465					-
43265					-
36245	-		-	-	-
32456			-	-	S
43256					-
35246	-		-	-	-
23465			-	-	-
42365					-
26345	-		-	-	-
32645					-
63245					-
34265	-		-	-	-
23654			-	-	-
62354					-
25364	-		-	-	-
32564					-
53264					-
36254	-		-	-	-
23546			-	-	-
54236	-				-
25436					-
42536					-
53426	-				-
45326					-
34526					-
52346	-				-
24356		-		-	-
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2345678	W	B	H
2356478		-	-
2375468	-	2 ins	-
7235			-
3572	-		-
7352			-
5273	-		-
7523			-
2753			-
5327	-		-
2537			-
3257			-
3265478	-	2 ins	-
6325			-
2563	-		-
6253			-
5362	-		-
6532			-
3652			-
5236	-		-
3526			-
42356	-	M	-
3524	-		-
4352			-
5243	-		-
4523			-
2453			-
5324	-		-
2534			-
3254			-
5432	S		-
3245	-		-
4325			-

4-6 only in 6ths place. Repeat last twelve courses. Omit w and m in first.

CORRECTED PEAL.

5088 BRISTOL MAJOR.

23456	M	B	H
43526*	I	X	I
32456		X	
64235	I	X	2
24365*	I	X	I
46325	I	X	
23645	I	X	2

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1913.

Many Churchmen in the districts concerned were agreeably surprised by the passing, with startling rapidity, the measure officially described as authorising the new Bishoprics of Sheffield, Chelmsford, and for the county of Suffolk. Having passed in Committee of the House of Commons on Wednesday, Aug. 13th, the Bill was quickly passed through the other stages, and on Friday, the 15th, the final stage transforming the Bill into an Act was reached, the Royal Assent being received.

Of the three districts Essex appears to have been the most forward, steps having been taken seven years ago to raise the necessary funds, and probably there is no district which has regarded the delay in the passing of the Bill a greater hardship. The text of the Act authorising the new See for Essex, or Chelmsford, as appears to be the proper title, is contained in three schedules.

To carry out the entire scheme for Essex there are certain re-arrangements to be made by the church bodies

concerned. These it is stated will, after the holidays, be called together with a view of an application being made for the necessary order in Council. It is understood that the Bishop of St. Albans will not undertake the great responsibility of becoming Bishop of Chelmsford, which will have a population of over 1,000,000.

St. Mary's, Chelmsford, is considered to be well adapted for becoming the Cathedral, and there is no doubt but that a hearty response will be made by Essex Churchmen to the appeal for funds that will undoubtedly be made to make the church worthy of the new Diocese.

Some few months ago we gave in these columns details of the movement to augment St. Mary's ring of ten to twelve bells. As already announced, the new ring will be ready for opening on the 27th of this month. We are glad to learn that a thoroughly representative band, chiefly resident in the county, have been selected for the occasion, and have no doubt but that there will be a large gathering of members of the Exercise from all parts of the county.

The doings of the Wigan Handbell Ringers of the nineteenth century will interest our readers, especially those who hail from that neighbourhood, and others who will remember the phenomenal success which attended them at the contests held at Belle Vue each year. Year after year they carried off prizes, and invariably won the extra or special prize. Eventually the extra prize was withdrawn; it was surmised at the time because it always went into the exchequer of the Wigan Band.

The Metropolis.

STEPNEY, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	GEORGE A. CARD† 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILEY J. HAZELL 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW* 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
BRETRAM FREWETT 4	WILLIAM FVE 9
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDORF, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Stedman Caters.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
BRETRAM FREWETT 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9
WILLIAM FVE 5	ERNEST FVE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM FVE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Grimes, father of the ringer of the 9th.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ALBERT E. MILLETT* .. Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	CHARLES H. HORTON 6
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	FRANK SMITH 7
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 4	RICHARD BEVAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

BATTERSEA.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August, 30, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE 5
SEDLBY COLLINS 2	WILLIAM ESSERY† 6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3	HARRY MANCE 7
FRANK A. SMITH 4	FRANK GIBBARD* Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

†First peal in the method. *First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

The Provinces.

LLANGATTOCK, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUELES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT ALLEUTT Treble	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 4
CHARLES POWELL 2	JAMES POWELL 5
JOHN H. RACKHAM 3	NORMAN ALLEUTT Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. T. B. Williams, Rector of the parish.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Monday, August 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER KEELRY Treble	FRANK I. HAIR† 6
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
MARTIN STEWART 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLE 8
EDWIN V. HINTON 4	GEORGE PRESTON 9
ELI WATERS* 5	ALFRED OSMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

* On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

THOMAS N. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK DENTON 4
ROBERT CHRISTIAN 2	CHARLES BALLS 5
DENISON HAYWARD 3	GEORGE OXFORD Tenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

Arranged for Mr. T. N. Smith, of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At Christ Church (City),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
FREDK. W. WADE 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for Mr. Freeborn, the ringer of the 8th.

LANGPORT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. TOM JAMES Treble	FREDK. J. HARDY 4
ARTHUR WHEADON 2	TOM W. CREED 5
THOMAS J. LLOYD 3	GERALD LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

Mr. F. J. Hardy, of London, who is spending a holiday in this neighbourhood, was elected a life member before starting.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES* Treble	WILLIAM LAWRENCE* 6
JOSEPH J. PRATT 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER 9
WILLIAM HENLEY 5	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Ridgeley, a member of the local band, who was married at Chalfont St. Peter on the above date.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK KILBORN Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER MARTIN Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 5
ROWLAND O. POLLARD 2	THOMAS DICKENS 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	HARRY ARGYLE 7
ERNEST STONE 4	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 5th, and 6th.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael, Garston,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON* Treble	WALTER HUGHES 5
THOMAS MURRAY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
ERNEST J. OLIVER 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
HENRY FYLES* 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWTON, and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal in the method; also first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

R. T. BUSWELL Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 2	FREDERICK KILBORN 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal in five methods by the ringer of the 2nd.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, August 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	JOHN CLARK 5
HENRY KEMP 2	HORACE F. STREET 6
WILLIAM POSTON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7
CAMPBELL KINGS 4	ARTHUR BUSHNELL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

This is the quickest peal yet rung on the bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON).

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5
WILLIAM A. GARRARD 2	ERNEST G. STEIBONS 6
P. C. CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 4	INSPECTOR COLLINS* Tenor

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clements, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BLAXLEY Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	FREDERICK KILBORN 5
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal in seven methods by the ringer of the 3rd.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. H. PEGG.. .. Treble	H. PARTRIDGE 5
W. FEEN 2	J. RAWSON 6
H. PERCIVAL 3	J. CADLE 7
G. WALKER 4	A. JARVIS Tenor

Conducted by W. FEEN.

*First peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. FAREER .. Treble	WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. 5
JOHN B. HESSEY* .. 2	JOHN H. PRESTON .. 6
GEORGE WARINTON .. 3	CHARLES J. FRICER .. 7
HERBERT R. STEVENS .. 4	ALFRED G. BUTLER .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. HESSEY.

*First peal as conductor. G. Warinton was elected a member before starting.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDK. W. STONE* .. Treble	JOSEPH LORD 6
HENRY LETTS 2	JOHN FLOWER 7
JOHN W. GLEW* 3	ERNEST MORRIS 8
JOHN HAYNES* 4	FRED HICKLING 9
WILLIAM POYSER 5	ARTHUR B. STONE .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal in the method, also on ten bells. This peal contains the full extent of the 78964 "home at hand" positions, and is now rung for the first time.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Romney Marsh and District Guild.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THESTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble	ARCHIBALD C. KAY .. 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN. .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 6
CHARLES TRIER 3	KEITH HART 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 4	GEORGE JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

See note elsewhere.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.
*First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung all the bells in the tower to a peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

SAMUEL POPHAM* .. Treble	HARRY BROWNJOHN .. 5
GEORGE W. TOMKINS .. 2	EDGAR GOISE 6
GEORGE TIDDELL* .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 7
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 4	CHARLES RAWLINGS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR GOISE.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE BOWLER* .. Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
THOMAS COLLINS* .. 2	ERNEST ABBOTT 6
HERBERT PERKINS* .. 3	EDWARD READER 7
CHARLES V. SMITH* .. 4	JOHN KIRCHIN* Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. Rung on the occasion of St. Peter's school treat, and the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd. The ringers of the 5th, 6th, and 7th belong to the Loughborough All Saints band; the remainder being local ringers.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours Fifty-eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FRED. BORRETT Treble	CHARLES ROOPE* 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	WILLIAM ROOPE* 6
EDWIN WHITING* .. 3	FRED ROOPE* 7
ERNEST WHITING* .. 4	ALFRED SMITH* Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT .. 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	GEORGE BOWMER 6
WILLIAM FOX 3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 7
FREDK. JOHNSON 4	BRIAN HILDITCH Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM H. BALL* .. Treble	WILLIAM G. IMIN 5
GEORGE FIGOTT 2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 6
JOHN EATON 3	SAMUEL GROVER 7
ERNEST BOYLIN† .. 4	JOSEPH JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FIGOTT.

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

Handbell Peals.**NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.****DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. L. ROUTLEDGE,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE CATERS 5039 CHANGES.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON .. 1-2 | CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4 | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7-8

*ROBERT RICHARDS .. 9-10.

Composed by the REV. BERNARD JEALOUS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Referee—Mr. Alfred F. Hillier. *First peal of Caters on handbells.
First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, August 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 5, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 1-2 | E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 5-6
DAVID J. NICHOLS .. 3-4 | J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 7-8
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT .. 9-10.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In your issue of the 30th August you publish two peals of Bristol by Mr. Dains, the footnote stating that they are thought to be the first produced with their particular qualities. The following peal was rung in 1911, and whether the first produced with these particular qualities I cannot say:—

5088.
23456 M B W H
24536 I - 2 2
24365 2 - 2 I
63425 I - 2
32465 2
23564 - I 2

Twice repeated.

This composition contains the full extent of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths place, and exclusively in that position at the course-ends, with all the 8-4s, 8-5s and 8-6s, also the 2nd her extent at home on this plan, seven extents in all. The figures are published in the Yorkshire Report, 1910-11, under peal No. 2146. First rung at Chesterfield on Saturday, May 13th, 1911, conducted by the author.

Yours etc.,

SAM THOMAS.

19, Stanhope Road, Abbeydale Road, Sheffield.

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—The peal of Bob Major by W. H. Inglesant in this week's "BELL NEWS" was first rung at Saxlingham on April 5th, 1912, conducted by W. Steele, and is the composition of

Yours etc., G. H. CROSS.

BRISTOL COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, writes me to say he has had over two years the 5088 peal you kindly published for me last week. I hereby accept his statement and withdraw my claim to that composition. In his letter Mr. Knights very kindly encloses me a list of his peals in this method containing similar qualities. Amongst them I find an old peal of mine which I had published in "THE BELL NEWS" over four years ago, the exact date being January 16th, 1909. This latter peal had quite slipped my memory when writing you last week.

The following is another three-part peal of the same method, and with qualities previously stated, 4-5-6 extent and exclusively in 6th at course-ends.

BRISTOL MAJOR.

5088.

23456 M B W H
24536 I 2
24365 x I
46325 I x
53624 I I
32546 x
23645 x I 2

Twice repeated.

H. DAINS.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

We have been asked to open our columns for an urgent appeal on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn.

A fund has been started, and the sum already received is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
From his fellow-workers, per Mr. A. Howell	2	10	0
Anonymous	2	2	0
From Chelmsford and Boreham ringers, per Mr. Cooper (Chelmsford)	2	12	6
Vicar and Churchwarden of St. Ann's	1	1	0
Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.	0	5	0
Rickling, Newport, Essex, Ringers, Mr. A. B. Wifen	0	4	0
Loughton Ringers, per Mr. E. Wightman	0	8	0
W. H. F., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough	0	1	0
G. A. Hawkes, Mayfield Grange Avenue, Woodford Green	0	5	0
R. H. Knight, 83, Pembroke Road, Walthamstow	0	2	6
Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, Winterfold; Cranleigh, Surrey	0	3	0

£9 14 0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, August 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. W. Parker, M. Harrison, T. E. Griffiths, R. C. Hudson, T. Ditchburn, J. Pickering, R. Patterson, G. A. Pickering. Conducted by R. C. Hudson. This quarter-peal was arranged for Mr. T. E. Griffiths of Cinderhill, near Bilston, who was on a visit to Sunderland. The ringers of the treble 2nd. and 7th are St. Ignatius' ringers, and the remainder are members of the Bishopwearmouth band,

Ringers' Outings.

ST. ANN'S, TOTTENHAM.

Once again the members of the St. Ann's Guild, Tottenham, paid a visit to Burnham-on-Crouch, on the occasion of their annual outing, and, as before, the Clerk of the Weather bestowed his favours upon them and gave them a beautiful day.

Nine o'clock in the morning saw them seated in the train at Liverpool Street, cheery and smiling at the prospect of spending a pleasant day. No sooner had the train started than the handbells were brought forth and set going, and several methods rung during the journey down. On arriving at Burnham-on-Crouch the company adjourned to the "Welcome Sailor" to have their tongues moistened after their ardent wagging in the train coming along; for who, indeed, can keep silent on an annual outing day when the sun is brilliantly ablaze, and hopes are beating high at the prospect of spending an enjoyable day? Mr. Cook, captain of the Burnham ringers, met the party, and after partaking of light refreshments they went to the tower where they indulged in an hour's ringing. Then they had a ramble round the famous watering place, enjoying the sights and inhaling the appetising air previous to going back to the "Welcome Sailor" for lunch. After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied the company hied forth once more to the tower, where the tongues (not of the party but of the bells) were set wagging vigorously, with the result that 720 Bob Minor and 42 singles were rung; also several touches of Grandsire Doubles, with some of the local band standing in.

Back again to the "Welcome Sailor" for tea, after which some speeches were made. Regrets were passed that through illness, the Rev. H. W. Watson, Vicar, could not be present, and that owing to pressure of business, Messrs. Warner were not present, but the visitors were pleased to have Mr. Macking, their manager, take the place of the absent ones. Mr. T. Groombridge, jun., gave several selections on the piano, which were much enjoyed by the company, and to a neat little speech, delivered by the worthy hostess, the company listened appreciatively. After the usual votes of thanks were tendered, the party made tracks for the station, and departed on the homeward journey at 8.15 p.m. Then the tongues of the handbells, and of the party in general, were set going again, and continued with unabated vigour until they reached Liverpool Street at 10 p.m.

A more enjoyable day could have not have been spent anywhere, and the members of St. Ann's declared that—if Providence dealt kindly with them—they would spend another day, some time in the future, at Burnham-on-Crouch, where they had all so thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE HODDESDON SOCIETY.

Southend was again chosen for the annual outing of the Hoddesdon Society, the ringers and friends numbering 19. Dinner was partaken of at the Granville Hotel, and in the afternoon a visit was paid to Leigh Church, which contains a handy peal of six, tenor 14 cwt. Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by J. Cavill and C. Puplett. Subsequently the ringers dispersed to enjoy themselves according to their own inclination. The thanks of the society are due to Mr. Knight for making all arrangements, and to the Vicar of Leigh for his kind permission to ring.

THE PEAL AT APPLIEDORE.

This was the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, and perhaps it seems rather strange it should have taken place in Kent, but a few words will explain why such an exceptional course was adopted. The original plans were for the peal to have been rung at Rye, but knowing that Mr. Keith Hart had been chosen as conductor, the Romney Marsh and District Guild thought they would try to induce that well known ringer to journey to Appledore also, for another peal of Stedman, to be rung under the auspices of the Kent Association of that society. Mr. Hart consented, and it was decided to attempt the Appledore peal in the afternoon, and the Rye peal in the evening. The conductor's railway fare to Rye and back to Brighton was to be paid by the Sussex Association, and the return fare from Rye to Appledore was kindly guaranteed by a member of the Guild. The band met at Appledore, and an hour or so before starting time a telegram arrived stating the Rye peal could not be attempted, owing to serious illness near the Church. A discussion followed on the subject, and as no other tower was available, it was agreed to convert the Appledore peal into the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, taking into consideration the kindness of that body in paying the conductor's travelling expenses. A capital peal was rung, the first in the method by the Guild, and the first peal of Stedman by Mr. Kay, who was elected a member of the Sussex Association, and Messrs. Hart and Livermore were admitted to the Romney Marsh and District Guild. Eight towers were represented, and the ringers who were as follows, came from the churches appended after their names: Messrs. H. S. Humphery (New Romney); J. Livermore, jun. (Blacklands, Hastings); C. Tribe (Tenterden); C. W. Player (Stone-in-Oxney); A. C. Kay (Ashford); G. Billenness (Rye); K. Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton); and G. Johnson (Appledore). It was the 50th peal by Mr. G. Billenness, whose record is as follows:—

	Rung			Conducted	
Bob Major	...	2	...	...	1
4 Minor Methods	...	2	...	...	2
Grandsire Triples	...	39	...	...	29
Stedman Triples	...	2	...	...	...
Bob Major	...	4	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	1	...	...	...
		50			33

PRESENTATION AT MANCHESTER.

A presentation was made at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday week to Sergt. Cartwright, conductor of the Manchester Town Hall ringers, on his retirement, after 34 years' ringing.

The present consisted of a silver-plated flower stand, and the inscription read: "Presented to Sergt. W. Cartwright by the Manchester Town Hall ringers on his retirement, after 34 years' ringing, 1879 to 1913."

Mr. J. Sherwin was in the chair, and speeches were made by several of the ringers, wishing Sergt. Cartwright long life and success.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL DIVISION)**

The quarterly meeting of the Central Division of the above Association was held at Balcombe, and was very well attended, between thirty and forty being present, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the Church, a helpful address being given by the Rector. Tea followed in the Assembly Room, and the business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan), presiding. Several new members were elected, including the Rector as an hon. member of the Association.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for his kindness in welcoming the Association to Balcombe, and providing such an excellent tea for them. In reply the Rector said he was very pleased to do what he had done on behalf of the Association, and hoped they would come again in the near future. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till close on nine o'clock.

TUNSTALL (Staffs).—On Sunday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major. J. Darlington, G. A. Smith H. Washbrook, J. Godber, J. W. Washbrook, jun., W. R. Washbrook, A. Clay, W. Thompson. Conducted by G. A. Smith Rung as a farewell to Scoutmaster the Rev. C. A. Brown.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

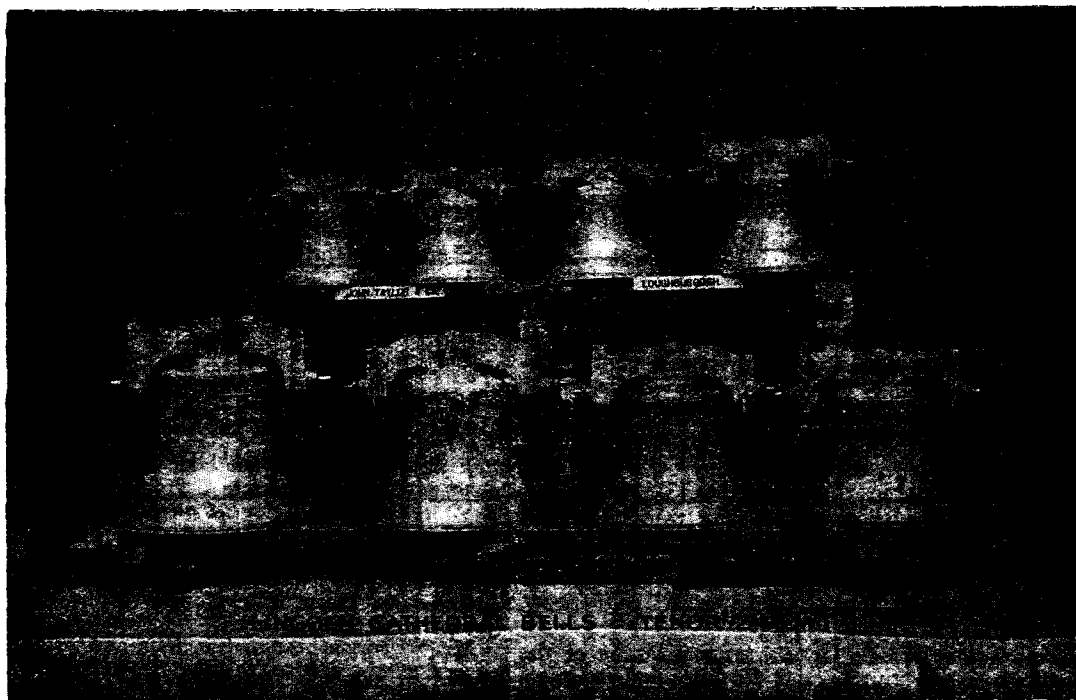
KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, 672 Bob Major. S. Gaskin, J. Cunningham, H. Hoylett, F. Doran, J. Fulcher, G. Baxter, W. Mears, F. Burrows (conductor).

STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which failed after about 800 changes had been rung. J. H. Mason, Wm. Gordon, sen. (conductor), P. Brickell, J. A. Gordon, Alf. Gordon, Wm. Gordon, jun., A. S. Gordon, E. A. Hulme. Rung as a farewell to E. A. Hulme, who leaves this district for Liverpool, and takes with him the best wishes for his future welfare of all his late brother ringers.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Monday, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original) in 50 mins. W. Buck, H. Daniels, A. Boxall, G. Heather, A. J. Perkins, J. Wignell, A. Clayton (conductor). A. Bundle. This quarter-peal was rung half muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. F. Holder, a local ringer, whose wife was interred in the Parish Churchyard on Monday afternoon, the choir attending the same. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from the Carshalton ringers and one from the Beddington ringers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th. Also 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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45; members 6d., non-members 8d. All ringers welcome. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as early as possible.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's, and if possible at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea.

Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury. Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to

H. Rumens, Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Meeting at 4 p.m.

Wm. Robinson, Branch Sec.

Thora Fold, Smith Brow, Ambleside.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. An election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for the same to be sent in as early as possible to

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

20, Culver Road, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. The tea will be provided by the Association (free) to all those who signify to me their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, September 9th.

C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks, Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p.m.

Thos. Best, Sec.

Bletchley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Godalming on Saturday, September 13th. 3 o—Bells available (8). 5.30—Service. 6.15—Tea in the Schoolroom. Chairman—His Worship, the Mayor of Godalming. Tickets 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors.

North Street, Guildford.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting. Will those intending to partake of tea let me know not later than Tuesday, September 16th.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Business meeting and tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting. Will those intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, September 17th.

E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec.

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, when an address to ringers will be given by the Rev. — Thomas. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1s. each), in the National Schools. Will those who intend being present for tea notify Mr. H. F. Clulow, Westgate, Southwell, by Thursday, September 18th. An excursion train will leave Nottingham (Midland) at 1.55 p.m.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular.

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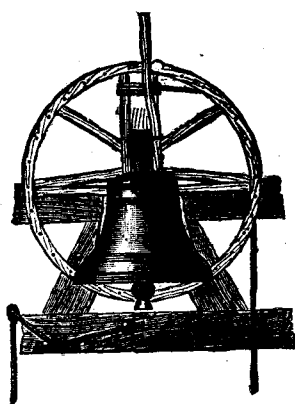
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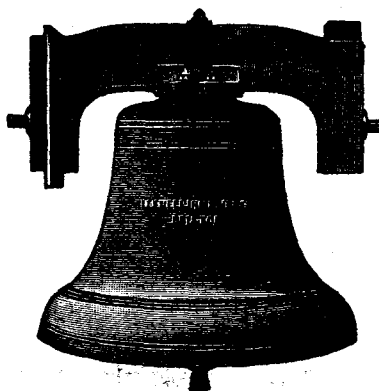
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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

A SERIES OF DISAPPOINTMENTS.

Fourteen members turned up for the annual tour, which was held last week in the Chester district. As the Rev. H. J. Elsee was one of the party, it was not thought advisable to attempt a peal in every tower. So one more peal tower than usual was arranged for, with some "listeners" towers in addition, where touches might be rung. But it was not wise to give notice of two towers for Monday night. There was too much temptation to say "If there are going to be enough for two towers, it won't matter if I turn up late for the peal."

It was only with difficulty that a band could be mustered for St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, and Stedman Triples were allowed to run round at a quarter-peal. Some listeners went to the historic tower of Christleton and had the pleasure of a chat with one of the family of Mayers who had made the tower famous in the first half of the last century.

At Llangollen on Tuesday, the conductor managed to get the bells round very nicely after half a peal of Norwich. The first course of Cambridge in the county was rung with the President of the North Wales Association standing in. At Wrexham the Guild scored its first peal of Stedman Caters on the fine Rudhall ten. The question of illness and peal-ringing was discussed on the way home. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild seemed to think that if he lay dying he would sooner go to the tune of Stedman Caters than anything else.

A batch of first-in-the-method was secured at Bebington. Professor Potter rang his first peal in 1886, and now has scored his second. Turning Chester Cathedral bells into Cambridge proved rather a hard job, and a bad trip after three hours brought things to an end. The listeners had touches at Port Sunlight and at Waverton.

Thursday morning brought two peal attempts in parallel. A broken rope in the second 720 stopped the Minor party at Bashford. And the Major party at St. Mary-on-the-Hill got into difficulties over Cambridge. In the afternoon the Guild travelled to Eaton on the Eaton Railway. Several members scored their first in the method as conductor under the tuition of Mr. H. W. Wilde. There was a great disappointment at Eccleston, which was to have been the plum of the week. Owing to illness the bells could not be raised, and owing to death the listeners could not use their tower at Aldford. So the party resolved itself into two handbell companies.

On Friday, at Pulford, Cambridge did not seem to go. But the Guild rang its first touch of London, and three courses of Thingem-Bob Major, which was promptly named Granta Bob Major. In the afternoon there was a 16 mile drive to Frodsham, where an excellent peal of Cambridge was rung, while the listeners sampled Runcorn bells. As many members had to leave early on Saturday, it was impossible to go for a peal at Gresford, so touches of Cambridge, Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob were rung. During the week the waggonette was most ably conducted by Mr. George R. Newton, who, with Mr.

Wilde, was largely responsible for the success of the week's tour, and they are both open to invitations for peals of London, Cambridge, and Granta.

The following is the record of peals rung during the tour:—

WREXHAM.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SILIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM D. JAMES Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	REV. H. J. ELSEE 7
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON* .. 3	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 8
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 9
E. MAURICE ATKINS 5	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DEAKE Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters by the Guild.
First peal by the Guild out of England.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

REV. R. BOND* Treble	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON* .. 5
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DEAKE .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 7
DR. MICHAEL C. POTTER* .. 4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Peals of Stedman on these bells have been called only by Masters of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DEAKE .. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 3	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts) —On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Simmons, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, H. Cornwell, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe (conductor), C. Dilley, R. Smith. On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, 798 Grandsire Triples. On Thursday, September 4th, for practice, several courses of Stedman Triples. G. Andrews, G. Maxim, W. G. Darlington, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, D. Tucker. Also 336 Grandsire Triples, with the Rev. C. B. Law tenor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.

A good meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch of the above Association was held at Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, September 6th, about thirty members from the following towers putting in an appearance: Ambleside, Brathay, Barrow, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Hawksheath, Silverdale, and a good number of the local band. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and was kept up till 4 o'clock, when the meeting was held in the Schoolroom, the Rev. J. G. Leonard, Vicar of Dalton, presiding. Silverdale was chosen for the next ringing meeting in December, and Barrow for the half-yearly meeting in March. Tea was provided in the schoolroom at 4.30, for which the Rev. A. Partridge, Vicar of Kirkby-in-Furness, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the local band for their kindness in entertaining the members, and to the ladies for their kind attention, and also to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells.

The ringers then returned to the tower, the bells being kept going till about 8 o'clock. During the day touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung. The ringers expressed themselves well satisfied with the go of the bells, which are a new peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., by John Warner and Sons, London.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at the pretty village of Wombourne, Staffordshire, on Saturday, August 30th. The beautiful peal of eight were at the disposal of the members from 3.30. The usual Guild service was held in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. P. Nicholas), the Rev. S. G. Craig ably officiating at the organ. The following towers were represented: Bilston, Blakenhall, Coseley, Dudley, Old Hill, Sedgley, Tipton, West Bromwich (Christ Church), Willenhall, and the local band. Letters of apology were read from Mr. J. Smith (Tipton), and the All Saints Company, West Bromwich, who could not attend owing to other engagements. At the business meeting, which followed, the minutes of previous meetings were confirmed. The Ringing-Master on behalf of the President (Rev. A. Gras Maitland, Vicar of Dudley), asked the rev. chairman to present the President's prize to the Coseley Company for the best average attendances for ringing for Sunday services during the year 1912. The chairman in presenting the prize said it gave him great pleasure to present the prize on behalf of the President. The prize took the form of a book entitled "The Antiquary's book on bells," by the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Blakenhall, the date to be left in the hands of the Secretary. The Secretary also thanked the members personally for their kind message of sympathy passed to him at the annual meeting in his long and trying illness.

At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for conducting the service, for the use of the bells, and the Institute for holding the meeting; to the Rev. S. G. Craig for presiding at the organ, and last, but not least, their old friend Mr. R. Cartwright, for making the necessary arrangements.

The Vicar, in returning thanks, said it gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Dudley Guild, and at the same time extended them a hearty invitation to hold

their next meeting in June next at Wombourne, and be his guests. It is needless to say that the invitation was graciously accepted.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION).

The annual meeting was held at St. Edward's, Romford, on Saturday, September 6th, when twenty members were present. Ringing commenced at about 4 o'clock, and several methods were rung before the service, which took place at 5 o'clock, the Vicar of Romford delivering a short and appropriate address. The service was followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall, placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of the Vicar. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), was in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Romford, and the General Secretary (Rev. H. T. W. Eyre). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed. Mr. H. Cantor, of Clapton, was elected a non-resident ringing member, and the election of Mr. W. Billinness, prior to a peal at Romford, was confirmed.

The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. A letter read from Mr. Black, the Master of the Division, who was unavoidably absent, was read. He regretted his inability to be present, and as he felt that he could no longer afford the time to look after the interests of the Division as a Master ought, he begged the members to elect someone else in his place. With much regret the members accepted Mr. Black's resignation, and tendered hearty thanks to him for the valuable services he had rendered in the past.

Mr. E. J. Butler, of Chadwell Heath, was unanimously elected to fill the office of Master for the year 1914, and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Rumens), again accepted the invitation to resume his duties for another year.

Wanstead was selected as the place for the next meeting to be held early in the New Year.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the Service, and use of the Parish Hall for the tea and meeting, after which the ringers again adjourned to the tower, and some excellent ringing was indulged in to a late hour.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Mr. G. H. Cross does not say which of the two peals of Bob Major you published under my name in your issue of August 30th he claims. Neither does he give the date or make any reference to the composition being published. If he will give these particulars I shall then of course be willing to withdraw all claim to the peal.

Yours etc.,

W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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THE SURPRISE METHODS.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

THE PROOF OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JASPER W. SNOWDON, } Past Presidents of the
Revised by WM. SNOWDON. } Yorkshire Association.

The following is an example of the proof of half a peal (2528) of Cambridge Surprise, taken from Sottanstell's "Elements of Campanalogia," page 795. In the first column the actual course-ends of the touch are pricked, with the calling given in the second column. Under the actual course-end are given the natural course-ends, and the bobs B are again set out in the second column. In the upper part of the third column the actual course-ends are transposed by 43265, and in the lower

half the natural course-ends are transposed by 32465. The upper half of the column has to be compared with the *actual*, and the lower half with the *natural* course-ends. In the fourth column the actual and the natural, except where the bobs B occur, are transposed by 24365, and the upper half of this column has to be compared with the *actual*, and the lower with the *natural* course-ends—thick lines in the table being drawn to emphasise the fact. In the fifth and sixth columns, such of the actual and natural course-ends as require it are transposed by 32546 and 46253; the upper halves of these columns have to be compared with the *natural*, and the lower halves with the *actual* course-ends. Although in these last two columns it would only be absolutely necessary to transpose those course-ends in the lower half of the first column that have been transposed for bobs at H, yet, for the sake of simplicity, the whole series is here transposed. The transposition here referred to is the "un-

making" of the bobs H, as explained under Superlative, in order to secure plain-lead course-ends.

When we compare the different transposition in the foregoing table, in the manner explained above, it will be seen that under the false course-end 32465, one of the course-ends transposes to 23456, which happens to be one of the *natural* course-ends: This proves the row at h in the seventh lead of that false course to be the same as the row produced at H in the seventh lead of the course that ends with 23456. Indeed the touch is false at sight, as the false course-end 32465 is used as an actual course-end, which also happens to be a natural course-end of the touch. The falsity of the touch arises from the fact that the author of the book in question, in his explanation of the proof of this system had not recognised the necessity of the proof by the false course-end 32465. If the reader will turn to the table in the second column of page 302, August 30th, he will find this reference to the letters H and h; the last column, after the word "at" should have been headed "False course," and the previous column after the word "produces," should have been headed "Plain course," and it was only by the writer's oversight that they were omitted.

(To be continued.)

Actual C. E.	M B W H	False Course-ends.			
23456		43265	24365	32546	46253
35264	—	25346	—	—	—
35624	—	65324	36524	53462	62345
43652	—	63425	46325	34562	62453
26354	—	36245	23645	62534	34256
52364	—	32546	53246	25634	34562
32465	—	42356	34256	23645	45362
64523	—	54632	65432	46253	53624
26543	—	56234	25634	62453	53246
54263	—	24536	52436	45623	23564
25463	—	45236	24536	52643	43265
42563	—	52436	—	—	—
42635	—	62453	—	—	—
23456	—	43265	—	—	—
Natural C. E.		32465			
35264	—	53246	—	—	—
56342	—	65324	—	—	—
43652	—	34625	46325	34562	62453
63254	—	36245	62345	36524	24653
52364	—	25346	53246	25634	34562
32465	—	23456	34256	23645	45362
64523	—	46532	65432	46253	53624
26543	—	62534	25634	62453	53246
42563	—	24536	45236	24653	53462
54263	—	45236	52436	45623	23564
25463	—	52436	24536	52643	43265
26435	—	62453	—	—	—
23456	—	32465	—	—	—

A RECORD HANDBELL PEAL.

A NORTH NOTTS. ACHIEVEMENT.

On Wednesday, September 3rd, in 1 hour and 59 minutes, in the belfry of St. James' Church, South Anston, a peal of Surprise Minor, 5040 changes, comprising the following seven Surprise methods, viz.: Munden, Morpeth, Newcastle, Chester, Whitley, Northumberland and Carlisle was tapped on handbells by Mr. John Segar, jun., of Retford. Umpires: H. Haigh, Secretary of the Association, Worksoy; C. F. Fowler, H. Stenton and S. Smith, South Anston; and Mr. John Segar, sen., of Retford. The tapping was done in excellent style, and this is believed to be the world's record of 5040 changes tapped on handbells in seven Surprise methods. The young gentleman, whose age is only 20 years, received the hearty congratulations of all present at the end of the performance, after which he gave a recital or transposition of

one of the methods rung, change by change, to oblige a gentleman who was not present during the performance.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 30th, 720 Double Court Minor C. Nunn, E. Youngs, J. D. Buckingham, E. Buckingham, W. Clover, W. Rose (conductor). For morning service on August 31st, touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Simons Doubles E. Youngs, J. D. Buckingham, E. Buckingham, W. Clover, W. Rose (conductor). In the afternoon, at Burgate, 360 Grandsire Doubles and touches of Simons, Dream, April Day. The ringers taking part were G. Brown, W. Brown, E. Youngs, W. Clover, J. D. Buckingham, E. Buckingham, L. Last, J. D. Buckingham, E. Buckingham, W. Clover, L. Last, F. Day, F. Brunning, A. Bowell, and E. F. Poppy (conductor), rang over 800 changes of Kent Major after evening service at Eye. On Monday, September 1st, at Thornham Magna, touches of Cambridge, Norwich Surprise, and Violet Minor were rung. W. Rose, E. Youngs, J. D. Buckingham, E. Buckingham, W. Clover, G. Cattermole (conductor). All the above were rung to oblige the Messrs. Buckingham, who hail from Essex.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, Cambridge.

5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	I	-	2	2
42635	2			2
46325	I	-	2	2
23564	2	-	2	
24365	2			I
23645	I	-	2	2
32546	2			2

Repeated; 4th, 5th and 6th extent.

5184.

By the same Author.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354		-	I	I
36524	I	-		I
25634	I	-		2
53624	I	-		
32546		-		
23645	2			2

Twice repeated; 4th, 5th and 6th extent. Reduced to 5088 by alternate calling in last course of each part.

BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

1264.

23456	W	B	M	H
42356				-
63254			-	-
35426		-		-
43526				-
54326				-
32546	-			-
53246				-
24536	-			-
52436				-
45236				-
23456	-			-

The 6th at home ten courses.

1264.—By the same Author.

23456	W	B	M	H
35426		3	-	-
52436		3	-	-
32456		3	-	S
43256				-
24356				-
35246	-			-
23546				-
52346				-
45326	-			-
23456	-			S

Only ten course-ends, and the 6th at home.

BOB MAJOR.

By B. FRANCIS, Clare, Suffolk.

5376.

23456	W	M	H
52436	-		
35426	-		
64352	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
52643		-	
65324	-	-	
43652	-	-	-
64235	-	-	
26543	-	-	
56342		-	
23564	-	-	-
52364			-
35264			-
42356	-	-	-

Twice repeated.

If the seventh course in each part is called w m h it will be reduced to 5040 changes, with the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

BRISTOL MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5472.

23456	M	B	W	H
35264		X		
56234	I	X		
26354	I	X		I
53624			2	2
32546		X		
52436	I	X		I
23564		X		

Twice repeated.

By calling the first course 2M 1H the third course-end reduces changes to 5024 in number.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1913.

We are asked to state that the peal of Caters rung at St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, on August 30th, and recorded in our issue of last week, was NOT the first rung by Mr. Lawrence, the ringer of the 6th, as reported in the footnote. Mr. Lawrence took part in several peals of Caters with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook, for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, more than 24 years ago.

The correspondent who sent the report of the peal also writes expressing regret at the mistake.

Mr. H. Dains withdraws his claim to the corrected peal of 5088 Bristol Major published last week, as it belongs to Mr. A. Knights.

The appeal for £65 to put the bells at Rayne in order gains slowly. The ringers there are an enthusiastic young band, who have themselves undertaken to raise the amount

named, as a further sum of £300 is needed for repairs to the church. Rayne is a small agricultural parish, and to raise the whole of the money in the parish would mean an almost impossible task. In the circumstances the ringers are seeking assistance from their brethren in other towers.

Much regret was expressed at the meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association, on Saturday last, at the retirement of Mr. G. A. Black from the Mastership of the Division. It was acknowledged that he had rendered valuable service to the Division, and that it would be a difficult matter to find a successor to so ably fill the position. Hearty thanks were accorded the retiring Master.

As was anticipated the task of choosing a Master was not an altogether easy one. In these days of strenuous living it is difficult to find working men who can afford to give up the time necessary for the successful working of an organisation, and as ringers are almost invariably working men Saturday's quest was no exception. Several members were invited to the post, only to decline on the ground that they had no time. At length one was found willing to make the necessary sacrifice, in the person of Mr. E. J. Butler, of Chadwell Heath, who has earned the thanks of the membership by helping them out of a fix, and there is no doubt he will receive their loyal support.

The members of the Cambridge University Guild who went on tour in the Chester district last week did not score a long list of peals, three being the sum total secured by the fourteen members who took part in the outing. A trip, after three hours, brought a peal of Cambridge to an end; a broken rope stopped a peal of Minor; illness prevented the bells being raised in one tower, and death in another. But, nothing daunted, the party went merrily on. Where they could not score peals they rang touches, and when tower bells were not available they used hand-bells. In this way the week sped through, the end of it finding the party well satisfied with their doings, if a little disappointed at the result.

Disappointment, too, marked the outing of the St Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, band. Learning, at almost the eleventh hour, that their first objective, Great St. Mary, Cambridge, where they had arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, was impossible, owing to illness in the vicinity, they made hurried arrangements to visit Great Yarmouth. Permission to attempt a peal was given, and 2.30 fixed for the start. When, however, the band met they were told they could not start till after three o'clock, because of a funeral. So they rang touches instead, and made themselves content.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE KILBY	Treble	REUBEN SANDERS	5
JAMES E. DAVIS	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	THOMAS LANGDON	7
WILLIAM H. KEMP	4	HENRY J. CANTOR	Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR FRENCH	Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY	4
FREDK. SEAR	2	THOMAS LANGDON	5
FREDK. GRIDDALE	3	HARRY KILBY	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

First peal by F. Griddale, who was elected a member prior to starting.

The Provinces.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAYONS	Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
WILLIAM A. COOPER	4	ALBERT E. LAW	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 51st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nicholls, of Coseley, who for 38 years were head master and head mistress of the Parish Church Schools.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN JENNINGS	Treble	WILLIAM ALLSOPP	5
ARTHUR ALLSOPP	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
CHARLES WATMAN	3	BERTRAM G. LEECHAM	7
GEORGE ROBERTS	4	JAMES REYNOLDS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of deep sympathy with the Rev. Canon Barnard, Rector and Rural Dean of Sutton Coldfield, and his family, on the death of his dearly beloved wife, who was laid to rest on the above date at Sutton Coldfield amidst manifestations of deep regret of the townspeople and many of their old parishioners from King's Norton. All the above are service ringers at this Church.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS SMITH	Treble	PERCY E. JONES	5
JOSEPH J. PRATT	2	WILLIAM HONOR	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	HENRY H. CHANDLER	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

ROMSEY.—On Sunday evening, August 24th, for Divine Service at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Smithers, J. Elcombe, F. Hands, F. H. Paskins (conductor), J. Walker, W. G. Trewin, T. Cole, W. Payne.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR* Treble	MICHEL F. HARRISON 5
THOMAS H. NAISEY 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
JAMES AYRES* 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
WILLIAM A. CARR 4	WILLIAM OXLEY* Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

*First peal on eight bells. First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the augmented ring, all the band being service ringers at this church, and it was rung at the third attempt.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RAMMOOR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	MAURICE WARD 5
RICHARD W. COLLIER 2	FRANCIS WARD 6
JOHN ATKIN 3	WILLIAM S. PLANT 7
SAM THOMAS 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

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

This composition has the bells reversed in 5-6 without recourse to bobs before with 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th place, and is believed to be the first peal rung on this plan. It was also the first peal of Superlative on the bells, and the first Surprise peal by all except the ringers of the treble and 4th. The conductor has now called a peal in a different method from each bell in this tower.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN J. PANNETT Treble	CORPORAL G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ERNEST NEWELL 6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	GEORGE MILES* 7
HARRY BUNGA 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Mr. Pannett, for whom this peal was arranged hails from Lewes. *First peal of Major.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913 in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

ARTHUR PAYNE* Treble	ROBERT GOSTON* 5
R. ALDER GOSTON 2	WILLIAM STORY 6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
JOSEPH A. GOSTON 4	THOMAS T. GOSTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. T. GOSTON.

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

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 2nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Piper, F. Suckling, W. Piper, H. Bowers, A. Piper, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). Arranged for F. M. Mitchell, who was on a visit from Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent. Also touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Double Court.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

THE HIGH WYCOMBE AND BEACONSFIELD SOCIETIES.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED HAYES Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 6
RALPH COLES 2	WILLIAM PHIPPS 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 8
CECIL C. MAYNE* 4	RICHARD BOGELAND 9
EDWARD MACEHAM 5	CECIL E. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Arranged for G. F. Williams, of Hull, late of High Wycombe.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED C. WRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM FOX 5
THOMAS WHITE 2	EDWIN BLACEWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	BENJAMIN GREATOREK 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES; JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GILBERT WILTSHIRE Treble	WILLIAM STOWELL 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JOHN BURFORD 6
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN 4	FRED G. MAY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Arranged for Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

OSWALD RICHARDSON Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Arranged for the Messrs. Coleman, of St. Neots; also as a farewell to George Jutson on his removal to Melton Mowbray.

DENTON.—On Tuesday, September 2nd, at St. Anne's Church 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Bardsley, W. Wilde, A. Marshall (conductor), W. W. Wolstencroft, J. Pollitt, W. Wright. First 720 in the method, and first attempt for W. W. Wolstencroft.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 41 mins. J. Barry, A. Bunn, A. Brooks, J. Cornford (conductor), A. Hart, W. Pateman, A. Turner, C. Ottley.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON* Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS† 7
WILLIAM SHORT 2	JAMES E. GROVES 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN* 3	JAMES L. WELLS 9
WILLIAM FISHER 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	HERBERT KNIGHT 11
JOHN CARTER 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Cinques †First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques for the Guild. The band were afterwards entertained by the Ringing Master (Mr. Jas. George).

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE .. Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
J. FRANK PROCTOR 2	ERNEST NIDD 7
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 8
HARRY THORPE 4	FRED TURNER 9
FRED WILFORD 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. and Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is the author's number 140.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz.: 1,440 each of St. Clement's Bob, and Oxford Bob, and 2,160 of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt

JOHN GILBERT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 4
ROWLAND O. POLLARD* .. 2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY .. 5
ERNEST STONE* 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

J. Gilbert (aged 15 years) was elected a life member of the Guild before starting, and this was his first attempt for a peal. *First peal in three methods.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN* .. Treble	WILLIAM EASTER 5
JACE BURLIS* 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL† .. 6
GUY R. AMEROSSE† 3	WILLIAM HARPER 7
FREDERICK HAYES 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. and

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. †First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Fred. M. Mitchell and William Easter, the band offering the usual congratulations. Messrs. Haigh and Easter came from Gillingham; Holden from Meopham; Burlis Ambrose, Hayes and Mitchell from Milton-next-Gravesend; and Harper from Swanscombe. For calling see K.C. Report for 1912, page 78.

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COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch).

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN W. LAKE Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT* 4
ARTHUR SKINNS* 2	WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER* .. 5
HARRY A. WATSON* 3	ARTHUR I. HOLMES† Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th, were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. †Fiftieth peal for the Guild.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON .. Treble	JOHN HALL 5
RICHARD A. HICKTON 2	JOHN FLOWER 6
RICHARD HICKTON 3	WALTER AYRE 7
JOHN OLDEHAM 4	JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.)

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED H. PULLING Treble	FREDERICK WEBB 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
WILLIAM JUDGE 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 7
JOHN MONK 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung to commemorate the Patronal Festival of the church.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES; JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GILBERT WILTSHIRE Treble	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. 5
FRED G. MAY 2	GEORGE COMDICK, JUN. .. 6
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	WILLIAM STOWELL 7
ALBERT STOWELL 4	ALFRED E. REEVER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn. First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and the first in the method for the above Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, August 24th, at St. John's Church, for evening service. 1216 Bob Major, in 44 mins. J. Law. F. S. Bacon A. G. Bennington, W. H. Daynes, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, T. A. Easterby, W. J. Jefferies (conductor).

TO CHANGE-RINGERS.—A Young Man wanted able to do French Polishing in Motor Works and willing to make himself generally useful in the Painting Department in spare time.—Apply in first instance to F. DENCH, 37, Ditton Walk, Cambridge.

Ringers' Outings.

THE IPSWICH ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY'S OUTING, 1913.

As Bobbie Burns said, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men, gang oft a-gley," and this the St. Mary-le-Tower Society found very true on the occasion of their annual outing on Saturday, September 6th. It had been arranged to visit Cambridge and attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's there, but on Friday the Secretary received a telegram from Canon Abbott to say ringing was impossible owing to illness near the Church. This upset things rather, and the telegraph was put into operation, to see if any other twelve-bell tower could be obtained, and eventually permission was got from Mr. Denison Hayward for a peal attempt at Yarmouth. So at the last moment, so to speak, our plans were changed, and Yarmouth was decided upon.

Ipswich was left at 8.50 a.m., the party numbering 17, and very unpromising it looked for a seaside trip too, but before Yarmouth was reached the rain had cleared off, and it remained fine for the rest of the day. Yarmouth reached we at once made for the Church, where Mr. D. Hayward was waiting, and were told the peal attempt could be made at 2.30. This gave us two or three hours in which to have a look round, and enjoy some of the many attractions for which Yarmouth is famous. We all met again at 1 p.m. for dinner, which was "well and truly" disposed of. After dinner an adjournment was made to the Church, but again disappointment was in store, for as we were stripping, preparatory for the peal, a message came to say we were not to start till after 3 o'clock, owing to a funeral at that hour. This knocked all thoughts of a peal on the head, for our train left at 7 o'clock, and to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, and catch a train in 3½ hours, is bordering on the impossible, so we contented ourselves with two short touches. After this we all went down to Gorleston-on-Sea by the river ateamer, and had a stroll round this pretty seaside village. Permission to ring having been obtained the Church, which has a nice peal of six, was visited, and several touches were rung by those who had not rung here before. Yarmouth was reached again by tram, in time for tea at 5.45, which with appetites increased by the sea air was much enjoyed. The last train left Yarmouth for Ipswich at 7 o'clock, and home was reached at 8.30, after what turned out to be a very enjoyable day which, if not memorable for the ringing accomplished and towers rung at, as some "Tower" outings have been, will at least be remembered by its worst feature—its disappointment.

C. J. S.

RINGERS AWHEEL.

Seven members from Bloxwich, Bradley, Coseley, Rushall and Wolverhampton St. Peter, took part in a cycle run to three towers within easy distance of Walsall. Aldridge was the first place visited. The "go" of the five bells here leaves something to be desired, especially the treble, whose antics caused no little excitement. However, a climb up to the bells previously had warned the ringers to be prepared to "handle" this bell, as the wheel was very loose. The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Tarleton) came round and welcomed the party, and expressed a wish for the society's help in instructing a new band. Mr. W. Griffin (Walsall), had a ring here. The methods were Grandsire, Stedman, and

Plain Bob Doubles. On starting for Pelsall, one of the party experienced trouble with a faulty inner tube on a cycle he had borrowed, which compelled him to walk back to Walsall to join the rest at tea. In striking contrast to the tower the visitors had just left, at Pelsall, where there is a good-going ring of five, the local ringers turned up. Two of them rang half a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, time not allowing for more. On reaching Walsall, tea was provided by the Rev. E. V. Cox at his rooms. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. H. Knight proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cox. After a short time with the handbells, Rushall tower was visited. Here the visitors were joined by one of the local band, and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Kent Treble Bob Minor were tapped off. A very enjoyable half-day's ringing concluded shortly before 8.30 p.m. It was decided to arrange the next run to Patshull and Trysull on October 4th.

LUTON, BEDS.

The first annual outing of the Luton Parish Church ringers was to Tring, which was reached by char-a-banc. The journey was made by way of Markgate and Shedham, Great Gaddesden being the first place. Permission having been obtained, the bells were raised, and Bob Singles, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles tapped off on this fine peal of five bells (tenor 13 cwt). The frame is built for six, and it is hoped some kind friend will soon fill the vacant space to make a handy ring of six, as the local men are taking up the art of change-ringing under the direction of the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Hollis). The party proceeded via Water End, Hemel Hempstead Boxmoor, to Great Berkhamsted, where lunch was partaken of at The King's Arms Hotel. Afterwards a visit was paid to the church, and ringing indulged in for about two hours on the peal of eight (tenor 19 cwt). The bells go well, but are marred by the cracked condition of the 6th.

After bidding the local ringers adieu, a start was made for Tring, which was reached at 5 p.m. Tea was provided at The George Hotel, and served in first-class style by Host Burton. After tea the tower was visited, and the grand peal of bells, no doubt the finest ring of eight in the county, with a tenor of 27 cwt., told their tale in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major. The journey home was made via Ivanhoe and Dunstable, Luton being reached on the stroke of 11 p.m., after an enjoyable drive of 40 miles o'er hill and dale, in glorious weather, and through some of the most sublime scenery of Beds. and Herts. The ringers thank the incumbents of Great Gaddesden, Great Berkhamsted and Tring for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

DERBYSHIRE RINGERS AT BLACKPOOL.

The Norton, Derbyshire, ringers visited Blackpool for their annual outing. The party journeyed through the beautiful Hope Valley, and via Manchester, arriving at Blackpool at 9.15. Having obtained permission to ring a short touch at the Catholic Church 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round by A. James 1, E. James 2, J. Biggin 3, A. Rose 4, H. Beardshaw 5, F. Allen 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, T. Lee 8. Also two courses with S. Simpson, treble. The ringers then went their different ways, some for a sea trip others to sample the various amusements, for which Blackpool is noted. The day was fine, and the party had a very enjoyable outing. The visitors wish to thank the Blackpool friend who so kindly made the arrangements.

PLYMOUTH VISITED.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church Congresbury, together with a few friends, visited Plymouth for their annual outing. The party numbering 20, including one of the churchwardens and three sidesmen, left Congresbury about 7 a.m., and joined the excursion train at Yatton a saloon having been reserved for them. The journey proved exceptionally interesting the country being new to the majority of the party. Plymouth was reached just before noon, and a visit was paid to Charles' Church, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The band wish to thank Mr. W. H. Marsh for kindly obtaining permission for them to ring, and the clergy for granting the use of the bells. After dinner the party enjoyed a stroll round the Hoe, and a most pleasant sea trip which provided them with a view of the fleet, Devonport Dockyard, Saltash Bridge, and many other places of interest, and incidentally of the regatta. The return journey commenced at 7.30, and Congresbury was reached just before midnight, everyone expressing themselves highly pleased with the day's outing.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch took place at Evesham, under ideal conditions, when there were ringers present from Bengeworth, Hinton, Hampton, Fladbury, Pershore, Eckington, Overbury, Toddington, Badsey and Childswickham. At service, held in All Saints' Church, the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. M. Walker) gave an excellent address from the words: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord." He pointed out to the ringers their high calling in sending forth from tower and steeple the message to worshippers to come to church, and impressed upon his hearers that, after calling worshippers to church, it was their duty to attend divine service themselves.

After service the ringers, to the number of about 50, sat down to a capital knife and fork spread in the Parish Hall, the catering being in the hands of Mr. G. Hale. A business meeting followed, at which the Rural Dean presided. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Badsey, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Evesham, with Mr. H. Middleton as conductor. It was also decided to arrange a united practice meeting at Little Comberton, the last meeting having proved a failure, owing to a wet day. On the proposition of Mr. G. E. Rind, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rural Dean for his excellent address, for the use of the bells, and for providing such a splendid tea; also to the choir for their presence at the service, and to Mr. G. Hale for the way he had catered for the ringers. The Rural Dean replied, and the meeting then terminated. Before and after the service, touches were rung in various standard methods, and Bengeworth and Hampton bells were also available, and were utilised afternoon and evening.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Ringers are requested to note the following dates. October 30th—Concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the Bells Fund; Chairman—the Mayor; at 8 o'clock. Re-dedication of the bells on November 3rd at 8.30. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend on November 8th in the afternoon opening of the bells and tea in the Parish Room. Short service and an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. All ringers will be invited to these events. A fuller announcement will be made later.

Will all old ringers who have rung on Shoreditch Bells, please communicate with Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, with a view to have a photo taken with the bells.

OBITUARY.

MR. S. T. WRIGHT.

It is with regret we announce the death of the above, who was leader of the band at St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, which took place early on Sunday morning, after only a fortnight's illness. Deceased was well-known to members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, to many of whom the news of his death will come as a shock.

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

MR. AND MRS. A. MERRYFIELD.

The bells of Southwell Cathedral were rung recently to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. A. Merryfield. A touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round by F. Foster, H. B. Berresford, A. H. Wilson, F. Pickard, G. Becket, E. Foster, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor), F. Larkey. Afterwards the band were entertained to a splendid supper at the Admiral Rodney Hotel, of which Mr. Larkey is the proprietor. Mr. F. Larkey, who rang the tenor, is home from South America on a visit.

In order to complete St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh, operations have been commenced for the erection of the western towers and their spires. The towers, which had only been carried up to a height of 60-ft., are to be increased 43-ft. They are each to be surmounted by angle pinnacles and a spire 109-ft. high, making 212-ft. altogether. The work will occupy two years, and cost about £11,000.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, August 31st, 720 Plain Bob, S. Bannister, H. Argent, G. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Burles (conductor), G. Ambrose. On Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. S. Bannister, H. Argent, J. Burles, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). For evening service, the same band, standing as above, rang a 720 Canterbury Pleasure. First 720 Oxford Bob on a bob bell by H. Argent.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, September 7th, 1280 Oxford Treble Bob, in three courses, in 43 mins. J. Barry, J. W. Cornford, A. D. Barker, A. E. Bunn, A. Hart, H. Ranzetta, R. W. Green, A. Turner. Composed by A. J. Perkins, and conducted by A. D. Barker. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

DUNCHURCH, NEAR RUGBY.—On Thursday, September 4th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. E. W. Haywood, H. O. White, W. Malins, A. J. Hessian, C. W. Wheeler, J. George (conductor). First 720 on the bell since being rehung by Messrs. Barwell, Birmingham.

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Damage to the extent of about £1200 has been done by fire to the Cathedral tower of Argyll and the Isles, Cumbræ. It is not known how the fire originated. The church, which was built in 1842-52 by the efforts of the late Earl of Glasgow, is the headquarters of the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles.

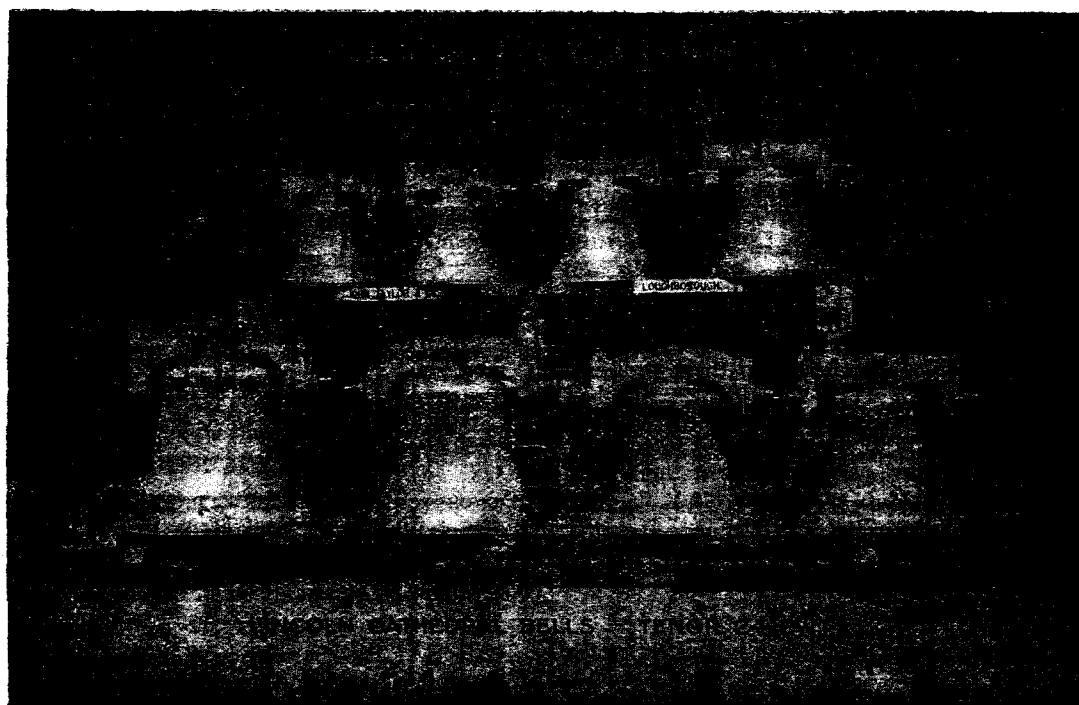
In the course of installing new lightning conductors on St. Paul's Cathedral, Messrs. J. W. Gray, Leadenhall Street, have discovered part of one of the original iron bar conductors fixed over 140 years ago, under the supervision of Benjamin Franklin, the inventor of the lightning conductor. The bar was in a good state of preservation, as it had been inside a tower, and, consequently, not exposed to the weather.

The autumn meeting of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society was held at Gloucester, under the presidency of the Bishop of Gloucester (Dr. E. C. Sumner Gibson). A large body of members assembled in the south transept of the Cathedral, where they were received by the Sub-Dean, Bishop Mitchinson. Bishop Mitchinson explained that, owing to the preparation for the Three Choirs Festival, their visit would be necessarily restricted. Bishop Mitchinson, Canon Bazeley, and the Cathedral

architect (Mr. F. W. Waller), conducted the visitors in three sections through the several parts of the eastern limb, and in the Boteler Chapel Canon Bazeley gave an address on the rule of Abbot Boteler (1437-1450), and on the heraldry, sculpture, and floor tiles of the chapel, which is situated at the north-east angle of the choir. The reredos, which had been much injured, still contained twelve statuettes and many heraldic shields. The nine principal statuettes had disappeared—probably destroyed or removed from their brackets by Order of the Council in 1548. The twelve remaining appeared to represent the Twelve Apostles, including St. Paul.

A stained glass window is to be erected in the Lady Chapel of All Saints' Church, Oakham, and the altar is to be restored to the chapel of the Holy Trinity in order that the chapel may be used for service. The Lady Chapel on the south side of the chancel, and its east end and east window under which its altar stood are now blocked up by the altar and the choir vesty screen. The centre window of three lights in the south wall of the Lady Chapel will be filled with stained glass, and the subject to be represented is the Purification of t. Mary the Virgin and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th. Also 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 Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45; members 6d., non-members 8d. All ringers welcome. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as early as possible.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20th, at St. Anne's, Highgate. Bells available at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All cordially invited.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

7D Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 5.30. An election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for the same to be sent in as early as possible to

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

20, Culver Road, Winchester.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year.

C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec.

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks, Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p.m.

Thos. Best, Sec.

Bletchley.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Godalming on Saturday, September 13th. 3.0—Bells available (8). 5.30—Service. 6.15—Tea in the Schoolroom. Chairman—His Worship, the Mayor of Godalming. Tickets 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors.

North Street, Guildford.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting. Will those intending to partake of tea let me know not later than Tuesday, September 16th.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Business meeting and tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) at 5.30.

The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting. Will those intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, September 17th.

E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec.

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4, when an address to ringers will be given by the Rev. — Thomas. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1s. each), in the National Schools. Will those who intend being present for tea notify Mr. H. F. Clulow, Westgate, Southwell, by Thursday, September 18th. An excursion train will leave Nottingham (Midland) at 1.55 p.m.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular.

Rev. W. T. Bulpit,

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Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells of the Parish Church (tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Dinner and tea by the kind invitation of the St. Alkeda's Guild. Those intending to be at this meeting must notify the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, September 23rd, first post, or they cannot be provided for.

T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 20th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea at 5.30 in the Assembly Rooms, Cross Keys Hotel. Service in Church at 6.45 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. S. J. Kynnersley, 27, Park Street, Uttoxeter, not later than the 17th inst.

Rev. John Reay,

J. Johnson,

Hon. Secs.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.

E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolsteadcroft, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, October 4th. Service at St. Nicholas Church at 4 p.m. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

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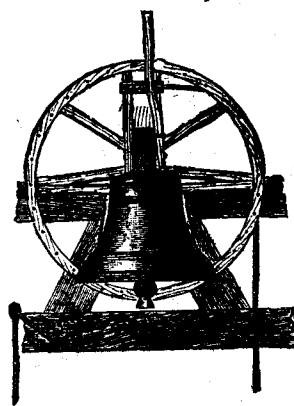
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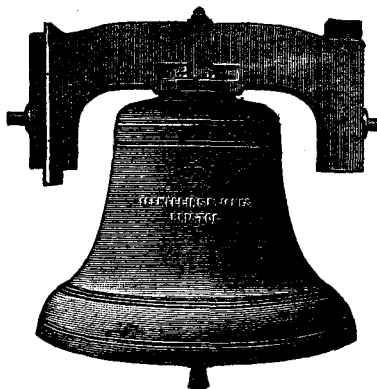
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting of the above district was held at Netherseale, on Saturday, when upwards of 20 ringers were present from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton, Derby, Etwell, Netherseale, Newhall, Stoke Golding, etc. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. By the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Worthington), a splendid tea was provided in the dining room of the Rectory. The Rector, who presided at the business meeting, said he was pleased to meet the ringers present that afternoon, and hoped everyone would enjoy their visit to Netherseale. Elford having been selected as the place for the next meeting, Mr. A. W. Wakley proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded the Rev. Canon Worthington for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and carried unanimously. The grounds of the Rectory, also those of "The Old Hall," the residence of W. W. Worthington, Esq., were thrown open to the visitors.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton, on Saturday last, and was very well attended, members being present from Cambridge, Sawston, Shelford, Stansted, Chesterford, Fen Ditton, Melbourn, and the local band. A meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom, twenty-four sitting down. Mr. A. Wilkerson presided at the business meeting which followed. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Melbourn in October. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the Chairman for presiding. Owing to the Vicar being away from home a service could not be arranged, but he wrote to say he would be very pleased to grant the use of the bells; also the schoolroom for the tea. During the afternoon and evening several methods were rung on the tower bells and also the hand-bells, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise, thus enabling all present to have a pull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Eling, on Saturday last, when members were present from Stoneham, Southampton, Twyford, Winchester, &c. Holidays were doubtless responsible for a smaller attendance than usual, but this gave greater opportunities for instruction and enabled several to score their first touches in Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. About 20 sat

down to an excellent meat tea at which the Rev. W. E. Colchester presided. It is anticipated that as a result of this and former meeting the Eling ringers will take up change-ringing and become affiliated to the Guild.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Godalming on Saturday, September 13th, and was attended by about 50 ringers from the surrounding towers. Service was held in the Parish Church at 5.30 and an instructive address given by the Rev. G. Harding, who announced himself to be a beginner in the art of change-ringing. He urged upon his hearers never to forget that their duty was to call people to a "solemn assembly," and to try and walk worthy of that object. Tea took place in the schoolroom and was presided over by the Mayor (E. Bridger, Esq.), who was supported by C. C. Harvey, Esq., S. Alden, Esq., and other gentlemen. The business comprised the election of a number of new members, amongst them being the Womersn band. Mr. R. Whittington, in proposing them expressed the pleasure he felt in so doing, as it was the result of five years pegging away, and he was pleased to think that now every tower in the district was affiliated to the Guild. The date and place of the next combined practice was left to the Secretary and Ringing Master to arrange, as it was hoped to be able to hold it at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Arrangements for the annual meeting were discussed and it was finally decided to hold a committee meeting to settle details. Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed a vote of thanks to his worship for presiding, and mentioned how in many ways ringing was associated with the lives of the community. The Mayor replied that he felt it was his duty to attend as many public gatherings as he could, but he could honestly assure them that he had thoroughly enjoyed every minute he had spent in their company, and he should be pleased to become an honorary member of the Guild. His example was followed by the two gentlemen named above. The fine peal of bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening, and a most pleasant meeting came to an end about 9 o'clock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. Mary's Oldham, on Saturday last, a goodly gathering of members attending from the various towers. The election of officers formed the most important item on the agenda, and this resulted in Mr. W. Ctabtree being elected President for one year, and Mr. J. Ogden, Secretary and Committeeman for two years. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newhay, on October 25th. A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. W. Schofield of Rochdale on the death of her husband who was for some years a useful member of the Exercise. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Maximus.

SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS.

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By FRANCIS CLARE.

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DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

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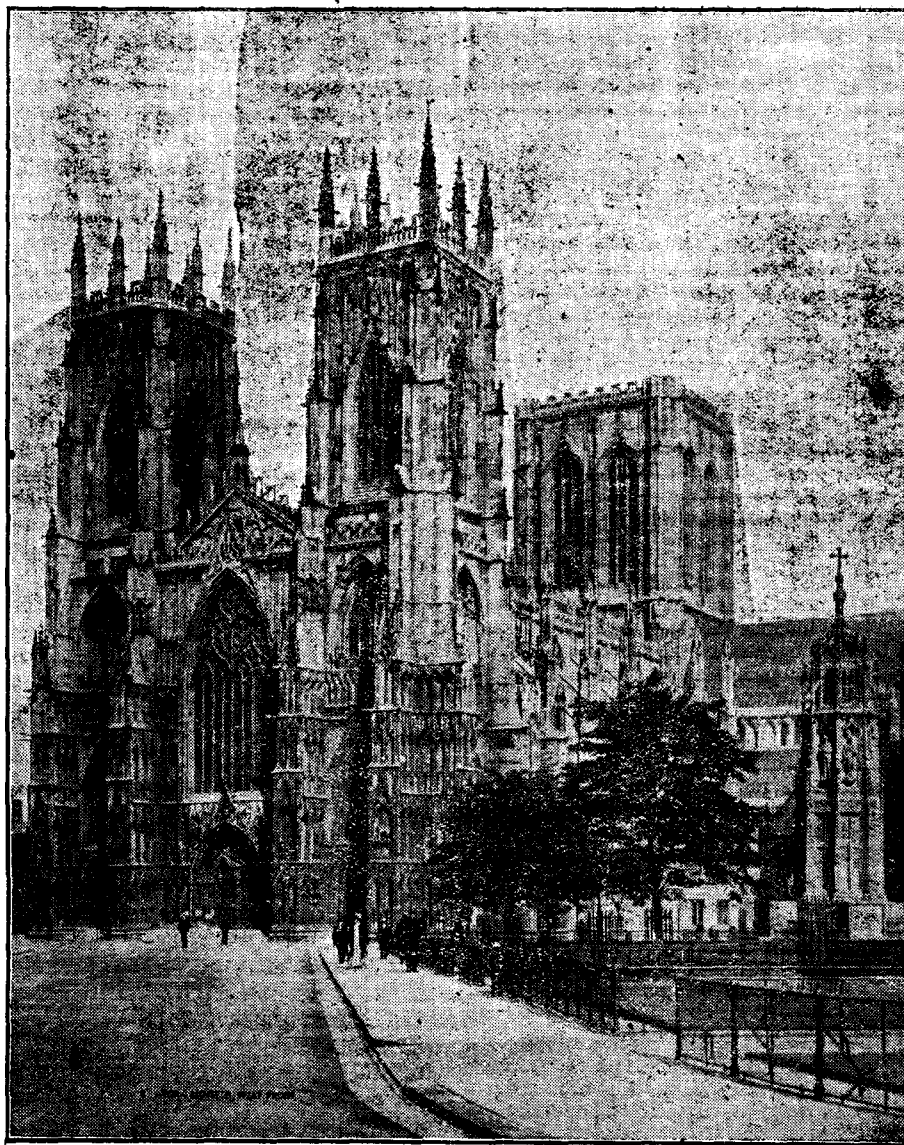
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Ringers' Outings.

ST. NICHOLAS, WALLASEY.

On Saturday, September 13th, the ringers of St. Nicholas Church, Wallasey, accompanied by the Vicar, Rev. A. S. Roscamp, and Mr. H. Joynton, Churchwarden, the company numbering 13 in all, went to Morecambe, a delightful and popular resort on the northwest Lancashire coast, for their annual outing. Leaving Wallasey early enough to catch the 7.53 a.m. train from Liverpool Exchange arriving at Morecambe a few minutes after 10 o'clock, the first item on the programme was a visit to the Parish Church of Holy Trinity to ring on the bells, which are a handy ring of six tenor 9½ cwt., by Messrs. Carr of Smethwick, placed in the tower in 1897. Time would not allow a 5040 to be attempted, so a 720 each of St. Clements, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Those taking part in the ringing were:—D. Joynton, J. R. Griffin, G. R. Newton, J. Webster, T. Rogers, J. Greasley, Eric Webster, Edward Webster, A. Sparks, and W. Joynton, the conducting being shared by J. R. Griffin, and G. Newton. After lowering the bells no time was lost in finding the Carleton Cafe where an excellent repast awaited us to which ample justice was done. Dinner over we made our way by horse and motor tram to Heysham, where we found a very interesting old church, which well repaid us for our visit. A mile walk further round the harbour brought us to Heysham Docks, which is now a busy centre of the Isle of Man and Irish ports steamer traffic. We here entrained again for Morecambe, arriving at the Midland Station, the roof of the interior booking hall coming in for much attention from the horticulturally disposed section of our party, there growing in great profusion grapes, hops, and hothouse plants. Before we partook of tea our Vicar called on the Vicar of Morecambe (Rev. W. S. Bonsey), who we are given to understand is a change-ringer, to thank him on our behalf for the use of his bells. Tea over which we all enjoyed a few souvenirs were purchased and then tracks for the station, our train leaving at 7.20, Liverpool being reached at 9.45. Some went home to Wallasey by train and some by boat, but all arrived safely after one of the most enjoyable days it has been our lot to spend. We should like here to express our thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens, one of whom Mr. C. H. Deeles was prevented from coming at the last moment, for their kindness, and to the Vicar of Morecambe for the use of his bells, and hope before long his tower will become affiliated to the Lancashire Association, and his ringers will also become members of it.

ST. JAMES GUILD. TAUNTON.

The annual outing of the above Guild took place on Saturday last. Meeting at the Church gates at 7 a.m., the motor car "Somerset Lass," was soon boarded by a party of eighteen, including the Vicar (Rev. Dr. Dixon), Mr. Churchwarden Montague and three other friends. They were soon on the way to Crewkerne a distance of about twenty miles where it was intended to have the first ring, but as no answer to the application for permission had been received silence reigned supreme as far as the bells were concerned, and a very short stay was made. Beaminster, Dorset, a run of about 10 miles was next stop, and here we found Mr. A. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, awaiting us, and he remained with us the whole of the day. The tower was visited and the bells (a fine ring of eight, by Bilbie, tenor 26 cwt.) raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Leaving here about 11 o'clock, Bradpole was next visited, where we found Mr. Beams waiting to conduct us to the tower in which hangs a light ring of eight with a tenor of 13 cwt. in good going order, Stedman and Bob Major was the music here. During our stay the Vicar visited the Church and gave us a hearty welcome and expressed a wish to see us again in the near future. Bridport was the next place on the route. Mr. Beams accompanied us and on entering the town we were met by an old and respected member of the Guild. Here a very important item in the days proceedings had been arranged, viz: lunch, which was served at "The Greyhound" Hotel and presided over by Dr. Dixon. The appetites having been sharpened by the country air, the course ends turned up very rapidly. The toast list was a short one. "The King" proposed by Dr. Dixon, was most heartily drunk, a verse of the National Anthem being sung. "Success to St. James Guild,"

proposed by Mr. D. G. Taylor, was enthusiastically received and winding up with They are Jolly Good Fellows, by the visitors. "The Chairman" brought the list to a close, as our aim was to get to the belfry of the Parish Church for another ring. Here we found the bells up, so they were very soon off to the tune of Stedman Triples, several touches being rung. On the belfry table we spotted a miniature peal of handbells and on them a touch of Grandsire was rung double handed, T. Doble, 1-2; G. H. Yendall, 3-4; H. J. Poole, 5-6; J. Maddock, 7-8. Having ended a friendly chat with the local ringers, we next set out for Lyme Regis, and on our arrival we found the Vicar waiting for us at the Church gates to extend a welcome to the belfry, where several touches of Stedman Triples were struck off on the light peal of eight with a 10 cwt. tenor. Tea was partaken of, after which we strolled on the beach, but this was brought to a rapid ending by rain. Leaving Lyme Regis soon after six, it was intended to have visited Axminster for a pull there but as the rain continued the order "straight home" was given our driver, Taunton was reached about a quarter to nine. Our intention at first was to have rung in three counties, but no reply from Crewkerne cut Somerset out, and the continued rain preventing our call at Axminster cut out Devonshire also. The party wish through the "Bell News" to thank the numerous incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeple keepers for having everything ready. Mr. Beams for his assistance, and all others who assisted in making the outing such a splendid success.

A DAY IN NORTH AND MID SOMERSET.

The ringers of the Parish Church Swindon, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday last, which will rank as the best of many good ones. Leaving Swindon at 7.22, with the weather conditions anything but favourable, Bristol was reached in fairly good time and the motor char-a-banc which had been chartered from the Electric Tramway Company of that city was in waiting. The weather was now looking decidedly more promising and fortunately it remained fine until just at the finish of the day. A beautiful run over the bracing Mendips to Shepton Mallet, our first halting place was much enjoyed and after a brief spell in the tower of the Parish Church, a move was made for Street, passing through one of the most interesting and historical districts in England en-route. Glastonbury Tor a famous Somerset landmark first claimed attention, while the distant Blackdown and Quantock Hills made a fine background to the pastoral district we were negotiating in our comfortable char-a-banc. Down the fine old High Street of Glastonbury, with its many historical buildings, past the ruins of once famous Abbey, and the well preserved Abbots' kitchen, the village of Street was reached and the bells were soon set swinging, but did not continue long enough to please some ancient bellringers who were quickly attracted to the tower by the sound thereof. St. John's, Glastonbury, was visited, the bells raised and two short touches rang, then off to the beautiful old city of Wells which nestles so serenely under the protection of the sheltering Mendips. Here a really first-class dinner was enjoyed at Wickenden's Restaurant, a place justly noted for its excellent catering. Readers can readily imagine that after the long and somewhat arduous morning the company settled down with one mind to the courses ever popular among hungry ringers. Time was, however, going, and after a brief stroll round the Bishop's Palace with its well preserved walls, towers and moat, the long climb up the south-western tower of the Cathedral to the ringing chamber was tackled. The four big bells were raised singly, and the front six in peal; then a few rounds for the young hands, and a course of Grandsire Caters which was well struck by W. Newell, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, G. Townsend, E. Bishop, H. W. L. Wells, A. Townsend, C. J. Gardner, J. H. Shepherd, and S. Palmer, and the glorious and unsurpassed ring was lowered in peal.

St. Cuthbert's with its musical peal of eight was next visited and Grandsire and Double Norwich rang.

A long run to Cheddar, up through the famous gorge, over the wild moors to Blagdon, our next tower, was much enjoyed, especially the romantic scenery of the gorge where the Cliffs rise sheer up from the road about 800 feet. Arriving above Blagdon a very steep descent had to be carefully negotiated. The scene on coming over the crest of the hill is really quite enchanting, the village with its beautiful church, artistic villas, and charming old cottages being prominent, while beyond is the huge lake formed by the Bristol Corporation for their new water supply added to which the whole countryside is richly wooded. Stedman Triples and Superlative were the methods rung here. Wrington the last tower on the programme was reached somewhat behind time and after a hurried tea the beautiful tower of the Parish Church was visited and the fine ring of 10 bells raised. The event here was the first course of Stedman Caters by a Swindon company, viz.: Messrs. A. Lawrence, R. N. Hyner, C. J. Gardner, G. Townsend, E. Bishop, H. N. L. Wells, A. Townsend, J. H. Shepherd, S. Palmer, and S. Southby, the achievement being one they were very proud of. On descending from the tower it was found to be raining but the driver had put the hood up which was a great protection and very little inconvenience was experienced. Just one hour remained to catch the 7.50 from Bristol and this was accomplished with 10 minutes to spare, Swindon being reached at 9 o'clock.

The towers rung in were:—

Shepton Mallet, eight bells, tenor 25 cwt.; Street, eight bells, tenor 23 cwt.; Glastonbury, eight bells, tenor 26 cwt.; Wells Cathedral, 10 bells, tenor 57½ cwt.; St. Cuthbert's, eight bells, tenor 28 cwt.; Parish Blagdon, eight bells, tenor 18½ cwt.; Wrington, 10 bells, tenor 37 cwt.

The company numbered 17, including three visitors, viz.: Mr. Newell (Reading), Mr. Southby (Compton Bsauchamp) and Mr. Townsend (Tetbury).

The ringers desire to thank the various authorities for so readily granting permission to ring and to those brother ringers who so kindly assisted in the arrangements.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday last week the Halesworth Ringers Society held their annual outing. This year the interesting old-world town of Bury St. Edmund's was selected and courteous permission to ring was granted by the clergy of the various churches, whilst the tower keepers had everything in readiness for the ringers. The party, 14 in number, accompanied by the Rev. J. F. Hughes, left Halesworth by 7.5 a.m. train, and arrived at Bury at 9.16. After reporting themselves at their headquarters for the day, the Norman Tower was visited, and here that well known ringer, Mr. H. Turner, was waiting to welcome them. The bells, a fine peal of ten, with a tenor of 20 cwt., were soon raised, and touches of Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and rounds on the ten were rung. The handsome Church of St Mary was then inspected with its interesting monuments, tombs brasses, in memory of such notable persons as Mary Tudor Queen of France, John Borrett Sir Robert Drury, Sir William Carew, John Reeve, last Abbot of Bury, etc. Here the party was met by Mr. Lomax, tower keeper, and several well struck touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major were accomplished. These bells are a very harmonious peal of eight, with a tenor weighing 28 cwt. At one o'clock the company sat down to an excellent repas,

served by Host and Hostess Turner of the "Rose and Crown," under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. Hughes

After dinner a pair-horse brake conveyed the ringers to Horringer, a pleasant village three miles from Bury, where harvest operations were in full swing. The church contains a musical little peal of eight bells, tenor 9 cwt., recently restored, two trebles having been added to complete the octave. After a look round the church the bells were raised and several rouches rung in the standard methods. Leaving Horringer at 3.30. p.m. the party commenced the return journey to Bury, via Fornham St. Martin's Church, with its pretty ring of six, tenor seven cwt., and here touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Tea was in readiness at 5.30, and after partaking of the refreshing cup, some of the party strolled round the town, noticing its ancient building, etc, and others again visited the Norman Tower and rung a few touches of Grandsire Triples. Here, with the assistance of Messrs. Turner and Dewell, some of the Halesworth men had their first experience in ten bell change ringing, bringing round two courses of Grandsire Caters. Bury was left at 8.20, home being reached at 11.20 p.m., one and all having spent a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of the ringers are due to the clergy and tower keepers for their kindness, and last, but by no means least, to Mr. H. Turner for the perfect way he arranged everything for the comfort of the visitors.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, STOKE-IN-COVENTRY

The annual outing of the above society took place on Saturday, August 30th, when a visit was paid to Worcester. The party numbering 11 left Coventry at 7.30 a.m., and after a pleasant journey, enlivened by touches on the hand-bells, the faithful city was reached at 9.45. It was not possible to obtain permission for a pull on the Cathedral bells, but through the kindness of Canon Whatley a pleasant hour was spent in looking round the tower and bells. After dinner a move was made to St. John's Church, where touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor were brought round. Later the Church of St. Philip and St. James', Hallow was visited, and on the modern ring of eight, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were successfully accomplished. The return journey was commenced at 9 p.m., Coventry being reached just before midnight.

The thanks of the band are due to the clergy of St. John's and at Hallow for granting the use of their bells, to Messrs. Morris and Page of Worcester, and to all who assisted to make the outing one of the most successful yet held by the Society

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1913.

Owing to pressure of business Mr. Snowdon has not been able to supply the instalment of "Surprise Methods" this week. We shall, however, resume the series next week or the week following.

The Exercise, as well as other branches of Church and philanthropic work, is the poorer by the demise of Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed, Glasbury, Breconshire. In many ways he shewed his interest in ringing, among others by undertaking the responsibility for the overhauling of the bells of St. Peter's, Glasbury, and the establishing of an annual competition among the ringers of the Glasbury Deanery, for which he paid all expenses, including prizes, travelling and entertainment.

Capt. Kidston also gave the sum of £2000 to the Kirk Session of Kilmacalm, for the provision of new halls, etc., in memory of his father. He was a dear lover of children and always ready to promote their pleasure by organising entertainments of various kinds. In these and many

other ways he endeared himself to those around him, and his memory will be revered for many and many a year.

The tour undertaken by a few members of the Devonshire Guild a week or so ago turned out to be most successful. To score ten peals in eight days should satisfy the most ardent campanologist. Mr. William Pye and the band who accompanied him are to be congratulated on the result of the tour, a record of which appears on another page, no less than on the enthusiasm which enabled them to score so brilliant an achievement.

The Metropolis.

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On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
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On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS DREW* Treble	ROBERT E. SPARKES 4
JOHN N. VIZOR 2	JAMES T. HYETT 5
EDGAR R. JONES 3	THOMAS TURNER Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. JONES.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Captain Kidston, a munificent benefactor of the local ringers.

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On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER* .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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JAMES DUFFIELD 3	WILLIAM DUFFIELD 7
EDWARD DUFFIELD 4	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor

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On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERTA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	LEWIS WIFFEN 5
ARTHUR JAMES* 2	FREDK. W. TOWNSEND .. 6
GEORGE PRESTON 3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7
A. MARTIN STEWART .. 4	ALFRED OSMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. First peal of Stedman rung in this tower, and the first peal of Triples on the bells since their restoration.

RENDCOMB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, and thirty-two 6-scores of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4
ANTHONY HAYWARD 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 5
JOHN MILLER 3	WILLIAM J. CARTER* .. Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY HAYWARD.

Rung to celebrate the golden of Mr. and Mrs. B. Haywood, Mr. B. Haywood being a much respected member of the local band. *First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Hayward and Miller were proposed members before starting.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 27 cwt.

DAVID S. PEACOCK* .. Treble	FRANK MORGAN 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
A. VICTOR MORGAN 3	FREDK. VILES 7
HARRY O. WHITE 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

*First peal and first attempt. Mr. Peacock belongs to Swansea, and Mr. White belongs to Rugby, and both were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Treble	GEORGE H. KETTLE 4
ROBERT GREEN 2	JOHN BRAGG 5
REV. C. CAREW COX .. 3	REV. E. V. COX Tenor

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp

EDWARD E. FOREMAN* .. Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 5
EDWARD TRENDALL* 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS BOOKER Treble	ALBERT BATES 5
EDWIN BARNET, SEN. .. 2	STANLEY MASON* 6
REDEEN BALDWIN 3	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	WILLIAM WEST Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN.

*First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Groombridge, wife of the conductor.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	EDGAR T. SMITH 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLACE .. 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
THOMAS HILL 3	JESSE SCREEN 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER* Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edgar T. Smith.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
FRED W. HILL 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT 6
HENRY GREGORY* 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR* Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS).

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 qrs. 3 lb.

WILLIAM JOHNSON† Treble	FRED. EATON 5
ARTHUR E. MOORE 2	HARRY A. TURNER 6
JAMES CHINERY 3	GEORGE DEENHAM 7
HARRY SMITH† 4	HORACE FOULGER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

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

LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER PAYNE Treble	ERNEST HEBBERT 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL .. 2	STANLEY DOBBIE 6
HEBERT L. HARLOW .. 3	HORACE SMITH 7
ALBERT KING 4	JOHN W. BARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKE.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 7th.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

SIDNEY GASKIN Treble	FREDK. A. SALTER 5
FRED. A. POULSON 2	THOMAS FITZJOHN 6
HORACE HAYLETT* 3	FRED. C. BURROWS 7
JAMES FOLCHER* 4	WILLIAM MEARS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

*First peal of Major, and first attempt. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and 6th belong to Thetford; the rest belong to the local company.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGS Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER, and

Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FRED R. BORRETT Treble	WILLIAM STERLE 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	WILLIAM ROOPE 7
EDWIN WHITING 4	FRED. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt 9 lb. in F.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble	RUFERT RICHARDSON 6
JOHN W. WOOD 2	GEORGE LADD 7
FRED W. STOKES 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON 8
JOHN W. LAKE 4	ALBERT H. WARD 9
ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5	R. HUGH RICHARDSON Tenor

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

This is the first peal on the ten bells, and the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PRARSON .. 2	WILLY ROUGHTON 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
GEORGE N. PRICE 4	CHARLES A. WARD* Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal.

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CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

As the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lb. in F sharp.

WILLY ROUGHTON Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
EDGAR PEMBERTON 4	CHARLES A. WARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Handbell Peals.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Amos W. Clark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

SYDNEY R. ROGER 1-2	WALTER S. WISE 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire—Henry L. Garfath.

TOUR BY THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A FINE RECORD.

During last week Mr. William Pye, with a party of the Devonshire Guild made a tour in Devon and Cornwall, and bagged no less than ten peals, a truly fine record. We append a report.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes

At Charles Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6
WILLIAM PYE 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN FLINT 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	ERNEST PYE 9
GEORGE DENT 5	JOHN THOMAS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

On Sunday, September 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Germanus,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	JOHN FLINT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

LISKEARD, CORNWALL.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR;

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	ERNEST PYE 6
GEORGE DENT 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

FOWEY, CORNWALL.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR;

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON Tenor	JOHN FLINT 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal on the bells, and first in the method in Cornwall.

KEA, CORNWALL.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	ERNEST PYE 6
GEORGE DENT 3	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 7
JOHN FLINT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in Cornwall.

KEA, CORNWALL.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD Treble	ERNEST PYE 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN FLINT 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TOYNES, DEVON.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5055 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	JOHN FLINT 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5072 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE DENT 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR;

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	ERNEST PYE 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	JOHN FLINT 7
GEORGE DENT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR;

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2	ERNEST PYE 6
GEORGE DENT 5	JOHN FLINT 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A FALSE "BOB."

Young Robert, just turned ten year old,
Precocious, full of hopes,
Besought his father, one fine morn,
Might see men pull the ropes;
Now as to church they made their way,
Thus father to the son did say:

"Mind, Bobbie, not to move or lurch,
But like a mouse, be still,
Remember well you are in church;"
Said Robert "That I will."
Now in the belfry as they sat,
'Twas hard for Bobbie not to chat.

He saw the ringers pull the ropes,
Wide open-mouthed was he,
And, what was more, a lovely maid
Was of the company;
Bob's whole attention centred there,
His sister was not half so fair.

The men all silent, Bobbie thought,
As serious as a judge;
But from the damsel Robert caught
A word which made him budge;
'Twas hard for him we must confess,
When she called "Bob," the boy cried "Yes."

"Hush," said the father, "naughty boy!"
Said Robert "she called me;"
No, no, my child, pray don't annoy,
She guides the company,
But Bobbie could not quite make out
Men held their tongues while ladies shout.

Just then Bob's ears pricked up again,
In fact it made them tingle,
For Robert felt a pleasing pain
To hear the nymph call "Single."
The father now more angry grew
As Bobbie blurted out "Are you?"

The bells were now all out of place,
The fairy called a "stand,"
While Bob was marched off in disgrace,
Gripped by his father's hand;
But things like this you know must be
When youth once knows his ABC.

G.F.M.

GUISBROUGH (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service 720 Bob Minor. H. W. Hodgson, W. Mitchell, J. Cottrell, S. S. Milburn, R. Haswell (conductor), J. A. Metcalfe. First 720 by S. S. Milburn, Rung muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Trevor.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN A. GLEN KIDSTON.

A GREAT LOSS TO RINGING.

It is with feeling of the deepest regret we have to chronicle the death of the above-named gentleman, which took place on Tuesday, September 2nd, at his residence, Gwernyfed Park, Three Cocks, Breconshire., at the comparatively early age of 42. His death will be a distinct loss to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he was an honorary member, and a most liberal and generous supporter. It was Captain Kidston who, in 1911, instituted the annual competition for ringers in the Hereford Guild, and generously provided the shield and medals awarded to the winners, as well as defraying the travelling expenses, and entertaining the competing bands. Only last July he instituted what was intended to have been an annual event, by entertaining all the Sunday School children of the Brecon Archdeaconry in his beautiful grounds at Gwernyfed, an undertaking which must have cost him a considerable sum, since it necessitated the chartering of nine special trains to convey them to and from their destinations. In 1910, shortly after taking up residence at Gwernyfed, at his own expense, he had the bells of St. Peter's Church, Glasbury, thoroughly overhauled and put in good ringing order, since which time he has always taken the liveliest interest in the local band, as well as in the general welfare of the Hereford Guild as a whole.

A memorial service was held at St. Peter's Church, Glasbury and there was a crowded congregation. The Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Gibbon) officiated. The service opened with a hymn "Thy way, not mine, O Lord," and the other hymns sung were "Peace perfect peace," "Jesu, lover of my soul," and "My God, my Father while I stray."

Taking his text from Galatians VI, 10th verse, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith," the Vicar said it was thus that St. Paul summed up the ideal Christian life. They had lost one from amongst them who tried to live up to that ideal, and though he was no longer with them, yet, dead, he spoke to them all by the example he had left behind, and the good work that he had achieved. Every department of Church work seemed to appeal to him, and every detail of public worship was important in his sight. Consequently his influence became manifest, and he had left his mark upon the fabric itself, he had improved the equipment, from the choir up to the belfry, outside in the churchyard, in the schools, among the children of high and low, among the sick and the suffering, and among the strong and well-to-do. He tried to do good to all men, not only in that parish, but beyond in the county, in the diocese, away in Highlands of Scotland, and in the slums of London. He found his opportunity wherever he was, and he was always cheerful, alert, and thoughtful of others. Thus he passed his brief sojourn amongst them, making friends among high and low, rich and poor, old and young, and at last a noble crowd, representative of all classes, gathered together to lay their tribute at his beautiful grave, when his work was done, and his tired body laid to rest awhile in a corner of the churchyard which he cared for, a spot of his own selection. He had a happy life amongst them, but the preacher believed he was happier still to-day. Those who remained must aim at the same ideal, and try to carry on the work.

At the service at St. David's Church, Llanfaes, on Sunday night the vicar, the Rev. Saunders Jones, made touching references to the death of Captain Glen Kidston, in the course of his sermon.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The last monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Erlestoke and the afternoon being fine a good number of ringers assembled at this picturesque old-world village. The bells of St. Saviour's Church were raised just after 3 o'clock, and Bob Singles and Grandsire Doubles were freely indulged in until tea, which was served at The George and Dragon Inn, where, through the kind liberality of Mr. G. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, a capital spread was provided, to which 27 sat down.

The Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. branch secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West. Amongst the company were the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), Mr. G. Watson-Taylor (churchwarden of Erlestoke), the Rev. T. C. Alexander (Vicar of Edington), and the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston, Notts), together with ringing members from Great Cheverell, Potterne, Edington, Erlestoke, Devizes, Swindon, Southbroom, Pouishot, Market Lavington and Beechingstoke. The business part of the meeting was soon got over, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. G. Watson-Taylor for his kindness. That gentleman responded, and invited the members to walk through his park. Another vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars of Erlestoke, Edington and Bratton for the use of the bells, and responded to by the Rev. E. C. Alexander.

The company dispersed, some going to Edington Church, where a good touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung. Others returned to the Erlestoke tower for more ringing, and also a good practice on the handbells, whilst others were very kindly conducted by Mr. Watson-Taylor through his beautiful park, gardens, and mansion, where they were shown lovely plants and flowers, pictures, curiosities, etc., and enjoyed their visit of inspection very much. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable.

FUNERAL OF MR. S. T. WRIGHT.

The remains of the above ringer whose death we were sorry to announce last week, were laid to rest in West Hartlepool Cemetery on Wednesday, September 10th. Mr. Wright was the leader of the St. Oswald's bellringers, and he has been connected with the Church since the dedication of the bells in 1904. He was also a sidesman in the Church. The coffin was borne by the bellringers and sidesmen, from his home to the Church (there being no hearse), where a most impressive choral service was held, the Vicar (Rev. H. Robinson), officiating, and from thence to the cemetery. At the conclusion of the Burial Service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over his grave by the local ringers. Mr. Wright was a keen ringer, and one always ready to help others. His loss is keenly felt by the St. Oswald's Company.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On September 14th, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1263 changes), in 50 mins. H. Stubbs, R. Lane, J. Oldham, E. Abbot, C. Draper, G. Freebrey, H. Abbot, C. Harriman, E. Reader (conductor), J. Powell.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 14th, for morning service, 300 Grandsire Triples, and a course of Kent Major. E. Youngs, K. Day, W. Clover, H. Moss, E. F. Boppy, W. Rose, G. Moss (conductor), A. Bowell, G. Day. G. Moss hails from Mistley, Essex.

SEAFORD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Holt's Original. A. Macey, A. J. Perkins (conductor), J. E. Morling, E. Garbett, H. Clark, C. Piper, R. J. Dawe, A. Banks. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 4th. A. J. Perkins hails from Beddington, Surrey. Also 251, 447, and 658 previously.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, August 19th, at St. Paul's Church, an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Major failed after ringing twelve courses. On Tuesday, September 2nd, an attempt failed after ringing twenty-three courses. E. White, E. Tingey, F. Webb, C. Chasty, H. Tysoe, H. Harlow, F. Smith, J. W. Barker. The above are all local ringers.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

The fund started, on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn has reached the sum of £11 2s., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	9 14 0
A. T. King	0 10 6
C. T. Coles	0 2 0
Clapton Ringers...	0 5 0
J. Turner	0 2 0
J. A. Milne	9 2 6
Southgate Ringer	0 3 6
A. Hubbard	0 2 6

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 7th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, and a touch of Oxford. T. Davey, E. Thurlow, J. Rose, R. Rivers, W. Rose (conductor), C. Smith, E. Youngs, C. Kemp. Then on to Thornham Magna where a 720 of Plain Bob was rung for morning service. G. Cattermole, E. Thurlow, E. Youngs, J. Rose, W. Rose (conductor), C. Smith. In the afternoon Redgrave and Rickinghall were visited, and touches of Cambridge, Plain Bob, and Double Court were rung by some of the above band, some of the Rickinghall band also taking part in it. Then on to Gislegham where 360 Plain Bob was rung for evening service. G. Bailey, E. Thurlow, C. Smith, E. Youngs, J. Rose, E. Rivers. Rung to oblige Messrs. C. Smith, and E. Thurlow, who hail from Holbrook; and J. Rose and E. Rivers who hail from Ipswich,

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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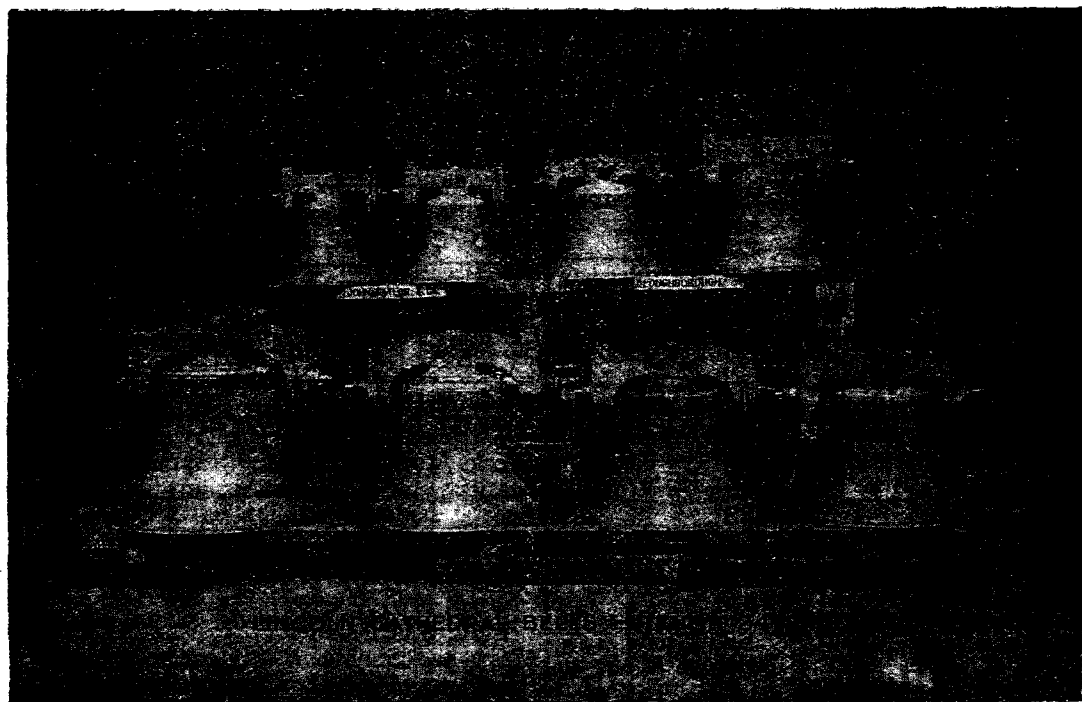
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KIDLINGTON (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Fredk. Webb, Frank Webb, W. Judge, G. A. King, W. Stone, Jno. Franklin, R. H. Judge (conductor), V. Webb.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th. Also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20th, at St. Anne's, Highgate. Bells available at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All cordially invited.

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The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—A practice will take place at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on Thursday, September 25th, at 7.30. The headquarters will in future be at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey. F. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Eleventh Annual Grand Bohemian Concert of the Association will be held at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admiss: on by programme, price 6d., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, and others. Ladies specially invited. F. J. Hardy, Hon. Sec.

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

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting. Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Business meeting and tea (kindly provided by the Vicar) at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting. E. J. Dowler, Branch Sec.

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. There will be a service in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock, but no address. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1s. each) in the National Schools. An excursion train will leave Nottingham (Midland) at 1.55 p.m.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular. Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Hon. Secs.

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Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells of the Parish Church (tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Dinner and tea by the kind invitation of the St. Alkeda's Guild. Those intending to be at this meeting must notify the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, September 23rd, first post, or they cannot be provided for.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 20th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea at 5.30 in the Assembly Rooms, Cross Keys Hotel. Service in Church at 6.45 p.m.

Rev. John Reay, Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson,

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec. Taunton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Chnrch, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7. W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Shotton.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch. A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, September 27th. John Barker, Dis. Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Penn on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Vicar. Tea (9d) at 6, at "The Rose and Crown." Tram leaves Railway Drive, Wolverhampton, for Penn Fields (half-way), every seven minutes. Please reply by Tuesday 23rd inst. H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

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The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, October 4th. Service at St. Nicholas Church at 4 p.m. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of Liverpool. W. H. Shaker, Hon. Secs.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, October 4th. Bells (6) afternoon. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Oakley, Basingstoke. Francis G. Home, Hon. Sec.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Ringers are requested to note the following dates. October 30th—Concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the Bells Fund; Chairman—the Mayor; at 8 o'clock. Re-dedication of the bells on November 3rd at 8.30. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend on November 8th in the afternoon opening of the bells and tea in the Parish Room. Short service and an address by the Rev G. F. Coleridge. All ringers will be invited to these events. A fuller announcement will be made later.

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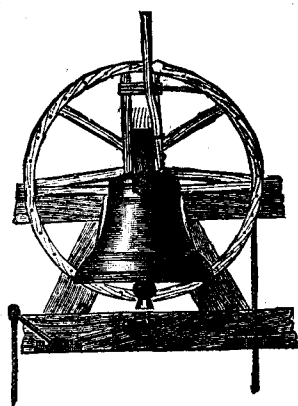
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STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 20th, the following towers being represented: Stoke, Newcastle. Burslem, Audley, Norton, Tunstall, Leek, Fenton. and the home band. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and was continued until 5.30, when those present adjourned to The Cross Keys Hotel Assembly Rooms, where a capital tea was served by Host Cope, the expenses incurred being defrayed by the Vicar and Wardens of St. Mary's Church, about 60 partaking. After tea, the Vicar (Rev. E. Granville Sharpe), in a few well-chosen words, extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, at the same time expressing the desire that for many years to come the Society would always come to Uttoxeter for their September meeting. Mr. Churton expressed the thanks of the visitors to the donors of the tea for their hospitality, and remarked with what pleasure he himself and his brother-ringers always looked forward to the Uttoxeter meeting. The Lay Secretary endorsed all that Mr. Churton had said, at the same time thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells. Mr. W. Richardson suitably responded on behalf of himself and his fellow warden.

After tea further ringing was indulged in until 7 p.m., when the members adjourned for the service in the Church. The service was intoned by the Vicar, shortened evensong being taken. An excellent and earnest address was given by the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall, formerly Clerical Secretary of the Association, from Col. iv. 2: "Continue in prayer," dealing in a very practical manner, both with the spiritual and material side of our calling as fellow-workers in the Church of God.

After the service the members again adjourned to the belfry until 8.30, when tracks were made for the station, everybody delighted at being present at such a successful meeting, with a desire, through the medium of these columns, to express sincerest appreciation to all those who contributed in such an admirable manner to the issue. Next meeting (D.V.) will be held at Fenton on the 3rd Saturday in November, due notice of which will be given in our notice page. Mr. Frank Oliver was presented with a certificate by the Vicar for ringing his first 504 with a bob bell, and Mr. T. Orme (Churchwarden), was elected an honorary member after tea. It was also mentioned that Uttoxeter was the strongest tower, numerically, in the Society, having 22 Ringing Members, and 5 Honorary Members.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Southwell, and a very enjoyable and pleasant time was spent there by those enthusiasts who were present. Ringing commenced soon after 2 o'clock and was continued during the afternoon and evening, excepting the intervals for Evensong and tea. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round. Doubtless several other and more advanced methods

would have been essayed but for the very awkward rope-sight caused by the large size of the ringing room, the screens to prevent a fall into the nave below, and the bells going the "wrong way round."

The majority of the visitors attended Evensong at 4 o'clock, the Bell Anthem "Rejoice in the Lord alway" being especially and very ably rendered by the choir. Service over a move was made to the National Schools, where a first-rate meat tea had been provided. Amongst the 28 sitting down were the Rev. J. R. Thomas, Mr. J. W. Taylor, Vice-president, Mr. W. C. Wakley, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. E. W. White, Hon. Secretary. At the subsequent meeting the Vice-president occupied the chair, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, he read the list of peals rung during the past quarter, viz.: 35 on tower bells and 1 on hand-bells, which brought the total for the year up to 84, shewing a falling off of 30 peals in comparison with the corresponding period in 1912. The Ven. Archdeacon Hacking and the Rev. J. R. Thomas were elected honorary members; 1 life and 4 ringing members were also admitted. Thanks were accorded the Ven. Archdeacon Wild for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. R. Thomas for his welcome to Southwell and for his presence at the tea.

The Rev. J. R. Thomas responded, and hoped he might be able to attend future meetings of the Association and to welcome the members again to Southwell. He also promised to convey the thanks of the meeting to the Rector (Archdeacon Wild) who is absent from home.

Thanks were also given to the Southwell ringers for making the very satisfactory arrangements. During the day it was noticed that representatives were present from Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Netherseale, Newark, Retford, Sawley and Swindon.

MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTH ESSEX.

MEETING AT ELMDON.

A bye-meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Elmdon on Saturday last. About 25 members put in an appearance by brake, or cycled from Saffron Walden, Wenden, Rickling, Stansted, Elsenham, Royston, Ickleton, Stapleford, and the local company. By the kindness of J. F. Wilkes, Esq., J.P., an honorary member of the Association, a splendid tea was provided at Elmdon Bury. Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided, supported by Mr. W. Watts (District Secretary) and J. F. Wilkes, Esq., the Vicar unfortunately being away from home. The business comprised the election of a number of new members—the Rev. Brabant Smith as an honorary member; Messrs. D. Greenhill, E. Negus, E. Greenhill, G. Adams, and G. Gamgee, of Elmdon, and Mr. C. Law, of Wenden, as probationers; Mr. R. Wilkerson, of Royston, as a non-resident life member; the election of P. C. Springham prior to a peal at Bishop Stortford, was confirmed. Mr. F. Pitstow proposed, and Mr. J. Luckey seconded, that the best thanks

of the meeting be accorded to J. F. Wilkes, Esq., for kindly entertaining the members to tea, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Mr. W. Prior proposed, and Mr. T. J. Watts seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Master and Secretary, with regrets that the meeting should have given them both so much extra work and trouble.

Mr. F. Pitstow, in returning thanks on behalf of himself and the Secretary, said he did not mind how much extra work and trouble this bye-meeting had given him and the Secretary. He was pleased to see so many members present, and he was glad to say this had been one of the most successful meetings ever held in the North-Western Division.

Touches in the following methods were rung: Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London Surprise; and 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Prior, 1; G. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; R. Wilkerson, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of this branch held at Red-ditch on Saturday last, was very well attended; members being present from Halesowen, Old Hill, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Brierley Hill, King's Norton, Northfield, Smethwick, Bromsgave, Birmingham, Selly Oak, and the local ringers. Service in the church was well attended, practically the whole of the visitors attended the service. The address which was given by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Grant, was very much appreciated. In prefacing his address the Vicar said he had been told it would be best not to talk to them about bells as he had been led to understand that at their meetings they always had to listen to a lecture on bells and bell-ringing. He spoke of the work such a society must be doing and as a Brotherhood. There never was a time when they were more wanted to stand together than the present. The question he asked was; what was the cause of the industrial unrest in the Empire, and he proceeded to answer it, that it was because men did not trust one another so much as they ought to do. If they would only place more confidence in each other much suffering would be done away with, and better conditions would result in their confidence. The address by the Vicar was most interesting and instructive, and was quite out of the ordinary, and it was very much appreciated by the members.

The tea which was kindly provided by the Vicar was held in the Institute 44 members and ladies sitting down to a splendid repast. Before the business meeting commenced the Vicar on behalf of the Churchwardens, himself, and the local ringers, presented to Mr. W. Deaner an illuminated address on his 70th birthday, and on his retiring from the position of head ringer after 40 years service. Mr. Deaner feelingly responded and trusted he should hear the bells ring out for many years to come. The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Owing to the bad going of the bells the Vicar stated that he was going to have expert advice on them so that they would be put in proper order. The quarterly peal was to be attempted at Bromsgrove. An offer from Smethwick to hold the next quarterly meeting there was gratefully accepted. The Branch Master, Mr. R. Matthews, wrote apologizing for his absence, and saying that he thought the honour of holding the position of ringing master should go

round. The meeting thanked Mr. R. Matthews very heartily for his services and elected Mr. S. Grove in his place. Mr. J. Pigott was re-elected Branch Representative, and Mr. E. J. Dowler Secretary and Treasurer. The election of the Vicar as an hon. member was loudly applauded. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality and his address was moved by Mr. A. E. Parsons, and seconded by I. J. Salter. The Vicar, responding on behalf of his wife for her absence said even a parson's wife had domestic cares, she was busy in the nursery with her children at the moment giving them their bath. This brought a very social and successful gathering to a close.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Evercreech, on Saturday last, when 50 members were present representing 15 towers. Service was held in the parish church at 3.30 p.m. the Vicar the Rev. W. T. Dyne, officiating and giving the address. The organist and choir were also in attendance. Tea was served at 4.15 p.m., after which the business meeting was held. The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided. The minutes were read and confirmed. Three new members were duly elected. Barrow Gurney was selected as the place for the next meeting, on December 20th if possible. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. T. Dyne for arranging the service and giving the address, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist and choir for their services, on the proposition of the Rev. Parker was carried with acclamation. The Rev. Dyne, responding, said he was glad to welcome the members to Evercreech, and hoped they would pay another visit on some future occasion. Mr. Allen, Churchwarden, and honorary member, also expressed pleasure to endorse what the Vicar had said. This concluded the business, and a move was made to the tower where Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

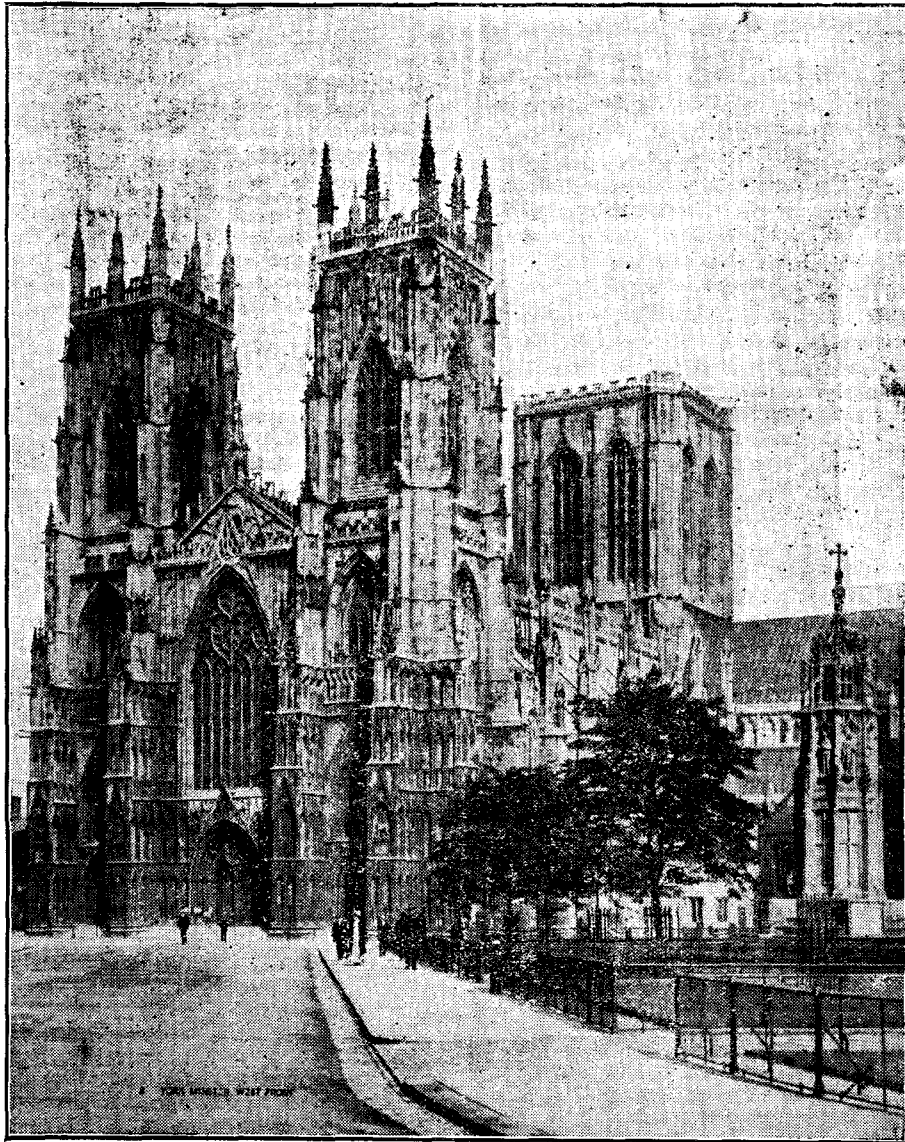
MANCHESTER BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch was held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday last, members being present from Ashton-under-Lyne, Cheadle, Hazel Grove, Hyde, Pendleton, etc., Mr. Ryder occupying the chair. Mr. A. Frost, of Didsbury, was elected a member. For the next place of meeting Reddish was chosen. After a vote of thanks had been accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the members adjourned to the belfry and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung.

IN MEMORIAM.

AN AUCKLAND RINGER PASSES AWAY.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Thos. Biddle, leader of the Christchurch Cathedral Ringers, South Island, New Zealand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) was rung in 52 mins., on August 7th, 1913, at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, North Island, New Zealand, at morning service, P. W. Barringer, N. Smallwood, J. Heather, O. Throssell, S. C. Hamblin, E. J. Hamblin, A. J. White, H. E. Olding (first quarter-peal). Conducted by A. J. White.



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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (Twenty-third Annual Meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th May, at 11 a.m., in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, when there were present 44 out of 96 representative Members, and 5 out of 15 honorary members making a total of 49 present out of 111. Of the 40 Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council, 11 were fully, and 16 partially represented.

The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was in the chair. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which, after one correction had been made, were, on the motion of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, passed and signed.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the Annual Statement of Accounts, which had previously been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, and of which the following is a summary: Balance from last year, £71 12s 6d.; Affiliation Fees, £12 2s. 6d.; making a total of £83 15s. 0d. Against this there had been—Expenses of last year's meeting, £4 2s. 0d.; Printing and postage £1 19s. 0d., leaving in hand a balance of £77 13s. 6d. He further reported that though he had as usual reminded the Council's publishers of the present meeting in good time beforehand, and had written to them two or three times on the subject, and that though finally Mr. W. T. Cockerill, a member of the Standing Committee had kindly at his request called on Messrs. Allen and Co., yet all these representations had failed to produce any response, and that consequently he had no Statement of Sales of Publications to bring forward. On the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts were passed. On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. R. Narborough, the Hon. Treasurer was instructed to direct the bank to put £50 of the Council's balance on the Deposit Account.

The Hon. Secretary having suggested the possibility of the appointment by the Council of one of their own members as Honorary Librarian to take charge of, and sell the publications, mentioned further that he had broached the question to Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who had intimated his willingness to accept the office if he were elected to it. The consideration of the subject was postponed till later in the proceedings.

The following were, on the proposal of Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, unanimously re-elected as Honorary Members, viz.: Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker, and Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

The Hon. Secretary announced that two Guilds, viz., the Dudley and District Guild, and the Peterborough and District Association had become affiliated to the Council.

The following new members were introduced and shook hands with the President: Mr. C. Todd of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. F. W. Hopgood of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. R. Narborough of the Peterborough and District Association.

The Hon. Secretary reported that copies of the resolution passed by the Council last year against the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill had been forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and the Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, and read the replies received in acknowledgment.

Apologies for absence were announced as having been received from Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mr. C. E. Borrett, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. W. H. Godden, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Rev. M. Kelly, Mr. J. D. Matthews, Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. S. Reeves, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. R. Sharman, Mr. W. R. Small, Mr. H. White, Mr. J. W. Whiting, Mr. H. W. Wilde, and Mr. G. Williams.

For the Peal Collection Committee the Hon. Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who had of late been doing the bulk of the work, reported progress. Though not himself a member of the Committee, Mr. E. H. Lewis was able to corroborate the report, adding that Part I. of the Collection of Treble Bob could be published if desired.

It was, however, agreed that it would be best to defer publication for another year.

As a member of the Literature Committee, Rev. H. A. Cockey intimated that so far as he was aware there was no report to present owing to the indisposition of Mr. R. A. Daniell, who had been doing the work. Later in the proceedings a telegram to this effect was received from Mr. Daniell, and the Hon. Secretary was asked to communicate with him.

On behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, Rev. H. Law James reported that the Collection of Major Methods was practically complete, and that it was hoped that it would be ready for publication next year. Rev. A. T. Beeston having called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of some of the copies of the Collection of Legitimate Minor Methods, proposed that the remaining copies should be regarded as waste. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Parker, but on discussion was withdrawn, being deemed better to leave the matter in the hands of the Hon. Librarian.

At this point on the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Rev. A. T. Beeston, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was unanimously elected to the office of Hon. Librarian, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews and Rev. G. F. Coleridge were appointed to assist him in an examination of the condition of the publications, the Hon. Secretary being at the same time instructed to take steps for their removal from the custody of Messrs. Allen and Co., and their consignment to the care of the Hon. Librarian.

The Report of the Peals' Analysis Committee was presented by Mr. A. T. King, who at the same time, after explaining the difficult questions with which the Committee had had to deal, moved its adoption. This was seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and was carried after a long discussion. Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved, and Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, a proposal that the Committee proceed upon the lines suggested in their Report. This was carried, together with a cordial vote of thanks to the Committee for their labours.

In reporting for the Towers and Bellfries Committee the Hon. Secretary read a letter addressed by the President to the other members of the Committee in which he stated that for many reasons he had found it difficult to draft a rough copy of a pamphlet to form a groundwork on which the other members might graft their views. He therefore offered either to complete the pamphlet as his own work, and publish it with the sanction, but not necessarily with the concurrence of the Council, or that he should give all the information in his power to some other members of the Committee, and that it should be published by and at the expense of the Council. The Hon. Secretary moved the grateful acceptance of the first proposal. This being seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, was carried unanimously.

Rev. H. J. Elsee introduced a long and most interesting discussion on the possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell-ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung. No motion on the subject was proposed.

It was moved by Rev. H. Law James—"That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major." This was seconded *pro forma* by the Hon. Secretary, but after discussion was postponed for consideration to next year.

The question as to whether the Ladies' Guild of Change-Ringers should be admitted to representation on the Council, was ably introduced by Rev. G. F. Coleridge, his speech being followed by an animated discussion on the subject, which was then allowed to drop.

Mr. G. Bolland moved to call attention to the Council's recommendations regarding "record" peals as passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," but it was explained that there had been a mistake in supposing that there was any real call for the motion, which consequently was not seconded, and was withdrawn.

For the place of meeting next year the President said that three places, Southampton, Portsmouth or Winchester had been suggested. The last named, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. R. Narborough, was put first to the meeting, and was adopted by a large majority.

The Hon. Secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. C. L. Routledge, President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for his great kindness and unsparing trouble in making all possible arrangements for the success of the meeting, and to the members of his Association for the very cordial welcome that they had extended to the Council. The President seconded the motion, which was carried amidst cheers.

The Rev. G. F. Cole ridge then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the President, which was carried by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned

NOTE.

Should any member of the Council have any comment to make on the Minutes, he is requested to communicate without delay with the Hon. Secretary—
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LARGE MEETING AT NEW ROMNEY.

The old Cinque Port of New Romney was the venue for the annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association, on Saturday, September 13th in conjunction with the monthly assembly of the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

The gathering, perhaps, was not quite so largely attended as usual, but taking into consideration that the hop-picking season was at its height, this probably accounted for the absence of a fair number. New Romney too, is an awkward place to get at, and the jovial Secretary of the Association, the Rev. Canon Helmore beautifully illustrated this when he remarked that in his opinion the world consisted of six continents, Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia, and Romney Marsh. Despite the fact that it is so difficult to journey thither nearly forty were present, and the following towers were represented: Aldington, Appledore, Brabourne, Folkestone, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Lyminge, Merisham, New Romney, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden and Willesborough.

Some excellent practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and it was a very pleasing factor to note that several recruits rang Stedman very satisfactorily.

A service was held at five o'clock, the Curate (the Rev. H. G. South) officiating and giving an earnest address, based on the words "My Father's Business." After bidding them welcome in the true sense and meaning of that word, he said he hoped the meeting there that day would be a useful and encouraging one, not only to the Association to which they belonged but also to their own band of ringers. Personally, he thought such a meeting was full of encouragement, and the clergy owed a great debt of gratitude to bellringers, who laboured so zealously, and gave their service ungrudgingly in discharging their duties to the Church. He then went on to speak of the value of service and the necessity of being thorough in all they did, concluding with the thought that happiness lay in mastery of ourselves and attention to our daily work.

Subsequently, the company adjourned to a building at the rear of the Rev. H. G. South's residence, where a splendid meat tea was partaken of.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The annual meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr. South. Mr. C. W. Player (Stone-in-Oxney) moved

that Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden) be re-elected hon. secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. Tribe has put in a lot of time in attending to the manifold duties of the post, and he did his work very well. Mr. Dixon (Willesborough), in seconding, re-echoed Mr. Player's sentiments.

Mr. Tribe said he was very much obliged to them for the honour and privilege they had again conferred upon him, although sometimes, when the gatherings were rather slack, he wished he had not got it. One, however, could not have all sweets and no bitters. There were times, such as the one that day, when he was very pleased to attend to the duties. He thanked them for re-electing him, and would do his best on their behalf.

On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Dixon, seconded by Mr. G. Johnson (Appledore), Mr. G. Paine (Merisham) was re-appointed to represent the district on the Central Committee of the Association. In discussing the doings of the Committee, several members complained that the North Kent delegates had too much of their own way at their meetings.

Mr. Paine, in response, said he agreed with the allusions to the North Kent delegates, and he really thought sometimes it was not much good attending meetings, but, after all, they did not get it all their own way. He had served on the Committee for twenty years, and thanked them for granting him the privilege once more.

Meetings for 1914 were fixed at Tenterden, Saltwood, and Wye, while an extra meeting will take place at Willesborough in November of this year.

Mr. Percy Jones was elected a member of the Association

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

As regards the business of the Romney Marsh Guild, the members agreed to meet at Iden on the second or third Saturday in October, and to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Rye on the first Saturday in that month.

On the motion of Mr. C. W. Player, seconded by Mr. P. H. Pierce (Aldington), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. South for the use of the bells, arranging the service, and presiding at the meeting. The rev. gentleman suitably replied, and a cordial vote of thanks to the hon. Secretary for his services in the past concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and ringing concluded about nine o'clock. The bells were in perfect ringing order, and the members thoroughly enjoyed their visit to New Romney.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. F. W. Richardson, T. G. Deal, T. A. Easterby, W. H. Daynes (first in the method), A. G. Bennington, E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin.

THANET.—On Sunday, September 14th, at St. Laurence's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Thornton, S. G. Morgan, F. H. Gibbs, W. G. Birch, A. E. Jarman, W. G. Jarman, H. G. Marsh, J. Jarman. Conducted by S. G. Twyman. First 504 by ringer of treble. On Tuesday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. P. Petty S. G. Twyman, E. H. Gibbs, W. G. Birch, A. E. Jarman, W. J. Jarman, H. G. Marsh, J. Jarman. Conducted by S. G. Twyman. First quarter-peal by ringer of the 4th. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band. Rung as a farewell to Mr. F. H. Gibbs, who is leaving the district.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Wood, A. Fiddes, W. H. Theobald, W. Truss, R. Sanders, C. Morss (conductor).

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1913

The peal of London rung at Totnes by the Devonshire Guild, and recorded last week, took 3 hours and 28 minutes, and not 3 hours and 50 minutes, as reported.

An error crept into the 5008 Bob Major, published in our columns on September 6th. The single should be made the last "Wrong," and not as printed.

The following appeared in a recent issue of the "Evening Standard," and is an apt illustration of the need for knowledge before writing. Our readers may draw their own conclusions. We give it for what it is worth:—

The ringing of church bells has been found to be a health-giving exercise for women, and at Twineham, Haywards Heath, Sussex, the Rector's wife, Mrs. E. Creswell Gee, and the schoolmistress, Mrs. Comber-Taylor, take their places in the belfry regularly. "I think Mrs. Creswell Gee is the only Rector's wife in England

who takes her place with the ringers," the Rev. E. Creswell Gee writes to the "Mail," "and I am given to understand by many experienced ringers that if the bell is light and easily handled there is no grander exercise for chest development than bellringing. My wife and Miss Comber-Taylor ring remarkably well, their bells weigh about 3 cwt. each, and they ring them with the greatest ease. Several women in this county ring bells, notably the Misses Humble-Crofts, daughters of the Rector of Waldron, who take their places in a heavy ring of eight bells. There are some teams at present where all are women."

In another column we publish the minutes of the last Central Council meeting. The publication serves a useful purpose, since it enables representatives to detect errors and omissions and to make the necessary corrections, thus saving the time of the Council at the next meeting.

The Metropolis.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR; 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
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HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Messrs. Peck and Burton were elected members previous to starting.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 5
JOHN W. CORNFORD 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 3	FREDK. J. HARDY 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

*First peal in the method.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN H. WILKINS Treble	JOSEPH B. MARKS* 5
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WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	HENRY RUMENS 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	FRED C. MAYNARD Tenor

Conducted by HENRY RUMENS.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters. *First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Maynard, sen., and Mr. G. Carter. J. H. Wilkins and F. C. Maynard were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

APPLETON (Berks).—On September 19th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Miss K. Holifield, A. E. Lock, G. Holifield, jun., H. Holifield, F. S. White, G. Holifield, sen. (conductor), C. G. White, Fred White.

The Provinces.

KIRTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER, PAUL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	JOHN W. SEAMER 5
ARTHUR ANDREWS 2	JOHN T. HOLMES 6
CLEMENT GLENN 3	SIDNEY J. PALMER 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR; 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

THOS. FORD Treble	JOHN SNELLING 5
FRED R. SEAGER 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
ERNEST WHITING 5	HENRY GARNHAM 7
EDWIN WHITING 4	FRED BORRETT Tenor

Composed by Y. GREEN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	HENRY H. CHANDLER* .. 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 4	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*Fiftieth peal of Stedman.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

E. BISHOP, JUN.* Treble	F. HAMMOND* 5
A. HARMAN* 2	C. BRASIER* 6
O. HOLMWOOD* 3	KEITH HART 7
H. R. BUTCHER 4	E. BISHOP* Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in the method. All belong to the local band except the conductor.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

H. PORTER Treble	E. BARKER 4
A. BACON 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
W. HAWES 3	O. STAINES Tenor

Conducted by B. M. TARGETT.

First peal on the bells for the above Association

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
WILLIE ROUGHTON 4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method. This composition has the 4th and 6th tenor courses each in 6ths place (extent) with 4th and 6th reversed in 5-6 without recourse to bobs "before." It is a modern constructed peal, and the first composed and rung on its general plan of calling. See "BELL News" May 17th, 1913.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS MERRIFIELD Treble	HENRY MILBOURNE 4
SIDNEY DAWE 2	ERNEST F. CREED 5
T. G. VINCENT, JUN. 3	ROBERT V. COOR* Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. CREED.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

RUSKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY J. PALMER Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 4
ARTHUR ANDREWS 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the first peal on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTEE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	WILLIAM ROWE 5
OWEN H. GILES* 2	CHARLES H. RUSSELL 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

*First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Rowe.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRED. W. STOKES Treble	CHARLES H. CHESTER 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	GEORGE LADD 6
SIDNEY J. PALMER 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
EDWARD LOYOD 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

This is William Dickinson's 50th peal.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR. 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. KNOWLES* Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	HENRY GEORGE 6
WILLIAM FOX 3	THOMAS WHITE 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	BENJAMIN GREATORREX Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORREX.

*First peal of Major.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ERNEST BARTEAM Treble	CHARLES H. FOWLER! 5
T. LEONARD ALLEN 2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 6
J. JAMES JACKSON 3	FREDK. H. DEXTER 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method by J. James Jackson, of Belton, Rutland, and was rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss M. Smith L. Carrington, daughter of the donor of the bells.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM SABAN* Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
GEORGE RADLEY 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

*First Surprise peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. J. Salway, M.A.) on his retirement after 34 years service. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON* Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5
ARTHUR PAYNE 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 7
ROBERT W. FALCONER 4	JOHN STUART Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

*First attempt to ring a peal in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin C. Dixon.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BENTLEY (Hampshire).—On Saturday, September 20th, after failure attended the attempt for a peal, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. Chester, H. Chaffey, Albert Croucher, Alfred Croucher, Corpl. Gilbert, R.E., C. Edwards (conductor). This is the first in the method by all.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. REED Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SRN. 5
WALTER S. WISE 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 6
WALTER G. ROWE 3	WILLIAM GROVES 7
AMOS W. CLARK* 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Groves. Mr. Arthur Dean has now reached his century of peals for the Surrey Association.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER LAST (Sibton) .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 5
LEONARD LAST* 2	HARRY MOSS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER* 3	ERNEST F. PO 7
GEORGE N. PRICE 4	WILLIE ROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method. Footnote to peal rung at Helmingham on September 17th, also applies to this peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT A. MEAD* .. Treble	GEORGE LAYZELL 5
HARRY J. WRIGHT 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
JOHN A. CHILDS* 3	WILLIAM HEWITT 7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	ARTHUR T. FRANKLIN* .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY G. ROWE.

Rung on the eve of St. Matthew's Day. *First peal. Mr. Wright was re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting. He rang his last peal nearly nineteen years ago. Mr. Rowe was on visit from Cheshunt.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON .. Treble	THOMAS FAULEKER 5
WALTER BEARD 2	EBENEZER ANDREWS 6
FREDK. C. RUSSELL 3	CALEB FENN 7
GEORGE W. FAULEKER .. 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Lily E. Sun-away and Mr. George Ccttis, a member of the above Association, and of the St. Margaret's Society, Barking, which had taken place a few hours' previously at the above Church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1248 changes), in 48 mins. J. W. Glew, W. J. Davies, J. Haynes, Geo. Freebrey (conductor), W. Poyser, W. Holbrook, H. Fletcher, J. Davies.

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Handbell Peals.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT LAMBERTON LODGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 6-scores; ten callings.

RICHARD KEARON 1-2	ARTHUR HADLEY 3-4
CHARLES BENNETT 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

First peal by the ringers of 1-2 and 5-6, who only commenced change-ringing 6 months ago.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS).

On Sunday, September 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. Robert Moore,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

FREDK. DEWELL 1-2	HARRY A. TURNER 5-6
HARRY R. MOORE 3-4	ARTHUR E. MOORE 7-8
ROBERT MOORE, SRN. .. 9-10	

Composed by the late H. C. HALEY, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire—Frank Levitt. First peal of Caters in hand by all; also by the above Association by a resident band.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At The George the Fourth, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WALTER S. WISE 1-2	FREDK. J. HARDY 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpires—Joseph Barry and Christopher H. Hughes. This is Alfred Grimes' 300th peal, and the conductor's 50th handbell peal.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

The fund started on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn has reached the sum of £13 11s. 6d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	9 14 0
A. T. King, Esq....	0 10 6
Clapton Ringers...	0 5 0
Southgate Ringers	0 3 6
Mr. C. T. Coles	0 2 0
Mr. J. Furness	0 2 0
Mr. F. A. Milne	0 2 6
Mr. A. Hubbard...	0 2 6
St. Mary's Ringers, Walthamstow per Mr. F. Rumens	1 14 0
St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, per Mr. Jones...	0 6 0
Barnet Ringers	0 5 0
Holloway Ringers	0 4 6

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

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OBITUARY.

THOMAS MOUNCEY.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Thomas Mouncey, which occurred with startling suddenness on Monday, September 15th. He was at work when he was attacked with apoplexy. He never recovered his senses, and passed peacefully away on the date named. He was one of the original company of Holy Trinity, Burnley, when the bells were put in 25 years ago, a life member of the Lancashire Association, and was a most steady and reliable ringer. He had rung 32 peals in various methods from Minor to Major. He rang the tenor through the longest length of Oxford Treble Bob, yet rung by the Lancashire Association, and took part in the first peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob, in Holy Trinity Belfry. Among his offices he held that of President of the local branch of the C.E.M.S., as well as being parish sidesman for the last five years. He leaves a widow and five children, one of his sons being a ringer of Holy Trinity. The interment took place on Friday, the 19th, the bells being deeply muffled, and four of the oldest ringers bore him to his last resting place.

HANDBELL CONTEST AT BELLE VUE.

The 59th annual Handbell Tune-ringing Contest took place at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Monday, September 22nd. Only a small number of bands competed, and judged from this standpoint it would appear as though tune-ringing on handbells was on the decline, but in contradistinction to this was the large crowd present, and the enthusiasm manifested. The fewness of the performers might be accounted for by the extreme difficulty of the music, at least this was the opinion expressed by those most likely to know. In addition to the crowd of handbell ringers present, there was a large number of steeple ringers, among them many most prominent exponents of the art, and those whose names are to be found in the records contained in the columns of this and other journals.

For the ninth time in succession, and the twelfth in thirteen years, a set of ringers from Crosland Moor carried off first prize; the other winners being 2nd, Gilders Hall (Mirfield); 3rd, Saddleworth; 4th, Clifton; 5th, Tunstead.

The music performed was a selection from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," (Nicolai), a selection abounding in tricky passages, requiring exceptional ability to properly translate. The ringing on the whole was good, and between some of the competitors there could have been but a few points, a circumstance which much have rendered the task of the judges one of extreme difficulty. The judges were: Mr. C. H. Fogg, organist, Manchester; and Mr. T. Coope, organist, Leeds.

ST. ANDREW'S, HERTFORD.

The ringers of the above Church held their annual outing on Thursday, September 18th, when Southend-on-Sea was visited. The party, which numbered 14, left Hertford by the 7.12 train, arriving at Southend at 10.25. Prittlewell Church was the first on the programme, but here the ringers met with disappointment, as owing to the very bad going of the gth, it had just been decided not to have the bells again rung. The Vicar in expressing regret at the circumstance, promised them the use of the bells at some future date. Tracks were then made for Leigh-on-Sea, where the peal of six, kindly placed at their disposal

by the Rev. R. T. King, were soon set going, touches of Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being brought round. Afterwards the party returned to Southend for dinner, which was served at The Granville Restaurant, returning for tea at 5 o'clock. A most enjoyable day was spent.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The following extracts are culled from the Report of the Committee, for the twelve months ending July 31st, 1913.

The Guild has made satisfactory progress during the year. There has been a considerable increase in membership; fifty-five new members have been elected, two have resigned, and thirteen have been struck off the register in accordance with Rule VI. The total membership of the Guild, therefore, now stands at the respectable figure of 214, as compared with 174 at the issue of the last report. This number is made up by honorary members, 6; honorary life members, 9; non-resident ringing members, 47; and resident ringing members, 152.

Fifty-one peals have been rung during the past twelve months, and this number exceeds all previous records for a like period in the history of the Guild, both in quantity and quality.

As far as can be ascertained, fifteen quarter-peals have been rung, comprising nine of Stedman Triples, two of Superlative Surprise Major, one of London Surprise Major, one of Cambridge Surprise Major, and two of Grandsire Triples.

Seven members have rung their first peal, thirty their first peal in various methods, two their first peals as conductor, and six their first peals as conductors in new methods. Altogether 131 members have now rung in peals for the Guild, and twenty-four have conducted peals. There have been seventeen conductors during the past twelve months.

During the year the Guild has been credited with its first peal of Surprise Minor methods; in seven plain Minor methods, and its first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. The Stoke, Coventry, members are to be congratulated on ringing a local peal of Superlative and also one of Stedman Triples, and the Allesley band, likewise, on ringing their first local peal—Grandsire Doubles. Seven peals have been rung by the Stoke ringers unaided, and two by the Rugby members. The Master, Mr. James George, is very much to be congratulated on attaining to his 500th peal, one of Superlative Surprise Major, at South Wigston, on October 19th, 1912.

The fifth anniversary of the formation of the Guild falling in 1912 on a Saturday, seven attempts were made for peals, of which four were successful, viz.: Stedman Triples at Boldmere and Stoke-in-Coventry, Grandsire Caters at Solihull and Surprise and Treble Bob Minor at Sheepy Magna.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 4s. 6d., as compared with £9 12s. 10d. in 1912. Our thanks and congratulations are due to the Treasurer for presenting such eminently satisfactory figures.

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DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, Leicester.

5376.

2345	67	I	2	4	6	7
3542	76	S	-	-	-	-
4532	67	-	-	-	-	-
5432	76	-	-	-	-	-
3452	67	-	-	-	-	-
2453	76	x	-	-	-	-
5423	67	-	-	-	-	-
4523	76	-	-	-	-	-
2543	67	-	-	-	-	-
5243	76	-	-	-	-	-
4253	67	-	-	-	-	-
3254	76	x	-	-	-	-
5234	67	-	-	-	-	-
2534	76	-	-	-	-	-
3524	67	-	-	-	-	-
5324	76	-	-	-	-	-
2354	67	-	-	-	-	-
4352	76	x	-	-	-	-
5342	67	-	-	-	-	-
2345	76	x	-	-	-	-
4325	67	-	-	-	-	-
3425	76	-	-	-	-	-
2435	67	-	-	-	-	-
4235	76	-	-	-	-	-
3245	67	-	-	-	-	-

Repeated. Contains the extent with 7-6-8 and 6-7 8 at alternate course-ends.

BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

1280.

23456	W	5	4	M	H
5432	-	-	-	-	-
4352	-	-	-	-	-
2534	-	-	-	-	-
5324	-	-	-	-	-
3254	-	-	-	-	-
4523	-	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-	-
3245	-	-	-	-	S

Repeated.

HAMMERSMITH—On September 21st, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. W. Stevens, R. Mackrill, H. Cook, H. Stevens. F. Skevington, E. Cassell, C. F. W. Hunt, W. Brooks.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

5088.

23456	I	3	4	5	6
32654	-	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-	-
5327468	-	-	-	-	-
32574	-	-	-	-	-
75234	-	-	-	-	-
52734	-	-	-	-	-
37254	-	-	-	-	-
72354	-	-	-	-	-
23754	-	-	-	-	-
57324	-	-	-	-	-
235647	-	-	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-	-	-
3542	-	-	-	-	-
5432	-	-	-	-	-
4352	-	-	-	-	-
2534	-	-	-	-	-
5324	-	-	-	-	-
3254	-	-	-	-	-
4523	-	-	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-	-	-
5423	-	-	-	-	S
4253	-	-	-	-	-
2543	-	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

BOB MAJOR.

By the same Author.

5152.

23456	W	B	H
23645	-	2	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
45236	5	4	-
24536	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
43256	S	-	-
24356	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

Repeated. 5-6 only in 6ths place, and without a bob "middle."

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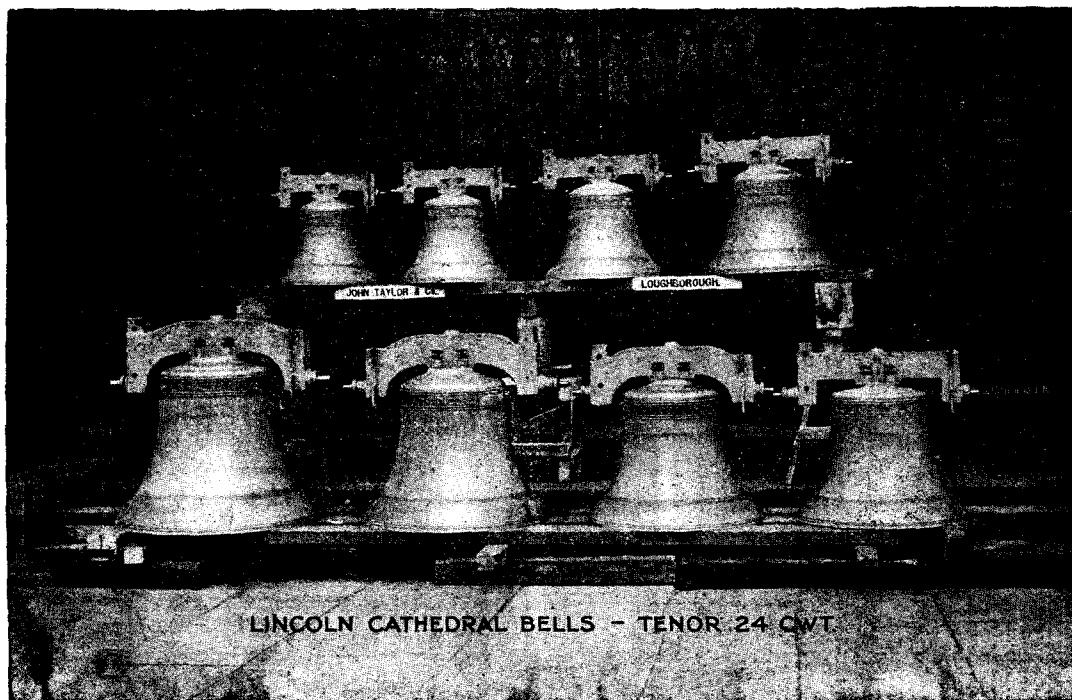
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.— Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th. Also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others 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.—The Eleventh Annual Grand Bohemian Concert of the Association will be held at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, on Saturday, October 11th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, and others. Ladies specially invited. F. J. Hardy, Hon. Sec.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The quarterly meeting of the society will take place on Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Holloway, N. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Sec.

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Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, September 27th. Bells of the Parish Church (tenor 18 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Dinner and tea by the kind invitation of the St. Alkeda's Guild. T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch. A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, September 27th. John Barker, Dis. Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting at Penn on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Vicar. Tea (9d) at 6, at "The Rose and Crown." Tram leaves Railway Drive, Wolverhampton, for Penn Fields (half-way), every seven minutes. H. Knight, Hon. Sec.

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The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretton, Cheshire, on Saturday, September 27th, at 3.30. Tea 9d. each.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, October 11th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided only for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous. Madresfield, Malvern. R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at Lenham on Saturday, October 11th. The belfry will be open at 2.30, and the Association service will be held in the Church at 5.0 p.m. Kenneth W. Mumford, Dis. Hon. Sec.

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The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, October 4th. Bells (6) afternoon. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Oakley, Basingstoke. Francis G. Hume, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Monk's Eleigh (four miles from Lavenham), on Saturday, October 11th. Tea will be provided at "The Bull Inn" at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea are asked to give notice to the Secretary on or before Monday, October 6th, so that arrangements may be made.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. J. Nudds has removed to 102, Kilburn Park Road, N.W.

NOTICE OF HANDBELL PEAL.

All being well, three members of the Peterborough and District Association, will, on Wednesday, October 1st, attempt to ring 10,080 Plain Bob Minor at York Villa, Wisbech, commencing at 2 p.m.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Ringers are requested to note the following dates. October 30th—Concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the Bells Fund; Chairman—the Mayor; at 8 o'clock. Re-dedication of the bells on November 3rd at 8.30. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend on November 8th in the afternoon opening of the bells and tea in the Parish Room. Short service and an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. All ringers will be invited to these events. A fuller announcement will be made later.

Will all old ringers who have rung on Shoreditch Bells, please communicate with Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, with a view to have a photo taken with the bells.

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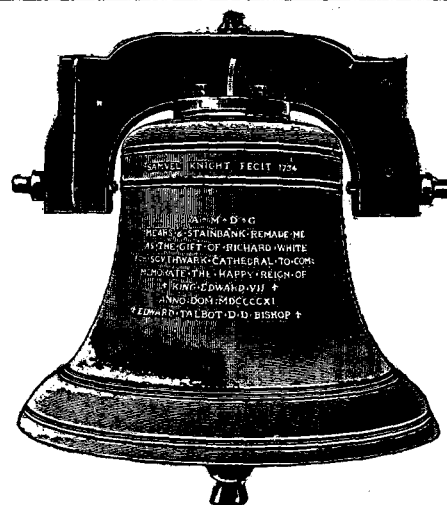
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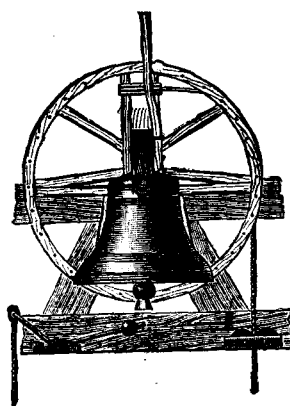
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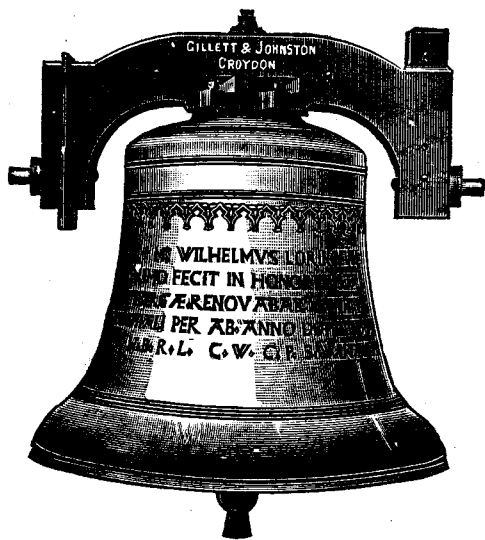
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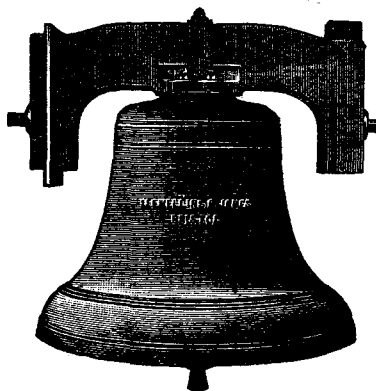
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DEDICATION OF CHELMSFORD BELLS.

OPENING OF A GRAND RING.

RED-LETTER DAY FOR ESSEX CHANGE-RINGERS.

Saturday was a red letter day in the history of the Essex Association the occasion being the dedication of the ring of twelve at St. Mary's, Chelmsford, which church is early in the new year to become the Cathedral for the New Diocese of the County of Essex.

Founded on Whit Monday, 1879, at Writtle the Association found Chelmsford the best ringing centre of the county, rings of eight existing in the surrounding towns of Galleywood, Widford, Great Beddow and Writtle: also a ring of eight at Chelmsford. Consequently the county town, to all intents and purposes, became the home of the Association, and the annual meetings up to two years ago were held there, ringers from all parts of the county always finding a most hearty welcome from Canon Lake. It was in its early days that the Association discovered that formerly there was at St. Mary's a ring of ten, the two missing bells having by some means found their way to Moulsham Church, a hamlet of the parish. Naturally the question arose how to get them back, West Ham at the time having the only ring of ten in the county. The Rev. H. A. Cockney, who was then curate at Galleywood took up similar duties at Rettenden where restoration of the bells was soon undertaken. Here there happened to be a tenor not wanted and the rev. gentleman by obtaining consent to send it to Moulsham, secured the return of the two bells to St. Mary's. Moulsham Church was built in 1841, but when or under what circumstances these two bells came to pay a visit there has never been explained. To get the bells back was one step, but to get them rehung was another. For two years the Association met and found them no further than the ground floor. At last after considerable pegging away the bells were found back in their old quarters. The ring was found not to be a musical one and in the "go" of some of the bells there was room for considerable improvement. From time to time attempts have been made to this end, but ultimately it was found that complete restoration was the only cure. In the early days of the association there was a desire frequently expressed that the association might in time find a ring of twelve in some tower in the County and it was once hinted that the honour would be a race between Chelmsford and West Ham. Since that period two additions have been made at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and Prittlewell, but undoubtedly the fact that Chelmsford, unjustly described as a sleepy town, had been chosen as the Cathedral town has helped to put it in the forefront and at last the long desire of the Essex Association is accomplished. For some years the association has held a good reserve fund and it is a credit to the present day members that the Association decided to assist the authorities at Chelmsford by defraying the cost of the new treble while the new tenor is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Arkwright. The restoration includes the recasting of the old ten and construction of an entire new frame the cost of which is to be met by sub-

scriptions and the proceeds of the successful fete held early in the year, when upwards of £1,200 was raised.

It is a long time since so large a congregation assembled within the walls of St. Mary's every nook being used in order to accommodate the huge assembly, while probably there was outside sufficient people to have twice refilled the church. The Bishop of St. Albans who performed the Dedication Ceremony was accompanied by the Bishops of Barking and Colchester, Canon Lake and the Rev. A. J. Sacre (Rural Deans), acted as his Lordship's Chaplains and there were in the procession thirty-nine other clergy, The Mayor and Corporation also attended in state, the organist playing the National Anthem as the latter entered and Stainer's "Finale Alla Marcia" as the Bishop and Clergy entered. The singing throughout the service was of a most hearty character, the accompaniments being strengthened by two cornets.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The prayers were intoned by the Rev. J. H. Barrow, the lesson being read by the Bishop of Barking. The Bishop, with the two assistant Bishops, clergy, choir, and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower during the singing of the hymn, "Salve Festa Dies." On arrival there Mr. W. Dennis, the senior churchwarden, took the rope of one of the bells, saying "Right Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate to the glory of God and for the use of this church, this peal of bells." Holding the rope, the Bishop dedicated the bells and offered petitions to God for their use with regard to worshippers, the newly-married, the sick, those who absent themselves from the House of Prayer, the departed, and the ringers. As the procession returned to the nave the bells were rung round. The hymn "Lifted high within the steeple," was then sung. The Bishop preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from the last two verses of the 150th Psalm—"Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." The essence of Christianity, he said seemed to find expression in those true words of the old poet. They knew perfectly well that the cymbal, the trumpet, and all other instruments used in those days were entirely different from those that were used to-day. That mattered little; it was the idea that had found expression. It would find expression he had no doubt, in different ways as the world went on, but the principle was entirely the same. It was an appeal to praise God.

"My brethren," continued his Lordship, "the service in which we take part to-day has received a much greater significance and meaning from the events of the past two months. I knew well when I undertook to be present on this day for the dedication of these bells that this was destined to be the cathedral church of the new diocese of Chelmsford. When this date was fixed I could not have foreseen that all political and other difficulties would be removed in the interval, and that I should be speaking to you as I am to-day within four months of this noble church becoming the cathedral church of the diocese of Chelmsford. Therefore the dedication of the peal of bells to-day is some-

thing far more than the dedication of a peal in a parish church—it is surely something in which the whole county of Essex can take its share—something, I may venture to say, in which the diocese of St. Albans, from which this diocese of Chelmsford is to be taken, may take its share. Those from Hertfordshire, I may surely say, may join with all our brethren in Essex to-day in rejoicing that God has removed those difficulties and in the peal of bells of a cathedral church which shall constantly call to worship men from all parts of the county and within the diocese of Chelmsford.

The call to worship was the primary idea of a peal of bells—a call to worship which touched again and again not only those who worshipped within the walls, but others as well. The bells were not merely a call to worship; they voiced sorrow and they voiced joy. Who of them did not know the pathos of the bell which had rung on the burial of one who was near and dear—the pathos of the muffled peal, the strange and wonderful blending of praise and sorrow, the muffling of the peal speaking the sorrow that evoked it, with the peal itself speaking the higher thought and the higher hope, and raising men from the thought of what was earthly to the thought of what was heavenly and for the Lord Most High. Did not the bells voice joy; the joy, it might be, of some wedding feast after the union in God's House of two who had plighted their troth and who went forth to make a new home, which ought to be a new centre for Christian Love. Or it might be the joy of a town, of a parish, or a nation, voiced by a peal of bells, which should give it that upward aspiration and make men thankful not only to those, it might be, to whom they owed some special mercy, but to Him above, from whom all such mercies came and to whom they gave honour and praise by means of the bells of their churches.

It was therefore plain and clear that those who took their share in the ringing of bells should be counted, as they were, as workers for the Master. He rejoiced to think the guilds or societies of ringers which were now prevailing all over this island, had raised in this country the whole conception of bellringing, making the ringers believe that in this very act they might worship Almighty God, and further realise that God was calling them to live lives outside His House which were not inconsistent with that holy and true function which they were permitted to discharge within such consecrated walls. "I rejoice, my brethren, who are ringers," said his Lordship, "that you are realising your vocation. I rejoice that you take it up as a sacred work. I rejoice, too, that the congregations generally have come to realise in this past century far more than they did before, that this is to be regarded as one branch of the Church's work and the Church's service. This congregation is itself testimony not only to an appreciation of the liberality, the munificence and the care which have given this noble peal to this noble church, but it is also an indication of their desire to bear witness to the Church's service which is rendered by the body of ringers throughout the country—to bid you, the ringers, welcome in the name of the Lord, to ask you ever to honour your calling, and to strive that that calling of yours will help some souls heavenward, may be sometimes in times of depression, and sometimes in times of despair, leading their thoughts upward to the throne of God."

At the conclusion of the sermon the hymn, "Blessed city, heavenly Salem," was sung. The Bishop, with the assistant Bishops, and the clergy within the sanctuary, together with the choir, then stood massed before the altar, and the *Te Deum* was sung as a solemn act of thanks-

giving to Almighty God. The service concluded with the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

At the conclusion of the service the following band rang 927 Stedman Cinques. R. Saunders (West Ham), C. F. Winney (London), T. Faulkner (conductor, Barking), W. Truss (West Ham), R. Pye (Romford), C. Fenn (Barking), J. Motts and W. Catchpole (Ipswich), J. Cheeseman (Greenwich), F. Pittsow (Saffron Walden), E. Wightman (Leytonstone), E. Pye (Romford).

Forty-seven towers in Essex were represented among the ringers present during the day, and included two ringers—Mr. Chalk (Maldon), and B. Keeble (Romford)—who were present when the Association was formed in 1879.

Ringling was kept up at intervals until 10 o'clock. A second touch of Cinques (294), was conducted by Mr. J. Motts. Representatives of the various towers were admitted to the tower at stated times, and the arrangements were most satisfactory. The new ring is, as before stated, a melodious peal, and with a capable conductor, a band ought to make rapid progress,

THE BELLS: INSCRIPTIONS AND WEIGHTS.

- Treble.—"The Essex Association of Change Ringers gave me, 1913. C. H. Howard, Master. H. T. W. Eyre, M.A. Honorary Secretary. Warner et Filii me fecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII." Weight 4cwt. 1qr. 12lb.
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- 11th.—"The Rev Jno. Morgan, Rector. Messrs. Geo. Simpson, Jno. Ward and Mattw. Joyce, Chnrchwardens, 1777. In wedlock bands all ye who join with bands your hearts unite, So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite. Wm. Mears & Co., London, fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me fecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.
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of its kind to be erected. The makers claim for it that it is 100 per cent. stronger than any existing type of frame. It is fixed quite clear of the walls of the tower, and in design follows that of the old-fashioned A frame, instead of the modern H frame. This style of frame reduces the strain to a minimum, while the more modern frame tends to put on an unnecessary strain in consequence of the mean centre of thrust being so high, and coming at a point where the walls are least able to bear the strain.

The windows of the belfry are fitted with armoured glass screens inside the louvres, which, while deadening the sound of the bells in the immediate vicinity of the church do not in any way detract from the clearness and sweetness of their tone, on the other hand they effect a decided improvement. In fact, standing near the church one has a difficulty in realising that so weighty a ring is going. Screens of the same description were first fitted (on the recommendation of Messrs. Warner & Sons) in the belfry of the Parish Church, Otlands, Surrey, and there proved their efficacy. The passage of light and air is not impeded, and the comfort and appearance of the belfry is greatly enhanced, whilst greater cleanliness is secured. In many ways the convenience of the ringers has been considered.

A new floor has been put in under the bells with a double floor about 8 ft. lower. This serves as a clock chamber, and deadens the sound of the bells in the ringing chamber. The clock itself has been thoroughly overhauled and repaired by Messrs. Smith, of Clerkenwell, in conjunction with Messrs. Warner and Sons.

Perhaps the best evidence of the revolution that has taken place in bell hanging in recent years is noticeable on first entering the belfry, when the eye at once lights on Messrs. Warner and Sons' patent oil bath, oil ring, grease box and self-aligning bearings. Hitherto improvements that have been made in the frames and fittings of bells have been purely superficial, comprising spring clappers lubricators, patent stays, and sliders, etc., little thought being given to the rockbottom foundation, which is essential if bells are to "go" properly. A good foundation is also necessary if the stability of the tower is to be maintained. This has been provided for at Chelmsford by a massive steel frame resting on girders arranged in such a way as to form a perfect bond for the four walls of the tower. Another important item in the fixing of bells is the bearings, and here allowance has to be made for vibration in the tower. This has been met by an arrangement of suspensory bearings patented by Messrs. Warner and Sons, which ensures perfect alignment and prevents the nipping of the gudgeons. The lubrication of the bearings has been carefully studied. The bearings of the tenor (which, by the way, are over $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. each in weight) are fitted with lubricators each containing a pint of castor oil, and an oil ring provides a ready supply to the gudgeons. On top of the bearings is a large grease box, containing upwards of a pound of a special heavy grease, which, broken down by the castor oil, becomes an excellent lubricant.

Chelmsford St Mary's tower is of very small dimensions, the space occupied by the 12 bells measuring only 17 ft 6 in. by 18 ft. 5 in. and this leaves barely half an inch to spare each way.

THE RINGERS' TEA.

About 250 ringers sat down to tea in the Corn Exchange after the Dedication Service.

Canon Lake presided, and afterwards proposed "Church and King." In submitting "The Essex Association of Change-Ringers," he said he could not render enough thanks to the Essex Association for all they had done to encourage change-ringing in the county, and he felt sure that they had raised change-ringing to a very much higher standard than it was before. He also desired, on behalf of the Rector and churchwardens, to thank them for their delightful present of the treble bell. The Canon further recognised the services of those friends who had come to Chelmsford to ring the first peal, and referred to the assistance which had been given throughout the negotiations by Mr. C. H. Howard, the Master of the Essex Association.

Mr. Howard, in reply, thanked the Rector and churchwardens for their generosity in providing the tea, and also for inviting every member of the Association to attend. He congratulated them upon the successful conclusion to their bells restoration, and he was pleased to know that the Association had been consulted in the matter. If other clergy would follow such an example, there would always be someone in the Association ready to give them advice when necessary.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, hon. sec. to the Association, also returned thanks, and remarked there had only been one previous gathering of the whole Association, and that was when they celebrated its majority in 1900. There were then 150 ringers present; now there were nearly 300. They had always, during the thirty years the Association had been founded, met with a hearty welcome from the Rector and churchwardens of Chelmsford, and especially from the present Rector.

Mr. T. H. Waller proposed the health of Messrs. Warner and Sons and Mr. H. Chapman (who renovated the clock), saying they were glad to select Essex firms to carry out their work.

Mr. Robert Warner, in response, thanked the Rector and churchwardens for the kindness with which his men had been treated, and observed that they had the first ring of twelve in Essex, and the heaviest tenor, and that the framework was quite two hundred per cent. stronger than any other existing type of frame. New patent bearings had been introduced, and it was not an idle boast to say that with the bells so hung they could be rung no matter what the weight of the bells or the condition of the tower. He concluded by an expression of regret at the absence through illness, of the architect, Mr. Wykeham Chancellor.

THE RINGING.

On Sunday the ringing was under the supervision of Mr. Cooper, most of the ringers being local, except two or three visitors who had stayed overnight. The ringing during the day comprised Grandsire Cinques, Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters, and Stedman Triples.

The St. Mary's Guild of Ringers will only be able to ring rounds on the bells for some little time, but when the monthly practice takes place on the last Saturday in each month, and the district ringers are present, changes will be rung. Mr. Cooper will be captain of the local band of ringers, and in his able hands the ringing will no doubt in time be worthy of Cathedral bells.

Mr. A. Edwards, District Master, S.E. Division, and Mr. H. F. Cooper, District Secretary, with Messrs. H. W. Kirton, H. Richell, W. Lincoln, F. G. Radley, A. Whighty, W. Ridgewell, E. Chancellor, were responsible for the excellent arrangements of admission to tower and tea; likewise much work has been done by them previous to the day's ceremony.

WEST EALING.—With the kind assistance of some visitors, four of the local band took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for the evening service at St. Stephen's Church, on September 28th. It was the first quarter by C. Edwards, who is to be congratulated on his striking. H. W. Lidbetter, Geo. Spencer, J. Crocker, W. Lawrence, A. Harding, H. Chandler, W. New (conductor), C. Edwards.

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AN INTERESTING RELIC.

Curfew will be rung to-night and every night from now until March next on the historic old bell of Chertsey Abbey, to whose clapper Blanche Heriot is supposed to have clung five hundred years ago, in the hope of saving her lover's life, as told in the famous poem, "Curfew shall not ring to-night."

Probably few of the thousands of people who have read, or heard it recited, have any idea that the bell, whi its placky heroine—called Bessie in the poem—kept from ringing, is still in existence. On the other hand, those who have visited Chertsey, will have learned all about the Abbey bell, as it is called, which is considered to be the most historic and oldest ringing bell in England.

It was cast over six hundred years ago, or in 1310, to be exact. It weighs half a ton, measures 3 feet high and 9 feet in circumference, and round the crown in raised Lombardic capitals is a Latin text, which may be translated, "Of your charity, pray for us, O Virgin Mary." It was ordered to be cast by John de Rutherwyck, the most famous of the Abbots of Chertsey, and in May, 1471, it tolled the death of the murdered King Henry VI., when his corpse was brought from London by water and found a shelter in Chertsey Abbey, until it finally was re-buried in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

In the Abbey it is supposed to have been used as the Pardon Bell, which, previous to the Reformation, was tolled to call the worshippers to a prayer to the Virgin Mary, preceding the regular service. When the Abbey was dismantled, however, its bell was transferred to the "gloomy, shadowed tower" of the Parish Church of Chertsey, St. Peter's, which also dated back to John de Rutherwyck, and there, "every evening just at sunset," it "tolled the twilight hour." Every evening, that is, except the historic one during the War of the Roses, when Blanche Heriot "sprang within the old Church door, mounted up the gloomy tower," and kept the bell from ringing what would have been "fair young Basil's funeral knell." His name, by the way, was neither Basil nor Underwood; it was Nevill, and he was a nephew of Warwick the King-maker nor had Cromwell anything to do with the episode, which happened a couple of centuries before the future Protector was born. Why the authoress transferred the incident from the early period to the later, is not known.

This old Abbey or Curfew bell now forms the fifth one of a peal of eight in the belfry of Chertsey Parish Church. After hundreds of years, the ringing of the Curfew was abandoned at Chertsey, but it was revived by the present Vicar, and now is carried out from October 1st to March 25th.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Dunchurch, situate on the border of the county, would not strike one as being an ideal place for a ringers' meeting, but that it was not unwisely chosen was proved by the fact that about twenty members and friends were present at the September monthly meeting of the above Guild, which was held on Saturday last, the places represented being Allesley, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby and the local band. Curiously enough, the ringers from Rugby and the neighbouring towers within easy range were very scarce, and had they turned up to any extent, a record might easily have been created numerically, for a monthly meeting of the Guild.

The bells, recently restored, are a musical ring of six,

a little on the weighty side, and some good ringing was obtained in the following methods: Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Harbord, gave the members a most enthusiastic welcome, and sat in the tower while several touches were rung, which shews the interest he takes in ringing and ringers generally.

A meat tea was partaken of at the "Green Man" Hotel, and at the conclusion of the meal the Ringing Master, Mr. James George, said how pleased he was to see so many ringers present, and thanked the Vicar and Mr. Pinfold, the leader of the local ringers, for their kindness in making such splendid arrangements for the meeting. At the conclusion of the tower bell ringing the handbells were requisitioned, and a course each of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and a few touches of Stedman Triples were rung, together with tunes by Messrs. Malins, White and Hessian.

It is pleasing to add that the local ringers, to the number of about ten were present, and expressed a desire to join the Guild, and their names will be put forward in due cours. As they are a promising young band, it is hoped that some arrangements can be made for their tuition, as they shew signs of developing into good change-ringers, and will be an acquisition to the Guild.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

On the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, the following touches were rung on Sunday last: For Matins, 168 Stedman Triples, 243 Stedman Caters, and a course of Stedman Cinques. For Evensong, 255 and a short course of Stedman Cinques. After service a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 1251 changes, composed by W. G. Hall, and conducted by H. Knight. *H. Hawkswood, *H. Jones, *H. Farlow, *F. Darrall, W. G. Hall, A. Little, *W. H. Lawley, *B. Clark, H. Knight, *F. Smith. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. The others taking part in the day's ringing were: J. E. Groves, J. Purser, E. and H. Mitchell. With the exception of J. E. Groves all are members of St. Peter's band.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

This Society held its quarterly meeting at Penn on Saturday last. Soon after 3 o'clock members began to arrive from Bilston, Bloxwich, Bradley, Coseley, Kidderminster, Rushall, Sedgley, Smethwick, Stafford, Tettenhall, Tipton, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourne, Wood Green and the local band. The methods rung were various. Four of the local men rang in a touch of Grandsire Triples—the outcome of recent instruction.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. O. A. Golden). Eleven new members were enrolled, and the Handsworth meeting was arranged for January 24th, or thereabouts.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, and a helpful address delivered by the Rev. O. A. Holden. Mr. H. Mitchell kindly officiated as Organist, assisted by Mr. H. Hawkswood. Tea was provided at "The Rose and Crown," after which further ringing was indulged in. Thus ended a very pleasant meeting.

TUNSTALL (Staffs).—Recently, at Christ Church, 1120 Superlative Surprise and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Johnson, G. A. Smith, J. Darlington, J. Godber, J. W. Washbrook, jun. W. R. Washbrook, A. Clay, W. Thompson, E. H. Tigwell. These touches were arranged for E. H. Tigwell, who is leaving the district.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1913

The 280 members who attended the dedication at Chelmsford on Saturday last, constituted a record for a gathering of the Essex Association.

The number of clergy present must have constituted a record, or little short of it, since there were in the procession beside three Bishops, 39 robed clergymen.

After second Evensong many of the visitors rung rounds (many of them for the first time on 12 bells).

Two new trebles are to be added to the ring of eight at Saffron Walden, one having already been given by Miss Gibson. The present ring with a tenor of 24 cwt. in D, is very musical.

All Saints Day—Saturday, November 1st—has been fixed for the dedication of the new treble and opening of the bells at Rayne.

The Provinces.**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.****THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.***On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.**

ALBERT V. SELBY Treble	ERNEST G. STIBBONS 5
HENRY G. MILES 2	WILLIAM A. GARRARD 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 4	FREDERICK J. REDENAP .. Tenor

Conducted by H. G. MILES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Miles and Stibbons, who received the usual congratulations. The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the local band foregoing their practice in order that the peal might be rung.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sunday, September 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.**

HENRY T. MARTIN .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 2	WILLIAM RAWLINGS 6
GEORGE CLASBURY 3	GEORGE PRESTON 7
EDWIN WELLSTRAID 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

Rung for the Harvest Festival; the band were entertained to tea at the Rectory after the peal.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, September 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.****Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.**

REV. A. T. BRESTON .. Treble	GEORGE BOWMER* 4
ALFRED C. WRIGHT* 2	WILLIAM FOX 5
THOMAS WHITE* 3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX* .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

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

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Bob Minor, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES STEPHENSON† .. Treble	HARRY ENTWISTLE 4
HERBERT WORMWELL 2	RICHARD ASHWORTH 5
SAMUEL COENISH* 3	RENNIE HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by RENNIE HARTLEY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Thomas Mouncey, a former ringer in this tower. *Proposed a member previous to starting. †First peal of Minor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Leavey, Alice White, F. G. Wilson, C. F. Hansford, J. Ward, A. Burgess, H. White (conductor), H. E. White. On Monday, September 29th, being the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal in the same method, with W. Hunt, of Oakley, Hants, taking the place of C. F. Hansford on the 4th.

WRENTTHM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON .. Treble	ERNEST W. HALL* 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SPENCER.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Naunton, wife of the ringer of the 2nd and mother of the ringers of treble and tenor. She was 70 years of age on the 18th inst.

NORWICH.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT.****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.**

GEORGE DAY* .. Treble	CHARLES E. BORRETT 6
JOHN E. BURTON 2	GEORGE P. BURTON 7
FRANK H. PHILLIPS* 3	WILLIAM STEELE 8
HARRY J. BORRETT 4	FREDERICK SEAGER 9
GEORGE N. PRICE 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES and conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

*First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.**

JOHN ALDIS, SEN. .. Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE 5
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM .. 2	FRANK R. COPE 6
ALFRED FUNNELL 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by G. F. PRICE.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Two Minutes.***AS THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with nine different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

LEONARD H. STEVENS .. Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE .. 4
WILLIAM H. BANKS 2	LUKE VERRALL 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS 3	JAMES H. COX Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

This Peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of the parish the Rev. Preb. R. I. Salmon and to the Right Hon Lord Monk Bretton, C.B., of Conyboro Park, also to the ringer of the treble.

CRAYFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;****IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.**

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON* 5
GEORGE POVEY† 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6
JOHN WHBADON 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
REGINALD BROUGH 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

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

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
GEORGE H. CROSS* 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 7
GEORGE N. PRICE* 3	GEORGE MOY 8
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT* .. 9
JOHN MOY 5	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal of Oxford Royal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5139 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK LEAKE .. Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
FRED G. MAY 2	FRANCIS T. JEWELL 7
ALBERT STOWELL 3	ALFRED PEARCE 8
PERCY P. CAME 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
HENRY PRING 5	HENRY PORCH Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by H. PORCH.

Rung as a Wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Daltry, eldest son of Mr. G. T. Daltry, who was married at St. Johns, Redland, on that day.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Vicar's. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb. in E flat.

BERT DAVIS Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
HARRY PAGE 2	JAMES CROSS* 6
WILLIAM PAGE 3	TOM PAGE 7
BENJAMIN THORPE 4	HENRY CHABBE Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

First peal by ringer of the treble.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER .. Treble	THOMAS WHITE 5
REV. A. T. BRISTON 2	GEORGE BOWMER 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM FOX 7
FREDERICK JOHNSON 4	BENJAMIN GREATORREX .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORREX.

Rung immediately after the service of induction, as a welcome to the Rev. Thomas B. Charlesworth, the newly-appointed Vicar.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5072 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN ALOIS, SEN. .. Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
GEORGE N. PRICE 4	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and

Conducted by WM. STEELE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. R. Copeman.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. TROUGHTON* Treble	FREDERICK STANTON* .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLET* 2	CHARLES CAMM* 5
ERNEST E. BARRETT† .. 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

*First peal of Minor.

†First peal in seven methods away from treble.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Treble	WILLIAM THEOBALD 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WYMONDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM STEELE* .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3	EDWIN WHITING 7
FREDERICK MANSEY 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This was F. R. Borrett's 400th peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. WHITING .. Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS* .. 2	WILLIAM T. TOCKER .. 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES and conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL .. 5
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
WARREN HORNEROON 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES 7
WILLIAM FORD 4	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal of Bob Major by the Guild.

FRFNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED J. CHUTTER Treble	CORPL. GEORGE GILBERT, R.E. 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALFRED J. CROUCHER 5
GEORGE FISHER* 3	HUBERT CHAFFEY† Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT CHAFFEY.

*First peal in seven methods on an inside bell. †First peal in seven methods as conductor.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SIDNEY PECK Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5
WILLIAM J. GOSS 2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN 6
REV. B. H. TREWHITT-DRAKE 3	HERBERT FIELDS 7
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

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

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT HURDMAN* .. Treble	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 2	EDWARD I. STONE 6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON* 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
ALGERNON P. STONE* 4	JOHN H. SWINFELD Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(The Maldon and District Guild.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

BENNEZER W. FINCH .. Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 4
ALFRED SOUTH 2	WALTER NICE 5
HAROLD FINCH 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHALK.

First peal as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Furness and Lake District Branch.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, three 720s of Oxford, one 720 of Plain Bob, the 720s of Kent and Oxford each being called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC L. BENNETT .. Treble	THOMAS T. HEWETSON 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2	CHARLES E. WEBB 5
GORDON WHITAM 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by E. L. BENNETT.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt. 12 lb.

THOS. BOTTRILL .. Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	WALTER R. WASHBROOK 6
HARRY WASHBROOK 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JOSEPH LOWE 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. L. Forsbrooke, who was inducted to the living of St. Thomas' on the above date. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

(Erdington Parish Church Society).

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Edwin J. Houlston, Esq., late churchwarden of Erdington Parish Church, who takes a great interest in the ringers. The members wish him the usual birthday compliments.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST HOLMAN .. Treble	ALFRED TOMSETT 4
FRED WILLEY 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 5
HERBERT TOMSETT 3	THOMAS LOVEJOY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMSETT.

First peal by the treble and tenor, who are local men. First peal on the bells. The band were provided with light refreshments after the peal at the Rectory, and the Rector afterwards kindly drove the Lindfield ringers home in his motor car.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN COMPLEX MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR PAYNE .. Treble	ROBERT W. FALCONER 5
JOHN T. RICHARDSON 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
JOHN F. BIRD 3	BENJAMIN C. DIXON 7
NORMAN C. FLECK 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This is the first peal ever rung in this method, and is the production of Mr. G. Lindoff. It is the first plain method to be rung on the lengthening lead plan. Any composition of Treble Bob or Bristol Surprise will run true to this by doubling it with two singles.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday morning, September 28th, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples, taken from Brewerton's twelve-part peal. N. Holmes, F. Bolton, E. Davis, H. Holmes, S. Jones (conductor), G. Stafford, P. Stafford, G. Watts. First attempt for treble man on eight bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. NEWICK Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
JOHN WREADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
GEORGE FRENCH 4	JOHN NEWICK Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Handbell Peals.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT YORK VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 10,080 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 720s of Plain Bob.

STANLEY E. ANDREWS .. 1-2	—THOMAS HAINES 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire—Horace Banham. Witness—Mrs. Narborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Narborough.

RE-OPENING OF BELLS.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

September 19th, was an eventful day for this retired village among the combs and spurs of the Mendips. The church has a grand and stately tower of the Taunton type, some 126 ft. in height, and is the admiration of the most competent authorities. It was recently decided to replace a defective timber frame by a low side massive iron framework on stout steel supporting girders, thus retaining the A principle on the model of the one at Wimborne St. Giles in Dorset, and to recast the existing ring of six bells into one of eight. The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and their name is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of every detail. The new treble is approximately 5½ cwt., as against 10 cwt. of the old ring, and the new tenor is 24 cwt. 19 lb. as against 27 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. The total weight is broadly 92 cwt. as against 98½ cwt. A new Ellacombe's chiming apparatus on the latest principle was also fitted up instead of one of an antiquated type. Everything in the tower is new. The bells on which the clock strikes are the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th, with the hour on the tenor; the Cambridge quarters in fact and the sound carries further than formerly. The opening ceremony was most impressively conducted by the Archdeacon of Wells, whilst the Rev. A. N. Box, Rector of Maperton, near Wincanton preached the sermon, which will long live in the memories of those who heard it. Members of the Midsomer Norton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association came to Chewton Mendip to ring, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were heard for the first time by many. A public tea and social evening in the school-room, organised by the Bells Committee and a supper for the ringers brought the day to a pleasing close. Chewton Mendip folk may well be congratulated on the magnificent heritage which will be handed down to future generations in the full security that their tower is saved from all danger by the care of those now living.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20th, a meeting of the above was held at Woolton, with an excellent attendance of members from various parts of the diocese. The preliminary effort at climbing the Gatacre Brow after leaving the Cheshire Lines Station was a foretaste of the climb to be accomplished. Woolton Church seems to be placed on the highest point between Southport and the River Mersey with an outlook as far as Widnes. The place names of a wood district, and glorious are the leafy giants flourishing in Woolton. Canon Howson met his guests and led them through the Rectory grounds. He also discoursed about the knights of St. John and showed a village cross soon to be restored.

A short visit was paid to the magnificent and modern church and there Canon Howson treated the ringers to a short bright service, with an excellent address. It was just such an earnest judicious exhortation as would give his auditors a high ideal for their ministrations with hand, head and heart service in their various churches. After service an adjournment was made to the schools where churchwarden A. G. Dent invited the guests to partake of a cold collation. The invitation was eagerly accepted and a vote of thanks, carried with acclamation, expressed the gratitude of the ringers to Mrs. Dent and her assistants for their kind attentions. At the business meeting new members were elected, Mr. Dent being acclaimed a life member. The Guild Master, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit called upon the auditor to distribute the annual report and while praising Crosby and Halsall for increased number of peals, asked for more attention to the higher mysteries of campanology. The Rev. E. C. Collier, in a very humorous speech enforced the appeal. Mr. W. Short, of Bootle, proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Howson and it was heartily carried.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Ringers are requested to note the following dates. October 30th—Concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the Bells Fund; Chairman—the Mayor; at 8 o'clock. Re-dedication of the bells on November 3rd at 8.30. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend on November 8th in the afternoon opening of the bells and tea in the Parish Room. Short service and an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. All ringers will be invited to these events. A fuller announcement will be made later.

Will all old ringers who have rung on Shoreditch Bells, please communicate with Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, with a view to have a photo taken with the bells.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, September 27th, for morning service at All Saints' Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 593 Grandsire Caters. W. Doran (conductor), A. Scambler, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, A. Neale, J. Scholes, E. Wigg, R. Sanders, H. Flanders, G. Haden. For evening service 720 Grandsire Caters. W. Doran, A. Scambler, W. Truss, T. Cranfield (conductor), A. Neale, J. Scholes, E. Wigg, R. Sanders, H. Flanders, G. Potter.

DOVER (Kent).—On Wednesday evening, September 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 560 Bob Major. W. Sheaff, Miss D. Steel, C. R. Millway, E. Potter, W. E. Pitman, R. Stevens, H. C. Saywell, C. Saywell, C. Turner (conductor). Also 308 Grandsire Triples. W. Corteen, Miss D. Steel, C. R. Millway, E. Potter, W. E. Pitman, R. Stevens, C. Turner (conductor), G. Godfrey. On Sunday evening, September 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. B. Saunders, A. J. Saywell, C. R. Millway (conductor), C. Turner, A. Roberts, W. Courteen, P. Gibbs, G. Godfrey. Miss Dorothy Dyne Steel, of Bedford, who was on a visit to this part of Kent, is the first lady to take part in change-ringing at St. Mary's.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

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4732 - -

2374 - -

3724 - -

4273 - -

2743 - -

3425678 - -

4235 - -

5324 - -

3254 - -

2534 - -

4352 - -

3542 - -

2453 - -

4523 - -

5243 - -

2435 S -

5342 - -

Repeat last twelve courses: omit bob at 3. This peal has no short courses.

HANDBELLS—Fine set of 44 for Sale, with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—CHARLES BARBER, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks.

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TO CHANGE-RINGERS—A Young Man wanted able to do French Polishing in Motor Works and willing to make himself generally useful in the Painting Department in spare time.—Apply in first instance to F. DENCH, 37, Ditton Walk, Cambridge.

FOR SALE—Set of 57 handbells (E flat scale) by Mears and Stainbank, in perfect condition; complete in strong travelling box, collapsible table, padding, plush cover, music books. Accept £18 for quick sale. Cost £40.—CLIFTON, 18, Charles Street, Newport, Mon.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, *Leicester*.

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52364 - -

23564 - -

43265 - -

34562 - -

24365 - -

42563 - -

34265 - S

43562 - -

23465 - -

32564 - -

42365 - -

24563 - -

35465 - S

Repeated. 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, October 11th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the schoolroom. P. Webb, District Sec. Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

THE BELLS OF ULEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Castle Green, Bristol, have just completed an interesting little piece of work at the above Church, of which the following is a description.

Rehung the single bell in new frame and quarter turned the bell; provided a complete set of new mountings, consisting of oak wheel, elm headstock with ironwork, steel gudgeons, with gun metal brasses set in cast iron pedestals with grease boxes and covers, stay, pulley, slider, clapper, and best quality rope with sally tufting; provided and fixed a new chimney hammer, provided and fixed new frame on a foundation of strong rolled steel joists with webbed ends securely built into the walls of the tower and braced with touch steel bar; fixed on this foundation a new frame of their diagonal type bolted together with steel bolts and nuts and braced with steel bars; provided and fixed one new clock hammer and adjustments.

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CHESHUNT, HERTS.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-BOARD.

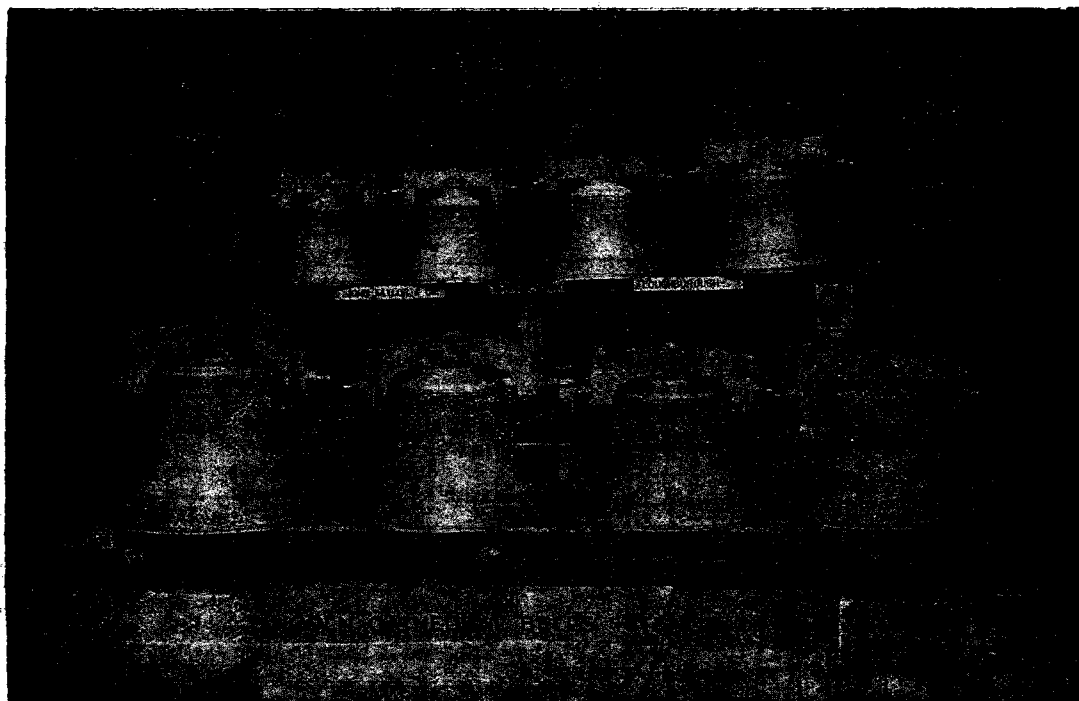
On Thursday, September 18th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the Parish Church, the occasion being the unveiling of a very beautiful board recording the first peal rung by a local band of ringers. Among those present were the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Law), the Rev. T. H. W. Barker, Mrs. Blockey, Miss B'ockey, Mr. P. Hargreaves (churchwarden), A. E. Close (sidesman), and several other ladies and gentlemen, and the whole of the local band. The proceedings commenced with a prayer, after which the Vicar explained the purpose of the meeting, and asked his mother—Mrs. Law—to unveil the board. Mr. H. G. Rowe, the conductor of the society, thanked her for her presence and assistance, and on behalf of the society presented her with a framed photograph of the peal-board. The gift and thanks of the society were acknowledged by Mrs. Law. A short touch was afterwards rung, and during the progress of the ringing several of the visitors present ascended the tower to see the bells ringing. The Vicar then joined the ringers in a short touch. The peal-board is the work of

Mr. Julian V. Munn, of Waltham Cross, and is 3 ft. 6 in. high and 2 ft. 7 in. wide, with Gothic shaped top and mounted all round. The inscription is in gold letters as follows: "The Hertfordshire Association. On Saturday, March 29th, 1913, in 3 hours and 5 minutes, was rung in this tower, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Taylor's Six-Part. David Tucker, Treble; George Andrews, 2; George Maxim, 3; Francis G. Jelf, 4; Henry Cornwell, 5; Henry G. Rewe, 6; Horace Simmons, 7; Robert Smith, Tenor. Conducted by Henry George Rowe. First peal by a local band. Rev. C. B. Law, M.A., Vicar; F. S. Blocky, Esq., F. B. Debenham, Esq., P. Hargreaves, Esq. (churchwardens)."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, September 27th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, F. M. Butler, T. Jordan, H. Little, W. Watts (conductor), F. Potter. For afternoon service 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, A. Jordan, J. Luckey, F. M. Butler, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor, F. Potter. Tenor 13 cwt.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on Oct. 7th and 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 7th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 9th and 23rd; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 28th. Also 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 Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637.—The 276th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, G. F. Wild, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 4 to 5, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Eleventh Annual Grand Bohemian Concert of the Association will be held at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, on Saturday, October 11th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, and others. Ladies specially invited.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Sec.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The quarterly meeting of the society will take place on Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Holloway, N. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Sec.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Mary's (Putney). Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham, S.W.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, October 11th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided only for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous.

Madresfield, Malvern.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at Lenham on Saturday, October 11th. The belfry will be open at 2.30, and the Association service will be held in the Church at 5.0 p.m.

Kenneth W. Mumiord, Dis. Hon. Sec.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, October 4th. Service at St. Nicholas Church at 4 p.m. Preacher—The Lord Bishop of Liverpool.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, October 4th. Bells (6) afternoon. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Oakley, Basingstoke.

Francis G. Hume, Hon. Sec.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Monk's Eleigh (four miles from Lavenham), on Saturday, October 11th. Tea will be pro-

vided at "The Bull Inn" at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea are asked to give notice to the Secretary on or before Monday, October 6th, so that arrangements may be made.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

R. L. Gardner, Secretary

Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, Oct. 15th. All the towers in the town available for ringing throughout the day. Divine Service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Dinner in St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present at the dinner must be sent to me not later than October 13th. For full particulars see circulars sent to all companies.

C. E. Borrett, Secretary.

12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham, on Saturday, October 18th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30, in the "Woolpack" Inn, followed by short business meeting. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, October 14th.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.

John Watson, Branch Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

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On September 23rd, at All Saints Church, a large congregation assembled to witness the marriage of Mr. E. Gregson-Ellis of Claremont House, to Miss L. Monica Reynolds, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Reynolds of the Priory, High Wycombe. The bride has been active in various capacities in Church work, while her father is the Senior Warden of All Saints. The Chancel had been tastefully decorated for the ceremony which was fully choral. As the happy couple left the church the bells went off to the tune of Stedman Triples, followed during the afternoon by short touches of Stedman Caters. In the evening a well struck quarter peal of Stedman Cinques 1306 changes was successfully brought round in 61 minutes. F. Hayes (conductor), R. Coles, C. C. Mayne, G. White, A. T. Ashman, T. T. Goodchild, E. Markham, W. Phipps, J. Granbury, R. H. Young, B. Page, A. J. Hoing. First quarter peal of Cinques by ringers of 3rd, 10th, and Tenor.

HERTFORD.—On Friday, September 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, 5.4 Grandsire Triples. A Akers, R. Dore, A. Springham, W. Newham, V. Neale (conductor). A. E. Creasey, G. Gray, A. E. Akers. Another 5.4, standing as follows: E. Tyler, R. Dore, V. Neale, W. Irons (conductor), W. Newham, A. Wright, G. Gray, A. E. Akers. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rector, the Rev. N. J. Gardiner.

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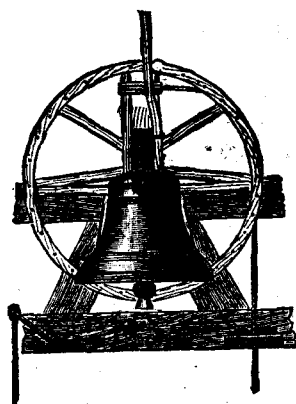
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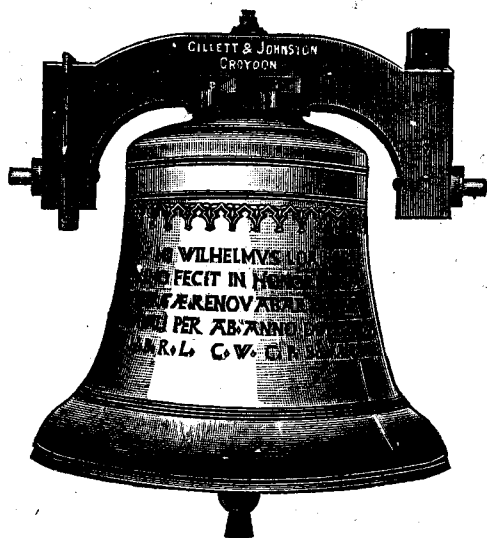
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DEDICATION OF CHELMSFORD BELLS.

Continued from last week.

As explained elsewhere the conclusion of our report of the dedication of Chelmsford bells was curtailed, and we are now giving it in extenso.

Upon the conclusion of the service, a large company of Church workers attached to St. Mary's. with the Bishops and Clergy and members of the Corporation, were entertained to tea in the Shire Hall.

Alderman G. Taylor (Mayor), congratulated the Bishop of St. Albans upon the passing of the Bishopricks Bill, and expressed a hope that notwithstanding his Lordship could not undertake the duties as Bishop of the new diocese—which so many regretted—yet he trusted that deep and sincere interest which the Bishop had always taken in his work as Bishop of the diocese, would be extended to the new diocese.

The Bishop of St. Albans having tendered his hearty thanks to the Mayor and Corporation for their presence at the service, said he desired to congratulate them most heartily that they would probably in four months be a Cathedral city. When the King held his first Council, most likely in January, it would be possible for the Council to declare the Bishopricks of Chelmsford founded. He was quite convinced that his good friend Canon Lake would do all he could as Rector of Chelmsford, to stimulate the county feeling so as to make every Churchman and citizen in Essex realise that he had got a share in the Cathedral Church.

Nearly 300 ringers from various parts of the county, at the invitation of Canon Lake and the Church authorities, assembled in the Corn Exchange, and were entertained to a knife and fork tea.

Canon Lake, who presided, having submitted "Church and King," proposed "Health and Strength to the Essex Association of Change-Ringers." The genial Canon said he desired to thank the members of the Association for having encouraged and thereby raised the standard of change-ringing in the county higher than it had ever been before. He desired especially to thank the members of the Association for the gift of the new treble bell, which was a delightful present to receive. With the churchwardens he desired further to recognise the assistance that they had received from members of the Association in the restorations which had been accomplished. Messrs. Cooper and Edwards had come to their assistance before it was proposed to increase the ring to a peal of twelve, and both had been most useful to the Committee. He desired also to acknowledge the help that had been given by Mr. Howard, the Master of the Association. No sooner had the idea of a ring of twelve been suggested, than Mr. Howard expressed the idea that the Association would defray the cost of the new treble. He (the Canon) did not attend the last annual meeting at West Ham, as he understood the matter would be discussed. The Association supported the proposal, and on behalf of the Church authorities he desired to most heartily thank them for their gift.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), thanked the Rector and churchwardens for their generosity in providing the tea, and the invitation given to every member of the Association to be present. It had been a pleasure not only to himself, but to other members of the Association, to lend a helping hand, and on behalf of the Association he desired to congratulate the Rector, churchwardens, and all the workers upon so successful a result of their labours. He was confident that if the clergy and Church authorities in general, when restoration of bells was under consideration, would follow the example set by those at Chelmsford, there would be found those who were ringers ready to assist in every possible way.

Mr. T. H. Waller (churchwarden), proposed "Success to the firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons," and Mr. H. Chapman (who renovated the clock), and expressed the pleasure it had been to select what were practically Essex firms for the work. The face of the clock had been greatly missed by the public, he was afraid more so than the bells.

Mr. R. Warner said he should like to take the opportunity of thanking Canon Lake and the churchwardens for all the kindness that had been shown and extended to all the men employed upon the work. Chelmsford now had a ring of twelve, which was the first in the county, and included the heaviest tenor. Referring to the framework Mr. Warner said it was two hundred per cent. stronger than any other existing type of frame. New patent bearings had been introduced, and it was no idle boast on his part to say that the result would be that whatever the weight of the bells, or the condition of the tower, bells thus hung could be easily rang.

The company after a flashlight photo had been taken, dispersed. The arrangements for admission to the tower were most excellent, representatives from towers having a fixed time given. Ringing was again started, and some good touches of Cinques were rung both before and after Evensong. Some of the visitors remained overnight and assisted on Sunday. Mr. Cooper has charge of the new band that has been formed, and we understand there will be a monthly practice on the last Saturday in the month, at which members of the Association will be welcomed.

Special services were held on Sunday. In the morning Canon Hulton, of Boreham, was the preacher.

The Canon traced the progress of experiments in the making of bells, from which it was learnt in time that by moulding the rim slightly out-turned and by thickening the metal a much softer and sweeter tone was obtained. There was no question that bells played a large part in the national life. At all the solemn moments of existence their help was called forth and welcomed. Sometimes they represented the feelings of a particular locality, sometimes of the whole country. On great public occasions of joy or of sorrow the church bells gave utterance to the common feeling. Tower called to tower throughout the length and breadth of the land. The whole nation was brought under the spell of sympathetic thought and action and consciously became one in heart and mind. The silence of the chnrob tower had been felt as a personal loss—something missing, which altered the character of the days. Not only did Sunday seem not like Sunday, but week-day calculations were all thrown out. They seemed to lose their hold upon the hand of Time. The sound of church bells awakened sacred associations. On a

Sunday the whole country resounded with the call to the House of God. Might he add a word in favour of chimes? In his old parish of Great Waltham the great tower sang three times a day. The strange passer-by might call it a tinkling tune, but to the inhabitants of the parish, to the labourer in the field, to the mother at the cottage door, to the children on the road to school, it was more than a tune—it was a song. They knew the words the bells were sounding. Thus, to the ears of the people the bells were the very voice of praise. They were indebted to the bellringers, a body of men who because they were out of sight ought not to be forgotten. The art of ringing, especially of change-ringing, had in England reached a pitch of elaboration and excellence not evinced in other countries. That was no light distinction. The practice and exercise of bellringing called for and brought out some of the best points in the national temperament. There was better illustration of the power of combined action—of eight or ten or twelve men working for hours together as one man—in the solution of an interesting and difficult problem, and all over England ringers were now associated together for the express purpose of preserving for church bells their original sacredness. It was a noble aim, and they heartily wished their bellringers success in their efforts to fulfil their own ideal, to spend and be spent for the glory of God.

In the evening the pulpit was occupied by Canon Papillon, of St. Albans, formerly Vicar of Writtle, and Master of the Essex Association.

In the course of his address he said you have enlarged and restored your ring of bells, and are taking steps, as I especially rejoice to learn, to reorganise your belfry and its band of ringers, to be we may hope a pattern and example to the whole diocese, as the Cathedral belfry should be. Will you allow one who longed in vain for many years to see that which is now coming to pass, one who can say from the heart, "For my brethren and companions' sakes I will wish thee prosperity"—will you allow me to apply to thoughts of this our day the song of praise that was sung 2500 years ago for the restoration of the Temple at Jerusalem? First, it was a prayer for peace. What better object of prayer can we have now? Peace at home and abroad, peace among the nations, when all around are wars and rumours of war; peace in our own land, when class is being set against class, with unrest and discontent everywhere employers and employed suspicious and defiant of each other, while the old courtesies of life seem to be dying out; peace in each town and parish; peace in every home, with love, joy, kindness, and forbearance, and all else that makes life beautiful, encouraged and increased, and all that makes life hideous—evil words, jealousy, slander, impurity, drunkenness, and other works of the flesh—purged and put away. Let us pray that this Cathedral may be the centre of harmonious work for the spiritual well-being of a whole diocese—Bishop, clergy, and laity working together for the common good and for the cause of Christ on earth. Let us pray, too, that in its belfry and in the use made of its bells there may be no jarring notes of discord, of jealousy, or of slackness. May the ringers be keen to practise their art, so that the best use may be made of their bells, but always with due regard to the feelings of others, so that peace and harmony may abide. And may you who hear the bells take pride in the bells being rung, and not be extreme with what is done amiss. Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love it, wheresoever and whatsoever it be, if only they endeavour each to make his or her life, thought and conduct such as may best promote the glory of God and the well-being of their fellow men. They shall prosper that love this Cathedral church if they do all that in their power lies to further the spiritual life of the diocese to which they belong, and the cause of real, not sham, religion on earth. They shall prosper that love this place, this community of families and of individuals living and working together as neighbours, and, we may hope, as friends. They shall prosper if they show their love by encouraging good and discouraging evil; by helping forward everything that makes not only for spiritual but for temporal well-being, for thrift, sobriety, purity, chastity; by welcoming and, as far as may be, assisting all useful schemes

for improving the conditions of life by better sanitation, better housing accommodation (so sorely needed everywhere), and rational healthy recreation; above all, by themselves appreciating, and showing others that they do appreciate, the great importance of sound education.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BEDFORD DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above district was held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, September 26th. Representatives attended during the afternoon and evening from nine towers, and a number of methods were rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise. The Vicar, the Rev. E. L. Holmes, kindly entertained the members to tea. By his thoughtful consideration for the members the tables were placed in a shady position on the greensward in front of the Vicarage. His kindness and hospitality gave evident pleasure to all present. A short business meeting followed at which the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Barker, proposed Lord Ampthill for hon. membership. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wootton on Saturday, October 25th. Instruction and practice continued on the bells until 8 p.m., then an hour or so of fun followed with the local ringers headed by the village schoolmaster, Mr. Barnett, and in the shades of evening cyclists and pedestrians wended their way homewards after spending a most enjoyable time in that sylvan retreat.

DEATH OF LEICESTER'S OLDEST RINGER.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. James Jarvis, of Leicester, which took place on Wednesday, October 1st, at the advanced age of 80. He was connected with the old school of Leicester ringers before the Midland Counties Association was formed, and peal-ringing not so much in vogue as it is now. He had taken part in some 15 or 16 peals, chiefly Grandsire Caters and Triples, his first being rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, as far back as April 13th, 1868 (5130 Grandsire Caters, conducted by the late Mr. Edward Biggs). The interment took place at Leicester old cemetery on Saturday, and five of his fellow-ringers rang a course of Grandsire Caters over his grave, viz., E. Morris, 1-2; C. H. Fowler, 3-4; S. Cotton, 5-6; G. Cleal, 7-8; J. Morris, 9-10. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath from the Leicester change-ringers. On Monday evening muffled touches were rung at St. Mark's, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Saturday last was chosen for the Annual Meeting at Liverpool. It is twenty-two years since the Association last visited the Mersey City. The bells available were St. Nicholas (12), Garston (8), and Walton (6), good use being made of them by the seventy members who turned up. Service was held in St. Nicholas' Church, when the preacher was the Bishop.

The Lord Bishop took his text from Num. x, 1-3. He said this was the fourth occasion on which he had preached to Lancashire ringers, and he was afraid he had nothing new to tell them, yet when he heard that they were having their annual meeting in Liverpool he could not resist the invitation. He wanted them to realize the value and importance of the work of bellringing. The office was ancient, honourable and religious. It was ancient because from the very earliest records the people were called together to worship by some kind of instrument. The text showed that the Jews were instructed to use silver trumpets. Bells very similar to our own have been in use in this country from at least the ninth century, and Ireland still possesses the bell that was supposed to have been given by St. Patrick. Bells are now universally used to call people to worship, and in our own country we had about 3000 peals of bells and upwards of 30,000 ringers. Change-ringing was peculiarly an English art, and people leaving these shores for a foreign country greatly missed the bells. Similarly, people who had been away for a number of years, on returning appreciated to the utmost the sound of our bells. The office was an honourable one. In the early days the people who were allowed to blow the trumpets were the priests, and by them it was held a dignified and sacred duty. To ring bells required great skill and strength, and they all knew how difficult it was to train a man to take a vacant place. Bellringers must be self-sacrificing, for they have often to leave pleasures they would like to enjoy, to meet for practice. It is honourable, again, because bells are almost a necessary accompaniment to national rejoicing. We should feel there was something short without them. Then again how a muffled peal seems to awe the heart, and express the sorrowful feeling of the moment. It is a religious office, too, for they served their Father in heaven by calling people to worship. They little knew how many men and women who are unable to come to church yet prayed when they heard the bells. He advised them to be regular with their work, for to stay away might upset all the arrangements. Above all he urged them to be reverent with the bells. They were dedicated to God, and should be treated with the greatest reverence. They should also remember that the belfry is part of God's House, so let no profane language be used in it. He would like to see every ringer admitted with a solemn service.

The tea and meeting was held in the Schools. The President thanked the Bishop for showing practical interest in the work of the Association by attending the meeting, as well as by the eloquent sermon he had delivered. The Committee in their report stated that the Association continued to increase, the total membership being 1355 as against 1304 last year. They had lost 7 by death, 38 had lapsed, and 4 emigrated; but 90 new ones had been elected. The income for the year was £46 5s. 9d., and the expenditure £47 15s. 11d., showing a debit of £1 10s. 2d. The total number of peals rung was 105 in various Major and Minor methods.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the various

authorities for the use of the bells and schools, the organist and choir; also to the branch secretaries, to whom was due in a great measure the success of the Association as a whole.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.; Vice-President, Mr. J. Barratt (Eccles); Treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson (Bolton); Auditors, Mr. A. Barnes and Mr. J. T. Bottrill; Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsshore Road, Helmsshore; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

MARRIAGES.

SYMONDS—POULSON.

On Saturday, October 4th, the marriage of Mr. S. H. Symonds to Miss E. Poulson, took place at Lavenham Parish Church. The service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins. Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, a fellow-ringer, acted as best man. At the conclusion of the service the organist played a Wedding March, and at the same time the bells were rung to 630 Grandsire Triples—the ringers being members of the local band. A. Symonds, Treble; W. Dent, 2; F. Parker, 3; J. Moore, 4; G. Lambert, 5; T. Garrard, 6; T. Pryke, 7; W. Payers, Tenor. The band again rang in the evening in honour of the occasion; this time 1152 Kent Treble Bob being the method. Mr. S. H. Symonds is well-known among ringers in the county of Suffolk, having already rung fifty peals, conducting 45 himself.

On the Tuesday previous to the wedding, Mr. Symonds was presented with a beautiful lamp by his fellow-ringers at Lavenham, other ringers sending presents being Messrs. T. Fitzjohn, P. Fordham, T. Reed, and Miss Reed; also a bouquet was sent by Mr. H. Gladwell, of Felsham.

We are sure all those who have rung with Mr. Symonds will wish his wife and himself every happiness in their married life.

BOOTH—PECK.

On Tuesday, October 7th, at the Church of St. Peter, Wisbech, a marriage was solemnised between Mr. Fredk. Leslie Booth (formerly of Wisbech, and now of Bognor), and Miss Peck, of Wisbech, both of whom have been valuable workers in connection with St. Peter's. Mr. Booth was one of the ringers of the Church of St. Peter up to the time of his leaving the town. He was a member of the choir for many years, and both he and Miss Peck were Sunday School teachers. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. T. R. Crookham, in the presence of a large congregation. As the happy pair left the Church the bells rang out, but as just then time would not allow of much change-ringing, the ringers turned up at night and rang a 720 of Bob Minor on handbells. J. Phillips, 1; A. Wenlock, 2; S. Andrews, 3-4; R. Narborough (conductor), 5-6. This was the first 720 by James Phillips. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Booth a long life of happiness.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, September 28th, for Harvest Festival at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1260 changes), composed by J. B. Collett and conducted by J. T. Collett, and now rung for the first time. S. Coley, A. T. Scrivens, G. A. Taylor, E. Large, J. T. Perry, J. Porter, W. F. Webb, J. B. Collett.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By E. HIMS, Bicester.

5279.

231456			
416523*	4	15	16
432165	-	-	S
36215	-	-	
21365	-	-	
26135	-	-	
13265	-	-	
16325	-	-	
52361	-	-	-
56231	-	-	
23561	-	-	
26351	-	-	
15362	-	-	-
16532	-	-	
53162	-	-	
56312	-	-	
31562	-	-	
36152	-	-	
25163	-	-	-
26513	-	-	
51263	-	-	
56123	-	-	
12563	-	-	
16253	-	-	
35261	-	-	-
36521	-	-	

*False
see p 499*

Last twenty-four courses repeated, adding bobs at 13, 16, 18 in last course. Has 4-6-8 in the middle of the course, and 6th behind the 9th alternately, and is believed to be the first published on this plan.

*Produced by bobs at 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14.

DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, Crayford.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654		X	-	2
36524			-	2
35264			-	2
23564	-	X	-	-
43265		X	-	3
62435			-	S
53426	-		-	-
42536			-	-
54236	-	X	-	-
25436			-	-
32456			-	3
34526			-	2
23546			-	3

Repeated.

First rang at Lewisham on October 4th, 1913, conducted by Frank Bennett.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By FREDERICK DENCH, Cambridge.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364	2		2	2
32654			2	I
62534			2	I
65324			I	2
24536	I		2	2
32465		-		2
42635			2	I
62345			2	I
63425			I	2
25346	I		2	2

The last five courses repeated.

5024.

By the same Author.

23456	M	W	H
62534	2	I	2
52364		2	I
65243	2	2	2
25463		2	I
46253		I	I
32654	I		I
36524		I	2
43265	2	I	2
23645		2	I
63425		2	I
64235		I	2
35426	I	2	2
45236		2	I
25346		2	I
23456		I	2

5056.

By the same Author.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
24653	2	-	I	2
26543			I	2
25463			I	2
62534		-		2
65324			I	2
23564			2	2
32465	2			2
42635			2	I
46325			I	2
23645			2	2
32546	2			2
52436			2	I
54326			I	2
23456			2	2

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1913

LAST week we were somewhat disorganised owing to a serious mishap, which delayed the previous issue and made it a rush to get out the last one. In consequence of this the latter part of our report of the re-opening of Chelmsford bells was curtailed, and some parts omitted. This we are rectifying in the present number. The ceremony at the county town of Essex calls for something more than a mere passing notice, since it marks the beginning of a new era in the history of the town, an era fraught with many very important changes. Although the ultimate separation of Essex from the diocese of St. Albans was a question on which no manner of doubt existed, it is doubtful if, at the time the restoration of the bells was first mooted, even the most sanguine would have dared to hope that ere the completion of the work the separation would be practically accomplished, and the dedication would be in the cathedral of the new diocese. Yet so it has been. Thanks to the forethought of those most intimately concerned and the generous help accorded by Churchmen in the county the arrangements for the formation of the new diocese are so far advanced that only the final steps have to be taken, and these are being pushed forward so fast that with the advent of 1914 it is expected everything will be completed in readiness for the consecration of the first Bishop of Chelmsford. Enough money has been invested to secure a stipend of £2500 a year and a residence, requirements which must always constitute an obstacle in the formation of new sees. Churchmen in Essex are thanking Almighty God for the answer to their prayers which shall make for the more efficient administration of Church work in the county, and the advancement of His Kingdom.

This thankfulness was emphasised by the phenomenally large gathering of clergy and laity for the dedication. Not only was the Cathedral filled to its utmost capacity, but it is calculated that more than double the number were crowded out.

Ringers too turned up from all parts to assist in the dedication of what is acknowledged to be one of the finest rings in the country. On every hand praise has been accorded the bells for their tone and "go," as well as for

the arrangement and fitting up of the framework, the method of lubricating the bearings, and everything connected with the work. Messrs. Warner & Sons have been warmly congratulated—and deservedly so—on their efforts to produce a ring of bells which should be a lasting advertisement for themselves and an honour to the building in which they are hung.

Those who had special charge of the arrangements for the day are also worthy a word of praise. Mr. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Secretary), Mr. A. Edwards (Master of the S.E. Division) and Mr. H. F. Cooper (District Secretary), each had an arduous task to fulfil, and each did it with a thoroughness which could mean nothing short of absolute success. The task of selecting a band of twelve from the scores who were anxious to have the first pull, without creating ill-feeling was one that required considerable tact, and this the two first-named gentlemen displayed in an eminent degree. There were disappointments, of course, that was inevitable; but in the end that good-fellowship which characterises the general body of ringers overcame all friction and friendship prevailed all round.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD E. GRIMES* Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	MAURICE HIBBERT 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Stedman.

WOOLWICH, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
ERNEST B. CAWDER 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
THOMAS G. DEAL 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
WALTER ROWE 4	THOMAS A. EASTERBY* .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	REuben SANDERS 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

G. H. Cross hails from Norwich,

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
REGINALD BROUGH* 2	HARRY WAENETT* 6
ISAAC EMERY 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES* .. 7
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON* .. 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES*† .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival. †150th peal.

FULHAM, S.W.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST A. ARTHURTON .. Treble	WILLIAM J. S. KNIGHTS* .. 6
SEDLLEY J. COLLINS† 2	WILLIAM J. TROUGHTON† .. 7
WILLIAM H. WORSLEY* .. 3	EDWARD H. ADAMS 8
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON† .. 4	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 9
ARTHUR CUTMORE 5	JAMES W. DRIVER Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal on ten bells. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and on Mrs. Hollier's birthday. Mr. E. H. Adams hails from Warwick.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5
FREDK. G. TEGG 2	JOHN E. MILLER 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON .. 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, this being the nearest date possible.

The Provinces.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK VOICE Treble	GEORGE ILLMAN 5
JOSEPH KENWARD 2	ALBERT HAPMAN 6
ARTHUR BASHFORD 3	JOHN SHERLOCK 7
ALBERT SONGHURST 4	CHARLES OSBOEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HAPMAN.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitmore, the former being a member of the local band.

EYE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 28th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the evening, and after service touches of Oxford and Kent Major. F. Day, E. Youngs, W. Clover, C. Nunn, A. Bowell, G. Day, E. F. Poppy (conductor), W. Rose

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTEE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JAMES G. BENNETT* Treble	ELI WATERS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
GEORGE PRESTON 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD 7
FREDK. W. TOWNSEND 4	CHARLES W. GOODENODGH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRIS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN 3	JOHN J. PRATT* 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method with an inside bell.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halerworth District).

On Monday, September 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Minor, and Kent Treble Bob; three 720s of Oxford, and two 720s of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble	GEORGE EASTHAUGH 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	JOHN LARTER 5
ARTHUR H. TOOK 3	FREDK. W. WATLING .. Tenor

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

Rung to celebrate the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

VERNON COOPER Treble	JOHN W. BARKER 4
HORACE SMITH 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	FRANK WEBB Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

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

J. HERBERT BENFIELD* .. Treble	HORACE HOWELL* 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT* 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WALTER PIGOTT* 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

*First peal in the method; and on the bells. This was G. F. Swann's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble	WILLIAM L. CATCHFOL .. 5
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	CHARLES A. CATCHFOL .. 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

WILLIAM STEELE Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
FRANK R. COPEMAN 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD* .. 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

*First peal in the method.

TREVETHIN PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN BUTLER Treble	CHARLES GREEDY 5
SAMUEL ROBERTS 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
WALTER G. CHANCE* .. 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
THOMAS MORGAN* 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

*First peal. †First peal on an inside bell. Davis belongs to Lydney; Sykes to Huddersfield; Jones, Butler, and Greedy to Newport; the rest are local men.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob and four 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER BRITTON* Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT† 4
FREDERICK KELLY* 2	ARTHUR SKINNS 5
CHARLES KELLY* 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal. †First peal in two methods. The ringers of 12345 belong to the local band.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

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

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

HENRY G. ROWE Treble	WALTER HOBBS 5
JESSIE POPLITT 2	GEORGE RABLEY 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM SARAN* 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAHES JONES.. .. .Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS.. .. .6
W. ROSE SMALL .. .. .2	THOMAS HUGHES .. .. .7
THOMAS J. BRATTON .. .. .3	HORACE BELCHER .. .. .8
JOHN CARTER .. .. .4	SAMUEL GROVE .. .. .9
PERCY O. LAFLIN .. .. .5	WILLIAM DAVIES .. .. .Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Peal No. 25 of the Broadsheet. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. L. A. Pritchard for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and the tower keeper for meeting them and having everything in first rate order. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Godden, all wishing him many happy returns.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

THOMAS S. SMITH* .. .. .Treble	HERBERT COX.. .. .5
WILLIAM A. GABRAWAY† .. .. .2	WILLIAM HENLEY.. .. .6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. .3	GEORGE MARTIN .. .. .7
JOSEPH J. PABER .. .. .4	WILLIAM WELLING .. .. .Tenor

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

*First attempt at a peal of Major. †First peal in the method. Rung on the Eve of the Harvest Festival. The Rev. T. E. Harwood, a former Vicar of the parish (who preached on the Sunday) met the band at the church.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, Cambridge, London, Wells, York, and Durham; two of the above being Class iii., the rest Class iv.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEAL .. .. .Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. .. .4
GEORGE A. BLAGE .. .. .3	WILLIAM MILLER.. .. .5
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. .. .3	JOHN MOULE .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, who was spending a week-end in East London. Our thanks are due to our old friend G. F. M., who had everything in readiness, and gave us a hearty welcome.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON .. .. .Treble	ERNEST GIBBS .. .. .4
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN .. .. .2	E. WILLIAM TURNER.. .. .5
CHARLES LAYTON .. .. .3	GEORGE JORDAN .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

Quickest peal on the bells. Arranged as a farewell peal for Mr. Gibbs, who is moving to another part of this county. Mr. Freeborn, whose first peal on six bells this is, was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. .. .Treble	JOHN BASS .. .. .5
VICTOR WHITE .. .. .2	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .6
THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. .3	JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. .7
WILLIAM FISHER.. .. .4	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. .. .Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, and is the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES .. .. .Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. .. .6
GILBERT GUEST .. .. .2	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. .. .7
WILLIAM MILLS .. .. .3	JOHN A. BROWN .. .. .8
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. .. .4	BENJAMIN GOUGH.. .. .9
WILLIAM GOODMAN .. .. .5	HARRY FAULKES .. .. .Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by J. GOODMAN, SEN.

Rung for the 21st anniversary of the Vicar's induction, and on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

TWYFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. EDWARDS .. .. .Treble	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. .. .5
LIONEL H. PAGE .. .. .2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. .. .6
FREDE. OXENEURY .. .. .3	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. .7
LEONARD S. LAMPARD* .. .. .4	OWEN H. GILES .. .. .Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. WHITE .. .. .Treble	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON .. .. .5
FRANK E. PERVIN .. .. .2	WILLIAM T. COX .. .. .6
HARRY O. WHITE .. .. .3	CHARLES FREEMAN .. .. .7
ALFRED J. HESSIAN .. .. .4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. .. .Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

Rung on the Eve of the Harvest Festival.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth Society).

On Monday, October 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Minor, and two 720s each of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE .. .. .Treble	JAMES SPALDING .. .. .4
FREDE. C. LAMBERT .. .. .2	JOHN LARTER .. .. .5
ARTHUR H. TOOE .. .. .3	FREDE. W. WATLING.. .. .Tenor

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

LIST OF PEALS BY MR. G. F. SWANN.

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	5	2
Stedman Triples	31	12
Stedman Caters	4	
Stedman Cinques	9	
Bob Major	5	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	15	
Double Yorkshire Major	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	10	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	6	
Bristol Surprise Major	3	
London Surprise Major	1	
On handbells:		
Stedman Triples	2	1
Stedman Caters... ..	3	
Total—100.		

W. J. JEFFRIES' 150 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	44	21
Grandsire Caters	2	
Oxford Bob Triples	5	
Stedman Triples	20	1
Stedman Caters	6	
Stedman Cinques	2	
Plain Bob Major	5	1
Plain Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	17	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	16	
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Forward Royal	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	6	
Cambridge Surprise Major... ..	11	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	4	
Bristol Surprise Major	2	
London Surprise Major	1	
Total—150.		

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

The fund started on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn has reached the sum of £14 4s. 3d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	13	11	6
Hadley Ringers	0	2	9
Ringers at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill	1	0	0

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

WETHERDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, September 21st, for service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor. E. Youngs, A. Bailey, G. Bailey, W. Clover, L. Last, W. Rose (conductor). First 720 of Surprise on the bells. On the same date, after morning service at Haughley, 240 each of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles. W. Bailey, E. Youngs, L. Last, G. Bailey, A. Bailey (conductor). Tenor 18 cwt.

BELL RESTORATION.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

After being silent for upwards of 30 years, the bells of the Parish Church of Melbourn, Cambs., once more send forth their music. The bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble added to complete the ring of six, the work having been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The tone of the new treble, and the "go" of the bells is in every way satisfactory. The Bishop of Ely performed the dedication, and preached to a crowded congregation, taking as his text, "Know ye not that I must be in my Father's House." He remarked that it was about two years ago he visited the Church for the purpose of inducting their Vicar, and since that time a new organ had been placed in the Church, the tower restored, and the bells rehung.

The Royston Ringers' Society, who are members of the Ely Association, rung the opening touch, a well-struck course of Bob Minor, the band being A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberis, and R. King. A large company of ringers attended from Barley, Cambridge, Royston, Stapleford, etc., and several young men who intend to become ringers in their native village. The touches included Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent Minor, and Doubles. The bells are a fine ring, tenor 15 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Luton district was held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, members being present from Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Luton, and the local tower. The bells are a handy peal of six (tenor 10½ cwt.) and go well. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob.

Tea was partaken of at the "Hotel de Steamer," and served in first class style by Hostess Lane. A short business meeting followed, the Rev. A. Rust being in the chair, supported by Mrs. Rust, who is an ardent campanologist. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Flitton. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. J. C. Maltby) for the use of the bells, and the Rev. A. Rust for presiding.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Friday, October 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1169 Grandsire Caters. F. Dale, T. Morton, C. Jackson (conductor), H. Rodmell, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, J. Hodds, G. T. Miller, D. W. Brown, J. Chamberlain. Also on Wednesday, October 8th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Major C. Judge, J.P., the people's highly esteemed churchwarden for the past 25 years, 1232 Bob Major with a cover. F. Vale, C. Jackson (conductor), T. Stockdale, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, T. Morton, G. Dowling, G. T. Miller, G. Hare. And 252 Stedman.

Mr. F. C. Burrows writes calling attention to the fact that in the 5152 Bob Major by Mr. H. Price, published by us on September 27th, the ninth course should be w, not w, h, as published.

OPENING OF CHELMSFORD BELLS.

Come, Pegasus! Sweet-lipped Aurora smiles,
 I need thy services for thirty miles;
 Some wanted fire still gleams within thy breast,
 To bear my aged limbs and drooping crest;
 Yet once again I'll mount thy airy wheel,
 And from the wife and family will steal,
 Who, in our missing, may be left to ponder
 Whether it's true that absence makes the heart grow fonder;
 Let's take the road and revel on our way,
 Call at "The Fleece" to wish them a good day;
 And while we rest it also may transpire
 A lubrication we may both require;
 We'll journey on by Writtle, the Mecca of yore,
 Where Canon Papillon shall greet us no more;
 Lincoln and Head we may find near the kirk,
 At sound of bells they lose esteem for work;
 Fred Radley must lay down his tools and sticks,
 And then coax Robert Wood to handle no more bricks;
 Titans like these must now come out their shells,
 Cooper will want them for Chelmsford's twelve bells;
 So now, my gallant steed, haste you and I
 Put on the speed, and like swallows we'll fly;
 At Chelmsford, in a stall thou wilt remain,
 Until I call at night for thee again,

Attend, sweet Muse! this simple bard foretells
 A glorious day for opening Chelmsford bells;
 To-day the new-born peal their voices raise,
 In swelling anthem and triumphant praise.
 The old gray tower with dignity shall reel
 As Faulkner's party ring the opening peal;
 With Winney in the band, and Robert Pye,
 What error shall escape their searching eye?
 Unrivalled Motts, well-known to Ipswich fame,
 Sheds lustre by his presence and his name.
 From every part of Essex known to art
 Friendship shall knit the ringers, hand and heart;
 Science, unknown to wild ambition's rage,
 Shall keep unsoiled the ringer's happier page.
 Yes, Chelmsford will to-day right merry be,
 The flag of joy unfurls her destiny.
 Cathedral town, from out the lap of time,
 Thy cloud-capped towers shall lift where glories shine;
 Thy church shall reap its sanctified renown,
 Which thy twelve bells eternally shall crown.
 Sept. 27, 1913.

G.F.M.

HORBURY.—On Sunday, October 5th. at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1344 changes). W. H. Mitchell, E. Brooke, H. Pickles, J. Woffindon, G. Barstow, H. Rowley, J. Smith (conductor), G. F. Pickles.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, October 1st, at All Saints Church. 1306 Stedman Cinques, in 58 mins. F. Hayes (conductor), R. Coles, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. C. Truss, W. H. Fussell, A. A. Hughes, E. Markham, J. Evans, J. Gransbury, J. J. Pratt, R. Buckland, F. W. Boxell. First quarter of Cinques by the 10th man. On Sunday, October 5th, for Evensong, 1324 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins. G. Twitchen, R. Coles, J. Gransbury, F. Hayes, E. Markham, A. L. Ashman, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor), S. T. Goodchild, G. White, F. W. Boxell.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for Sale, with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—CHARLES BARBER, Littleton, Liversedge, Yorks.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, October 5th, for the Harvest Festival Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. E. Webb, G. A. Ransom, G. Miles, T. Beadle, C. J. Tricker (conductor), E. Devey, W. H. Lidbetter, H. Beadle. For afternoon service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Wobb, G. A. Ransom (conductor), W. H. Beaumont, T. Beadle, C. Bird, E. Dewey, J. P. Kent, G. Miles. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Webb, G. A. Ransom, G. Miles, C. Dell, T. Beadle, E. Dewey (conductor), G. Spencer, H. Beckensale. Mr. E. Davey belongs to Redhill, and was on a visit to Isleworth.

WALTHAMSTOW.—For Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 5th, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Bullock, G. B. Lucas, W. J. Cooper, G. W. Cooper, E. D. Lillywhite, C. A. Hughes (conductor), H. F. Hull, O. L. Twist.

HORLEY.—On Sunday evening, October 5th, for Harvest Festival at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. W. Taylor, S. Lanaway, A. Songhurst, G. Ilman, W. Edwards, F. Voice, S. Kenward (conductor), C. Osborn.

BROMLEY.—On Wednesday, October 1st, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for the Harvest Festival, 1056 Bob Major, in 40 mins. *A. Newick, jun., G. Durling, *E. Tigwell, *F. Herbert, A. James, sen., A. Bygrave, I. Emery, S. Marshall (conductor). *Longest length in the method. On Sunday, October 5th, after Evensong, 504 Stedman Triples. I. Emery, A. James, sen., S. Marshall, A. Newick, jun., G. Huxley, A. Bygrave, G. Durling (conductor), H. Elmer (Boxford, Suffolk).

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Friday evening, September 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Miss K. Holifield, A. E. Lock, H. Holifield, R. White, G. Holifield, jun., G. Holifield, sen. (conductor), C. White, S. White.

MILTON (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 28th, a 720 of Bob Minor. H. Holifield, H. R. Cooper, Miss K. Holifield, J. Allen, A. E. Lock (conductor), G. Holifield, jun.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KENNINGHALL (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, September 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Copeman, F. Mapes (first 720 on a working bell), J. Eulcher, W. Mears, F. Burrows, J. Cunningham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD S.E.—On Friday, October 3rd, for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Church, a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, T. Easterby, A. G. Bennington, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin. On Sunday, October 5th, for evening service, 1540 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 48 mins. T. A. Easterby, F. Bennett (conductor), E. F. Pike, F. W. Richardson, F. I. Hairs, E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries, J. Hunt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday September 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. Cornwell (conductor), H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Thursday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, G. Radley (conductor), C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor), G. Maxim, C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Andrews, H. G. Rowe (conductor), W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, F. Jelf, H. Simmons, C. Dilley, R. Smith. And 518 after service, conducted by H. Simmons. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

ROVERFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, October 5th, for Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. H. Hammond, A. Harman, O. Holmwood, H. M. Smith, E. Bishop, C. Brasier, H. R. Butcher (conductor), G. W. Martin. First quarter by local band only.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on Oct. 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 28th. Also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The Eleventh Annual Grand Bohemian Concert of the Association will be held at The Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, on Saturday, October 11th. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.; commence at 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, and others. Ladies specially invited.

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

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—The quarterly meeting of the society will take place on Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Holloway, N. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

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The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Mary's (Putney) Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham, S.W.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, October 11th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.

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

The Kent County Association.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District will take place at Lenham on Saturday, October 11th. The belfry will be open at 2.30, and the Association service will be held in the Church at 5.0 p.m.

Kenneth W. Mumiord, Dis. Hon. Sec.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone,

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Sudbury Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Monk's Eleigh (four miles from Lavenham), on Saturday, October 11th. Tea will be provided at 'The Bull Inn' at 4 p.m.

Lavenham, Suffolk. R. L. Gardner, Secretary

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, October 11th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the schoolroom.

P. Webb, District Sec.

Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, Oct. 15th. All the towers in the town available for ringing throughout the day. Divine Service

at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Dinner in St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present at the dinner must be sent to me not later than October 13th. For full particulars see circulars sent to all companies.

C. E. Borrett, Secretary.

12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Wednesday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from noon. Short service at 5.30. Tea at Institute at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th inst.

Fareham.

J. W. Whiting, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham, on Saturday, October 18th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30, in the "Woolpack" Inn, followed by short business meeting. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, October 14th.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.

John Watson, Branch Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, October 18th. Will those intending to be present notify Mr. E. A. Sherratt, 36, Havelock Street, Fenton, not later than October 15th.

Rev. Jno. Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 18th at Sawbridgeworth, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the King William IV. at 5.30; members 6d., others 8d. All members and friends will be welcomed. Kindly notify me a day or two before.

W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, October 23th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine Service (Association Form) at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gustavus Joles (Rector). Tea in St. Paulinus Hall at 6.15 p.m. Admission by ticket only to those who send their names to me not later than first post Tuesday, October 21st. Business meeting to follow.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be arranged providing members let me know by October 20th. Business meeting after tea. A good meeting is desired.

Shotton.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 25th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea provided for those only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m.

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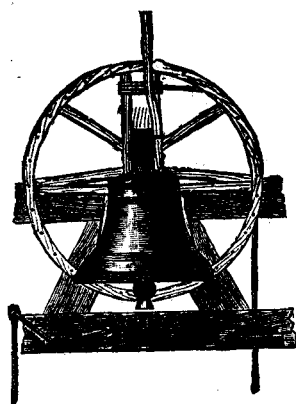
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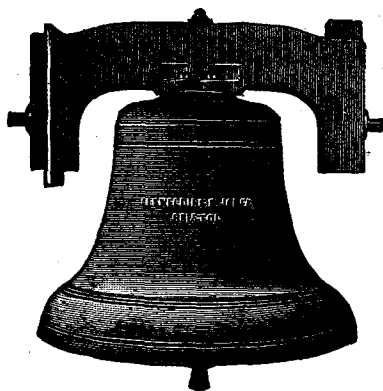
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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS.

WESTERN BRANCH.

On Saturday, October 11th, the last quarterly meeting of the year was held at Powick, near Worcester. Members began to arrive about 3 o'clock, and the bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal. A service was held at 4 o'clock which was well attended, the Rev. C. Hughes (vicar) gave an excellent address, welcoming the ringers to church, and explaining what a lesson the bells gave to ringers; as they must be in unison one with another, so should our lives be, and what a joyful and pleasant thing it was to dwell together in unity.

Tea was kindly provided by the local ringers at the Red Lion Inn. The cloth being removed, the business meeting commenced, which was attended by nearly every tower in the Western Branch. Rev. C. Hughes, as Chairman, in opening the meeting, read a paper on the history of the church bells, which was much appreciated. After the usual signing of minutes, &c., the quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Powick and W. Page to be conductor. Arely Kings was the place selected for the next meeting, to take place on February 14th, 1914. Three performing members were elected. All the officers were re-elected, though Mr. Page thought it quite time someone else should be Master.

The Chairman, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, referred to the trouble the local secretary had been to, also the excellent arrangements made by the host, Mr. Rodgman. He was pleased to see such well conducted houses, and remarking that in his younger days it was considered very questionable to see a parson enter a public house. The organist, Mr. Foster, who by the way was some years ago connected with the Worcester ringers, also replied, and the meeting closed.

Touches were rung at every available opportunity and included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Double Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford. The local ringers finished with a plain course of Grandsire, being their limit at present.

The effect of the peal of six with tenor 23 cwt. in E flat was grand. As one standing outside at the finish remarked, "The ghost of Abraham Rudhall could plainly be heard."

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.

The September meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association proved a most enjoyable and successful function from every point of view. After a threatening morning the weather turned out beautifully fine, and added greatly to the pleasure of the meeting.

Middleham, the place of the meeting, is situated in Wensleydale, and is famous for both its ruined castle and its race-horse training establishments. It is reached from Leyburn Station on the North-Eastern Railway between

Northallerton and Hawes, which line runs through most delightful country. The view of the dale also from Middleham is very fine.

The meeting was well attended, the various towers in union with the Association being excellently represented, members attending from Middlesbrough, Skelton, Marske, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Darlington (St. John's, St. Cuthbert's, and Holy Trinity), Hemingborough, Stockton, Sharow, Guisborough and Richmond.

The bells of the Parish Church (8, tenor 18 cwt.) and East Witton (6, tenor 7 cwt.) were available for ringing all day, and many good touches were rung.

Both dinner and tea were provided at the Commercial Hotel by invitation of the St. Alkelda's Guild, and these good friends have the satisfaction of knowing that their kindness was greatly appreciated, and that full justice was done to the splendid fare provided, upwards of 70 members accepting their kind invitation.

At the business meeting which took place after tea, the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) was supported by Dr. H. C. Pauli, Vice-President, the Rector of Middleham (the Rev. H. Topham), the Secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe), and by several members of the Committee. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Vicar of East Witton and from the Vicar of Aysgarth. The President, on behalf of the Association, very warmly thanked the Rev. and Mrs. Topham, Dr. Pauli, and the members of St. Alkelda's Guild for the kind and hearty reception given to the other members of the Association. Mr. Topham responded, adding how glad he always was when the ringers came to Middleham, and hoping they would come again before very long.

The following new members were elected to the Association, viz.: Canon Palmer, Vicar of Sharow; Honorary Member: Mr. C. L. Routledge, President of the Durham and Newcastle Association; Mr. F. P. Cheetham (Ilford, Essex), and Messrs. T. Richmond, A. Gildard (Pateley Bridge), Life Members; and Messrs. S. Eastland (Middleham), R. Wallis, C. Frencham and C. Cherry (Richmond), R. Hornby and J. Neeson (Thirsk), J. H. Bowes and A. Pybus (Sharow), A. Raynor, H. Priest, T. Wardman, W. R. Lowson and C. B. Bourne (Scarborough), Performing Members.

An item on the agenda, of peculiar interest to the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, had reference to the alterations proposed by the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Wright explained very fully the object of the Yorkshire Association, and put the details before the members both from the Yorkshire and the Cleveland points of view. From the remarks made, however, it was soon clearly demonstrated that there was not much likelihood of the Cleveland Association being affiliated to the Yorkshire Association. A letter on this subject was also read from Mr. G. F. Alexander, Robin Hoods Bay, a Vice-President of the Association.

After a good deal of discussion, in which it was shown how unfavourably the Yorkshire scheme was regarded both by individuals and by the Association generally, it was ultimately decided that the following resolution be sent to the Yorkshire Association, viz.: "We request that

in any reconstruction of the County consideration be given to the existence of the Cleveland Association, and that the North Riding be left out of consideration, for the present, at any rate."

With a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting concluded.

A party had arranged to stay the week-end at Middleham, and from accounts received they had a most enjoyable time.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The last quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Bradford-on-Avon, but owing to the fact that a peal was being rung at Trowbridge, the attendance was not so large as could be desired. About a dozen ringers turned up, and ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. An adjournment was made for tea, the visitors sitting down to an excellent spread. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which the Master, the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett presided, the Rev. J. A. Sturton, chairman, being prevented by stress of weather from being present. The Chairman was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (Hon. Secretary), and ringing members from Holt, Bradford, Southbroom, and Beechingstoke.

Mr. West spoke of the difficulty experienced by many members, who, being engaged in business, were never able to be present at the meetings on Saturday afternoons, and on their behalf suggested that for experiment, the November meeting should be held at Chirton and Marden, on Wednesday, the 5th. He hoped that a good number would put in an appearance on that date. This was seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried unanimously.

The Master, who is Rector of Beechingstoke, very kindly promised to provide a tea for all those attending on that date. The December meeting was then discussed, Mr. Moore and Mr. Derham proposing Hilperton, whilst Mr. West and Mr. Wheeler were in favour of Seend, and upon being put to the vote, it was decided to hold the meeting at Seend. The annual meeting is to be held at Devizes in January, 1914. Mr. Derham proposed, and Mr. Moore seconded, the election of Mr. F. Collett, of Holt, as a ringing member of the Guild, which was duly carried.

Mr. West proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradford for the use of the bells, and the company then returned to the tower. Some good touches upon a set of handbells belonging to the Bradford tower were also rung, and brought to a close a very happy and enjoyable meeting.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

MEETING AT PATSHULL.

The last cycle run of the season took place on Saturday week in magnificent weather. Eight miles to the west of Wolverhampton lies the village of Patshull, which contains only a few houses, and belongs entirely to the Earl of Dartmouth. His residence is situated in a splendid park, which contains two beautiful serpentine lakes. It is in this park that the Church of St. Mary, with its peal of six bells, stands. Owing to puncture troubles en route, the full party of ringers did not arrive here till about an hour late, which necessitated a very brief stay. Owing to the

energy and interest of Mr. Albert Taylor, of Burnhill Green—one of the local ringers—the belfry is well-cared for. Snndry repairs to the bearings of the bells have been carried out of recent years locally, in fact, unfortunately, to which the treble testifies only too well. When will these cases, all too numerous, of mistaken economy cease?

A lovely run through the park and the village of Pattingham brought the cyclists to Trysull where tea had been ordered by the advance party. In strong contrast to another tea, at the same price, fresh in memory, was the one here to which ringers from Bradley, Bridgnorth, Rushall, Tettenhall, and Wolverhampton (St. Peter's), sat down, and many were the appreciative remarks. Everything was in readiness at the tower, and the splendid peal of six were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor.

Five cycle runs have been held this year, and have all proved most enjoyable with the possible exception of the first, which was sadly marred by the weather. The increased attendance in connection with them has been exceedingly gratifying, and if their justification from the missionary point of view be sought, an instance can be provided of one tower, which is now receiving instruction from the society as a direct result of the visit.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch was held at Castle Cary on Saturday last, when about forty members were present representing the following towers; Batcombe, Ditchat, Bruton, West Lydford, Langport, Queen Camel, South Cadbury, and Castle Cary. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Wak-), officiating, and the Rev. D. Williams, of Minsterley, gave a very instructive address, pointing out to the ringers the office they held as ringers as very ancient, and a very important one, and that it was the duty of every good ringer after calling his brothers and sisters to the place of worship, to set the example by attending it himself.

After the service tea was partaken of in the Council Schools, after which the business meeting followed, the Rev. H. E. Wake presiding, supported by the Rev. H. C. Wake, Mr. W. Dash (churchwarden), Mr. T. G. Vincent, sen. (President of the Branch), Mr. S. Welchman (West Lidford), and others. One hon. member, and several performing members were proposed.

Queen Camel was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held in January next. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, also for the use of the bells; also to the Rev. D. Williams for the address given at the service, and to the organist and choir for their services.

The Vicar responded, and hoped to have the pleasure of welcoming the members at some future time.

The Rev. D. Williams, in responding, remarked he was a perfect stranger amongst them, but he felt sure that if he was going to remain in Somerset, he should soon make many new friends. When asked by the Vicar to give an address to the ringers on that afternoon, he was delighted to do so. It was the first time in his life he had had the privilege of addressing a party of bell-ringers, but it gave him some little idea how bell-ringing was carried on in Somerset, and he wished them every success in the good work they were doing.

This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower, where touches of Minor and Doubles were brought round on the bells.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.

The new Ring of Twelve Bells (Tenor $34\text{cwt. } 2\text{qrs. } 22\text{lb.}$) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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 5342 8 " 3
 3452 68
 4253 8 in 3
 2354 8 " 3
 3524 68

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 5243 6 " 3S
 2345 6 " 3
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Rung at All Saints, Duffield, Aug. 30th, 1913, conducted by the composer.

BOB ROYAL.

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REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON,

First rung at St. George's, Stockport, October 11th, 1913

CHISLEHURST.—On Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Durling, A. Durling, G. French, W. Wiffin, R. S. Goodchild, R. Brett-Smith, T. Groombridge, sen. (conductor), J. Newick. First 504 in the method with a bob bell for Messrs. Wiffin and Goodchild.

SWINDON.—On Tuesday, September 23rd, at the Parish Church, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. L. A. Wilson, J. H. Odey, R. W. Hyner, W. G. Lancaster, E. Bishop, G. W. Townsend, G. Lancaster, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). On Tuesday, September 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ruby Maud Marillier, of "Deva," Westlecott Road, Swindon, to Mr. Frederick Alexander Holloway, of Redland, Clifton, Bristol, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Lawrence, A. Lawrence (conductor) J. H. Odey, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, D. W. Jackson, C. J. Gardiner, A. W. Harrington. On Sunday, October 5th, for the Harvest Festival, at evening service, 1120 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, J. H. Odey, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor).

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Monday, October 13th, at St. Margaret's Church, for practice, 720 London Surprise Minor. J. Tuckwell, T. Moulden (first in method with bob bell), R. W. Hyner, W. G. Lancaster, G. Lancaster (conductor), C. J. Gardiner.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (BERKS).—On Saturday, Oct. 11th, at the Church of St. Giles, 504 Stedman Triples. A. H. Burgess, L. Osborne. G. Goodship, H. Osborne, A. Bailey, F. Griffin, A. W. Osborne (conductor), N. Cox. 360 Bob Major. L. Osborne, N. Cox, G. Goodship, C. Higgs, A. Bailey, H. Osborne, F. Griffin (conductor) A. W. Osborne. 840 Stedman Triples. L. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship, G. Goodship, A. W. Osborne (conductor), A. Bailey, H. Osborne, F. Griffin, N. Cox. Rung with the bells half-muffled, after a Memorial Service held at the above church at the time of the funeral of the late Right Hon. George William Palmer, P.C., one of the beads of the firm of Huntley & Palmer, Ltd., who was interred at Marlston, near Newbury, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM.—On Sunday, October 5th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. V. Rowland, W. Haigh (conductor), A. Hone, R. Paine, S. Figgess, E. Friend, W. J. Walker, J. Haigh. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by R. Paine and J. Haigh.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Sunday, October 5th, at the Church of St. Michael, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Harold White, Miss Alice White, F. Wilson, F. Hansford, J. Ward (conductor), A. Burgess, J. Ballard, H. White. On Sunday, October 12th, at the same church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Harold White, F. Wilson, F. Hansford, W. Hunt, J. Ward (conductor), A. Burgess, H. White, J. Ballard.

FARNHAM.—On Sunday evening, October 12th, at the Church of St. Andrew, for Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. J. Le Clercq, Dr. T. E. Harwood, G. Upshall, A. R. Elkins, F. A. Barnett, T. Upshall, C. Edwards (conductor), H. Kimber. First quarter-peal in the method with a bob bell for A. R. Elkins.

FRENSHAM (SURREY).—On Sunday, October 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, for evening service on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Mills, A. J. Chuter (conductor), J. Fowler, H. J. Chaffey, H. Rendell, W. Dedman. This is the first 720 by J. Fowler, who is only 14 years of age.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts (conductor) A. Jordan. On Wednesday, October 8th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. W. Watts (first touch of Grandsire), G. Gray, G. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor), J. Luckey, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, A. Jordan. On Sunday, October 12th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, F. M. Butler, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts (conductor), F. Potter. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, October 5th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Saffell, A. Fiddis, A. Prior, W. Miller, G. Dawson (conductor) H. Torble. 720 Carlisle Surprise. J. Scholes, W. Theobald, G. Dawson, C. W. Clarke, W. Miller (conductor), H. Torble. 720 London Surprise. J. Moule, W. Miller, H. Torble, G. Dawson, W. Theobald, C. W. Clarke (conductor). Rung for the Harvest Festival.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, October 5th, at the Church of All Saints, for morning service, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Theobald, A. Scrambler, T. Cranfield, J. Scholes, W. Truss, F. C. Newman, G. Hayden, C. W. Clarke (conductor). This and the touches at Leytonstone on the same day were rung to oblige Mr. C. Clarke, of Bedford, who was spending a week end in the district.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THETFORD.—On Tuesday, October 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter peal of Bob Major, by H. Price. Alfred Macro, Frederick A. Poulson, Charles Carter, Ernest Hunt George Flatt, William Everett, Thomas Flitzjohn, (conductor), Fred A. Salter. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mayor of Thetford, G. Brown, Esq., whose remains were interred that day.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 800 Oxford, by F. Borrett. C. Baker, C. Roope, R. Riches, G. Baxter, E. Whiting, H. Garnham, C. Brice. For evening service, 672 Superlative, by F. Roope. A. Smith, F. Borrett, E. Whiting, E. Whiting, C. Baker, W. Roope, C. Roope.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday, October 7th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changss). A. Webber, G. Clayton, A. Arnott, C. Harding, H. Hammond, G. Orford. H. Wright, F. Pestell, D. Hayward (conductor), W. Lee. Rung with the bells half muffled as the last token of respect to Mr. W. T. Blyth, for many years a member of the Yarmouth company. Touches were also rung at Gorleston, where the interment took place on the above date.

OATLANDS PARK.—On Sunday, October 12th, for Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins. G. Warinton, F. Shepherd, jun., F. Shepherd, sen., H. Stevens, C. Tricker, A. E. Gray, G. Spencer, J. B. Hessey. Composed and conducted by J. B. Hessey; also first attempt. First quarter by the ringers of the 1st, 5th and 6th.

HERTFORD.—On Thursday, October 9th, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. Tyler (first quarter-peal), R. Dore, V. Neale, W. Irons (conductor) W. Newnham (first with a bob bell), A. Wright, G. Gray, A. E. Akers. 336 Bob Major. H. J. Gray, R. Dore, V. Neale, W. Irons (conductor), W. Newnham, A. E. Creasey, A. Wright, G. Gray.

AVERHAM, NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Wednesday, August 13th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor. H. F. Clulow, A. Brook, A. J. Chamberlain, W. White (conductor), C. H. Chamberlain, E. Foster. Also several 120s Grandsire Doubles, with F. Pickard T. Foster and H. R. Berresford standing in! On Wednesday, September 3rd, several 120s Grandsire Doubles, A. J. Chamberlain, H. F. Clulow, G. Beckett, H. R. Berresford, J. W. Lane, H. E. Thompson, F. Pickard, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor).

SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Doubles. H. R. Berresford, T. Foster, J. W. Lane, H. F. Clulow, G. Beckett, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor), F. Pickard. J. W. Lane, hails from Ospringe, Kent. On Sunday, October 5th, 546 Oxford Triples. A. J. Chamberlain, T. Foster, E. Foster, H. R. Berresford, G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), F. Pickard.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Thursday evening, October 9th, at the Parish Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples composed by C. Jackson, in 46 mins. F. Perry, E. Murgatroyd, J. Cotterell, B. Emmett, W. Waland T. B. Kendall (conductor), J. Broadley, R. Burnan. Longest length by ringers of Treble and Tenor.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, October 12th, at the Church of St. Stephen, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival touches were rung of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major, conducted by J. R. Mackman and J. A. Trollope, the following ringers taking part: Miss Alice Jones, J. Crocker, G. Edwards, A. Harding, G. Harbour, H. Lidbetter, H. Noakes, G. Spencer, and W. Lawrence.

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The number of changes in the peal of Bristol Surprise rung at Wyomondham, on Sept. 27th, was 5056, not 5024 as published.

The 720 of Norwich Surprise Minor, rung at Wetherden, Suffolk, on Sept 21st, and published last week as the first 720 of Surprise on the bells, is not so. The Leytonstone company rang a 720 of Wells Surprise there on July 6th, 1912.

Bellringers at Newburn Church, near Newcastle, who have been on strike for four months, have returned to their duties, on the resignation of one of their number to whom they had objected.

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DEATH OF DR. CARPENTER.

It is with most sincere regret that we received the announcement of the death of Dr. Carpenter, formerly Secretary of the Surrey Association, and well-known throughout the Exercise as one of the finest exponent of change-ringing, of which he was a consistent supporter with pen and in practice.

Among change-ringers the announcement will be received with surprise and sorrow.

We are unable to give any further particulars at present, but are asked to announce that the funeral takes place on Saturday afternoon. A service will be held at St. James's, Croydon, at 2.30, and the interment will be at Bandon Hill Cemetery at 3.15.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	FRANK I. HAIR 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	MAURICE HIBBERT* .. 7
ALFRED B. PECK 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
*First peal of Cambridge Major. Maurice Hibbert was elected a member previous to starting.

STEPNEY, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS 6
WILLIAM TANNER 2	SAMUEL JOYCE 7
EDWIN GIBBS 3	THOMAS TAFFENDER .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED PECK 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	EMMANUEL HALL Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. 8
JOHN H. CHESMAN 3	KRITH HART 9
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
ISAAC G. SHADE 5	ERNEST PYE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CUBITT TOWN, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
GEORGE H. DAYNES 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. R. Sanders has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

The Provinces.

FULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
ALBERT WAENES 2	WILLIAM ROOPE 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	CHARLES ROOPE 7
EDWIN WHITING 4	FREDK. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 39 cwt. in C.

FREDK. DICKENS Treble	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	ALF PADDON SMITH .. 9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
WILLIAM SHORT 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
THOMAS H. REEVES 6	JOHN NEAL Tenor

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

Rung to commemorate the complete restoration of the exterior of the church, the tower and spire; also as a centenary peal for the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung, this being rung on October 6th, 1813. This is the conductor's 57th peal of Stedman Cinques.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, October 12th, for evening service, at the Cathedral, 1152 Grandsire Caters. H. R. Dawson, A. Speller, H. Richell, F. Gilt, H. Allen, A. Richell, H. Head, H. F. Cooper (conductor), A. Whight, A. Head, Longest touch on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN Treble	JOHN NEAL 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS 2	CHARLES WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	PERCY O. LAYLIN 7
GEORGE SWANN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by PERCY O. LAYLIN.
 First peal of Triples as conductor. This composition is No. 32.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (Reading Branch.)

On Wednesday, October 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD Treble	ALBERT E. REEVES 5
MISS ETHEL GOODSHIP 2	CHARLES PULLEN* 6
DAVID GILBERT GOODSHIP* .. 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
AMEROSSE OSBORNE 4	REV. HERBERT BOWEN* .. Tenor

Conducted by the REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

*First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RICHARD FORSTER* Treble	CHARLES E. BOYERS 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	FRANK GLEAVE† 5
ALBERT RYDER* 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT† .. 7
ARTHUR UNSWORTH† 4	WILLIAM BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLOPE, and Conducted by W. BIBBY.

Rung for the Harvest Festival, and the second anniversary of the dedication of the two treble bells. *First peal. †First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal on the eight bells by a hand resident in the parish.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	REUBEN BALDWIN 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ALBERT E. NEWICK* 4	STANLEY MASON* Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman, and rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
JOHN S. DANIELS 4	GEORGE COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	SAMUEL COTTON 5
ARTHUR PETTIT 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
FRED H. DEXTER 4	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHROOPE, and
 Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

This is the first peal of Surprise ever rung by a complete band of Leicester ringers. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. D. Spedding, for the use of the bells, and the steepkeeper, Mr. Albert Bell, for having all in readiness.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES SENDERS 5
HARRY WAKLEY 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 6
W. W. WORTHINGTON 3	ALGERNON P. G. STONE .. 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 3	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

This peal is the first on the bells, which have recently been increased from four to eight, and was rung to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN NEAL Treble	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 4
ALBERT S. ALLEN 2	WALTER H. WOODS* 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

*First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTEE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILBY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

REV. A. T. BRESTON .. Treble	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
WILLIAM JACKSON 2	HAROLD JACKSON† 7
HIRAM MEAKIN* 3	GEORGE D. WAREDETON* .. 8
WILLIAM BIBBY† 4	J. THOMAS BOTTRILL 9
TOM WILDE* 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, and
 Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival. First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal of Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal. aFirst peal of Plain Bob. ‡First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for Sale, with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—CHARLES BARBER, Littleton, Liversedge, Yorks.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours Seven and $\frac{1}{2}$ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	ERIC G. FITNESS 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FREDE. W. RICHARDSON .. 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The conductor's 800th peal, and 400th as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's Four-Part. Tenor 28 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN T. HOLMES 6
FRED W. STOKES 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
SIDNEY J. PALMER 4	GEORGE LADD Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first under present conditions; Hereford is nothing to Boston.

CLEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late G. Workman, an old ringer at this Church, who was interred on the above day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD 5
JOHN ABBEDEST 2	FRED. W. RICE 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT, and Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, and Canterbury, and eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. PATRICK Treble	CHARLES COOPER 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDERICK KILBORN .. 4
ROBERT G. BLACK 3	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM Treble	HENRY FLETCHER 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	ERNEST H. CLARKE .. 6
WILLIAM TRIGG 3	EDWARD READER 7
GEO. FREEBERRY 4	WILLIAM THORLEY .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Percy Greenway, nephew of the ringer of the 4th. Messrs. Geo. Freebrey, Clarke and Fletcher half from Derby; the rest are local men.

ARLEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. WOODBERRY Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	JAMES REYNOLDS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

SAMUEL PEARCE Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
THOMAS HUGHES 3	HORACE BELCHER 7
SAMUEL BAKER 4	WILLIAM FISHER .. Tenor

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

Arranged specially for Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., who was on a visit to this neighbourhood.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 1-2	ERNEST PYE 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMER .. 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire—C. T. Coles.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

BERTRAM FRETWELL .. 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMER .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE,

Umpires—J. E. Davis and J. Barry.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH.

"ST. BARNABAS," WARMLEY.—At their weekly practice on Saturday the St. Barnabas ringers attained an achievement which has not been equalled at Warmley for some time past. They commenced ringing by doing some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, followed by 350 of Plain Bob, the chief feature of the evening being a 720 of Plain Bob, which was well struck by the following members:—H. Hobbs, S. Kilmaster, H. Howell, C. Gordon, C. Harnell, G. Wilshire. This performance is worthy of recognition since most of the ringers mentioned have been ringing but a short period.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT).

A very successful meeting of this district was held at Bramley, Hants., on October 4th. The date was originally fixed in the hope that Miss Edith Parker and several members of the Ladies' Guild would be present, but unfortunately it was afterwards found to clash with the unveiling of the Ladies' Peal tablet at Cubitt Town. Miss Eva Belcher, however, was at home to the district ringers, who assembled to the number of 35, from Bramley, Basingstoke, Oakley, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherfield, and Whitchurch. Mr. Paice, a visitor from Caversham, was also of the party. The bells (6) were set going about 4 p.m. to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor. A service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. Hayes Belcher), and, to the manifest enjoyment of all, was much brightened by the playing and singing of Miss Madge Belcher, and the church choir. Tea followed—the Guild tea, of course—but, by the generous forethought of Miss Eva Belcher—good friend to ringers—glorified with a splendid ham, and cucumbers, tomatoes and cakes, not soon to be forgotten.

At the business meeting, the Rector was voted to the chair, and offered a very warm welcome to the ringers assembled. Apologies were put in, regretfully, for the absence of the captain of the Bramley band, and the district secretary, unavoidably prevented from attending. Two probationers were elected to the Bramley company. The possibility of a ringing visit to Highclere and Wootton Hill, with a view to bringing Highclere into union, was discussed; and the claim upon the districts to help in completing the peal at Titchfield, the parish church of the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), was urged as a gracious and graceful act of gratitude. The Rector of Rotherwick proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. T. H. Belcher for his presence, and for the service and use of the bells; to Miss Belcher for the music and singing; and to Miss Eva Belcher for the kind and careful preparations and welcome. The Rector responded with a hope that there might be many more such meetings at Bramley. Further ringing, kept up till about 9, brought to a close one of the happiest of the many happy "quarterlies" of the Basingstoke district. It may be mentioned that the annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 22nd.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at Doncaster, instead of at Eckington, where the bells are not yet ready. About 18 ringers were present from Barnsley, Bolsterstone, Doncaster, Rannmoor, Selby, Sheffield, and Worksop.

The fine-toned ring of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) were raised about 5 o'clock and were kept going with short intervals till 8.30, touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major being brought round during the evening. Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby) was elected a member of the society. A hearty vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford for granting the use of the bells, and to the local band for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously, and this closed the proceedings.

The new spire of St. Cutbert's Church, Cotherstone, Co. Durham, is nearing completion. The spire was designed by and has been erected under the supervision of Messrs. Clark and Moscrop, architects of Darlington. The contractor is Mr. R. Wilson of Barnard Castle.

St. Nicholas' Church, Worcester, which was rebuilt in 1730, and has recently been restored was reopened on Sunday, October 5th. The work has cost about £800. Beneath the nave is a spacious vault, which constituted the floor of the previous church, believed to have been built on the return of the first Crusaders.

A small church has just been erected at Tarbax, a growing mining district in the uplands of Lanarkshire. It is a simple roughcast building, with pitch-pine open timber roof in the interior. There is accommodation for 204 persons.

Harpenden parish church has received a gift from the hands of Mr. Frank O. Salisbury, the artist, who is leaving his native village to reside in London, in the form of a fresco depicting the Nativity of our Blessed Lord, the Adoration of the Shepherds, and the Worship of the Magi. The fresco which is placed on the north wall of a side chapel, measures 11 ft. by 8 ft.

The foundation-stone was laid on Thursday, October 9th, by Sir Henry Lopes of a Western porch, which is to be added to St. John's Church, Horrabridge. The cost will be £300; Messrs. Hockin and Sons, are the builders, and Mr. Pomeroy is the clerk of Works. The architect is Mr. G. H. Fellowes Prynne, F.R.I.B.A., of London, from whose plans the church was built about twenty years ago.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, October 12th, 620 Cambridge Surprise, R. Kilby, G. M. Kilby, G. Chalkley, W. G. Matthews, H. Kilby (conductor), T. Langdon. On Sunday evening, October 12th, 720 College Single (34 bobs and 30 singles). A. French, F. Sear, R. Kilby, T. Longdon (conductor), G. M. Kilby, H. Kilby.

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THE LADIES' PEAL.

UNVEILING THE TABLET.

A very handsome tablet, subscribed for by many hundreds of ringers, and finely executed by Messrs. Caspar and Co., of King's Road, St. Pancras, to commemorate the peal rung by a band of ladies on July 20th, 1912, was unveiled on October 4th.

A goodly gathering of ringers from far and near assembled in the Church, including four of the ladies and their friends. The Rev. J. G. Simpson, Canon of St. Paul's, kindly came from the Cathedral to unveil the tablet, which he did while a hymn was being sung by the congregation in Church. Among those actually present at the unveiling were the Vicar and the local ringers.

The inscription on the tablet reads:

"Success is the Reward of Perseverance. On Saturday, July 20th, 1912, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 540 changes, was rung on the bells in this tower, in 3 hours 4 minutes, by the following ladies:—

Miss Sarah Pigott (Smethwick), Treble; *Miss Eva N. Belcher (Fleet), 2; Miss Lillian A. Willson (Leicester), 3; Miss Mary N. Jukes (Portishead), 4; †Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), 5; Miss Nellie Gillingham (Portishead), 6; Miss Edith K. Parker (Edmonton), 7; ††Miss Clara Beasley (Edmonton), Tenor. The peal was conducted by Miss E. K. Parker. The composition being J. E. Groves variation of J. J. Parker's twelve part. *First peal in the method. †First peal with a Bob Bell. ††First peal.

This was the first peal ever rung by ladies, and to commemorate the unique, and excellent performance, and to show their appreciation of the skill, endurance and perseverance of those who took part, this tablet was erected by the Bellringers of Great Britain. Edward Hartley, M.A., Vicar. T. Lamerton, A. G. Griggs, Churchwardens."

A short Service, with appropriate hymns, followed, and Canon Simpson gave a very striking and plain spoken address from 1 Cor. ix, 16 the text which is inscribed round ("Great Paul.")

The dedicatory prayers offered were:

O Almighty God, to Whose service this Holy House is hallowed; be pleased to accept this Memorial which we place within its walls. Grant that it may be pleasing to Thee, and that it may help us to dedicate all our powers more heartily and more singly to Thy service; for Jesus Christ Sake.—Amen.

Look mercifully, O Lord, upon us and all others who take part in the Ministry of Thy Holy House. Take from us all self seeking and self pleasing, all vain glory and worldiness. Give us humble hearts, to use and offer all our gifts of mind and body for the glory of Thy Great name and the benefit of Thy Holy Church. Bless this Memorial which we offer here, and help us to rejoice one with another as fellow helpers together with Thee. For the love of Thy dear Son who with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth Ever one God, now and for ever.—Amen.

After the service, a company of ringers, with the ladies as the guests of the evening, sat down to tea in the school-room.

After tea, the Vicar congratulated the ladies on their historic performance in the belfry, and on the memorial of it for ensuing generations in the splendid tablet which recorded it in letters of gold. He characterised their feat as one step, and that a distinguished one, in the wonderful achievements of womanhood in all walks of life in our generation, and welcomed it as a foretaste of more to

follow. It would grace and refine the office of a ringer, and be a safeguard against evils which in days gone by degraded the ringing-chambers of the Church.

Other votes of thanks were accorded, and the ringers then proceeded, after some sweet music on the handbells, to send out the melody of the Church bells over the parish and surrounding district.

The tablet, provided by the contributions of some 1,200 ringers throughout the country, chiefly in subscriptions of one penny each, is a magnificent production in marble. It was designed by Mr. H. A. Whitburn, I.R.I.B.A., of Woking. It stands 4 ft. 6 in. high, and 5 ft. wide, with the lettering engraved and gilded, eight bells swinging in artistic design, surmounting the record. The tablet is mounted on a fumed oak board, with chamfered edges, and curved pediment top.

F. BENNETT'S 830 PEALS.

Methods	Rung	Conducted
In 7 Minor Methods ...	4	
Union Triples ...	1	1
Oxford Bob Triples ...	1	1
Grandsire Triples ...	56	39
Grandsire Caters ...	15	8
Bob Triples ...	6	3
Bob Major ...	57	36
Bob Royal ...	1	
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	1
Canterbury Major ...	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	47	24
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	14	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	117	55
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	2	1
Waterloo Major ...	1	1
Stedman Triples ...	143	80
Stedman Caters ...	43	19
Stedman Cinques ...	5	1
Forward Royal ...	3	3
Duffield Royal ...	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major ...	7	4
Westminster Surprise Major	3	
Oxford Surprise Major ...	3	
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	
New Cumberland Major ...	11	6
Superlative Surprise Major	99	40
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	64	42
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Bristol Surprise Major ...	13	7
London Surprise Major ...	40	5
On Handbells		
Grandsire Triples ...	3	1
Grandsire Caters ...	4	1
Bob Major ...	7	4
Bob Royal ...	5	3
Bob Maximus ...	1	1
Stedman Caters ...	1	

Total—800

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUDBURY DISTRICT.

A meeting of this branch was held at Monk's Eliegb, on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Twenty-three members were present, coming from nine different towers. Tea was provided at the "Bull Inn," and the business meeting was held at the same place. After the minutes had been read and confirmed and the election of members taken place there was some discussion about the division of the diocese and its effects on the Ely Association. Several members gave their views on the subject, but it was left over to a future meeting; to be brought up again when members have had time to think the matter over.

The tower bells, a ring of six, and the handbells were both in use during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including, Kent Treble Bob, New London, Double Court; also before tea 720 Kent Treble Bob, 15 Bobs, by H. Whymark, V. Cornell, G. Debenham, A. Symonds (conductor), A. Keeble, H. Turner. After tea 720 Bob Minor. On handbells courses of Bob Major, Kent Major, Double Norwich Court and Grandsire Caters.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

The fund started on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn has reached the sum of £14 9s. 9d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	14 4 3
Mr. C. H. Howard of Braintree	0 5 0
A Southgate Ringer	0 0 6

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

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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 Oct. 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th. Also 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 Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637.—The 276th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, G. F. Wild, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Tower open for ringing: St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th, at St. Mary's (Putney), Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham, S.W.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham, on Saturday, October 18th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. Divine Service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30, in the "Woolpack" Inn, followed by short business meeting. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Boughton, Faversham.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.

John Watson, Branch Sec.

43, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. W. Woistencroft, Branch Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, October 18th.

Rev. Jno. Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

143, Flint Terrace, Tunstall.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 18th at Sawbridgeworth, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the King William IV. at 5.30; members 6d., others 8d. All members and friends will be welcomed.

W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, October 23th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine Service (Association Form) at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector). Tea in St. Paulinus Hall at 6.15 p.m. Admission by ticket only to those who send their names to me not later than first post Tuesday, October 21st. Business meeting to follow.

T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea can be

arranged providing members let me know by October 20th. Business meeting after tea. A good meeting is desired.

Shottery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 25th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Tea provided for those only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 25th. Committee Meeting at 12 noon at The Three Tuns Hotel. Service at 1 p.m. in the Cathedral, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. Dinner at 2 p.m. at The Three Tuns Hotel. Those intending to be present at dinner please communicate before the 21st inst. to

R. Stephenson, Joint Hon. Sec.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

Croydon (Surrey).—To wind up the ringing week in Surrey, arranged by Mr. W. H. Fussell, a social will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 7 p.m., at The Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, to meet the visitors. All ringers who care to come will be welcome.

Cyril F. Johnston.

Caldicot (Monmouthshire).—The re-dedication of Caldicot bells by the Bishop of Llandaff will take place on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 o'clock. The bells will be opened by the local band, and will be available for ringing during the evening, to which any ringer is welcome.

All Saints, Rayne, Essex.—The new bell will be dedicated on November 1st at 3 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Rector will provide tea for ringers who give notice of attending not later than October 27th.

B. Ridgewell, Hon. Sec.

The Street, Rayne.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

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St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, near Halifax.—On Saturday, November 1st, a new peal of eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., by Gillett and Johnston, will be duly opened. Ringers cordially invited. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who send in not later than Monday, October 27th, to

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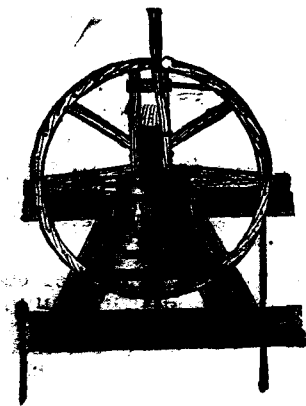
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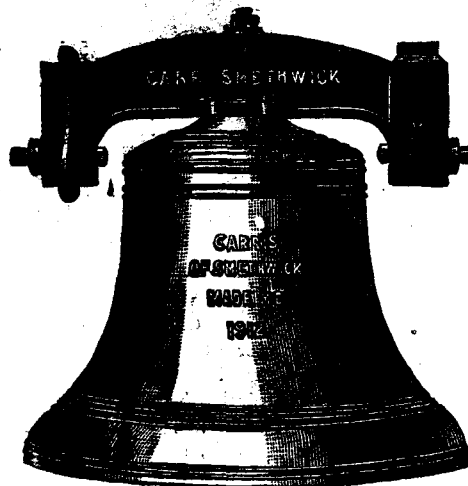
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

MESSRS. WARNER'S CUP DECLINED.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Ipswich, on Wednesday, October 15th. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), St. Mary Quay (6), St. Lawrence (5), and St. Matthew (5), were open for the use of visiting members throughout the day, and were very largely used.

Divine Service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, the Rev. E. C. Copper (a life member of the Association) reading the special prayers and collects, and the Rev. C. L. Kennaway the special lesson. The Rev. Canon Pigot (Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower) presided at the small organ.

A large number were present and listened with close attention to the address given by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer of the Association) on "Christian Manliness," basing his remarks on the text "The Man: Christ Jesus."

At the close of the service the members adjourned to the St. Lawrence Parish Hall where an admirable luncheon was served by Mr. W. H. Cook.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, supported by the Revs. Canon Pigot, E. C. J. Brown, W. C. Pearson, and E. C. Copper: Messrs. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), W. W. Worthington (Netherseale), A. Coleman, G. G. Burton, A. W. Grimes, and C. E. Borrett (secretary); district secretaries, F. R. Bo rett, F. Day and T. Fitzjohn, and representatives to the number of 127 from many towers in the diocese.

After the loyal toast, Mr. A. Coleman proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher at the special service for his address and to the clergy of Ipswich for the use of their bells. The chairman and Canon Pigot responded, concluding by proposing in warm terms the toast of "Success to the Association." This was acknowledged by the chairman, who, in the course of his speech, cordially welcomed to the meeting Mr. Taylor and Mr. Worthington.

The secretary then read the annual report, which referred to the recent passing in the House of Commons of the measure known as the Additional Bishops' Bill. It was too early to speak of the general effect of the Bill upon existing diocesan organisations, but it must of necessity make changes in many directions. It was clear that when the division took place their territory could not remain as it was. They must either divide and have separate Associations for the two dioceses, or have one Association for the two. The latter alternative would mean adding to the present area that part of West Suffolk which up to now had belonged to the Ely diocese. The Committee were fully alive to the many difficulties surrounding the question, and would give the most earnest consideration to it before recommending to the members a definite course of action.

The last published balance sheet showed their financial position to be satisfactory, and thanks were accorded to the district secretaries and hon. auditors.

Particulars were given of the restoration work to bells and belfries carried out in the diocese during the last twelve months, the amount of such work being most encouraging.

The Association record of peal performances was an amazing one. During 1912 they scored no less than 265 peals, ranging from Doubles to Maximus. This was 81 peals in excess of their previous best, and as a result they occupied the premier place in the Central Council "Analysis of Peals," both for number of peals rung, and for their total point value. No other Association had ever secured what might be termed this "double first" in the analysis, and it was well to remind themselves that this was the third time they had been able to boast of it, the previous years being 1905 and 1910. As a comparison it was mentioned that it took more than the first ten years of their existence to ring 265 peals, and for the first 25 years the average was under 42 peals a year. Since the beginning of 1913 they had even exceeded the 1912 figures, and to date they were about 26 peals ahead of the corresponding period of last year. Details were given of the peals rung, and the report concluded by saying that every ringer should ask himself whether he was faithfully subserving or thwarting the work of his parish. The number and quality of their change-ringing performances, however excellent, were but as dust in the balance compared with the value of a good example set by honest and fearless obedience to the principles of Christian faith and practice.

The officers of the Association were all re-elected, Mr. Arthur Coleman of North Walsham, being elected to the vacancy on the Committee, caused by the death of Mr. W. Taylor, of Leicester. The chairman, in proposing the re-election of Mr. C. E. Borrett as secretary, said that in view of the great increase in the work, the Committee that morning, had asked their secretary to accept an additional £5 5s. a year for his services. Mr. Borrett briefly acknowledged his re-election and thanked the committee for voting him additional remuneration. At the same time he was compelled to say his work had increased to such an extent that he would be unable to hold the office longer than the next annual meeting.

The chairman then brought forward the matter of the Challenge Cup offered by Messrs. Warner and Sons to the Association at the head of the Councils Analysis of Peals. He said this cup the donors wished to hand over to their custody for twelve months as they were at the head of the analysis for 1912. They had discussed the matter very thoroughly at a meeting of the Committee that morning, and were unanimously of the opinion that the acceptance of such a trophy would establish a bad precedent and tend to lower the standard of their art as a branch of church work. As far as he (the chairman) knew, there was never any thought of competition amongst the leading associations in the county—they rang peals to the Glory of God and for the love of their art, and nothing more. Under such circumstances a cup offered for competition was quite out of place, and it would be a retrograde step if it were allowed to be competed for. The committee wished to make it plain that in their opinion Messrs. Warner and Sons made their offer from the best of motives, and with the best of



intentions—albeit the Committee thought they were mistaken ones. Mr. F. R. Borrett then formally moved "that the Association do not accept the custody of the Challenge Cup presented by Messrs. Warner and Sons to the Association scoring most points in the Analysis of Peals," Mr. J. G. Burton seconded, and on being put to the meeting, the motion was unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, and members were soon at work again in one or other of the towers in the town. The day being gloriously fine added to the comfort of those attending what was on all hands admitted to be a very enjoyable festival.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A very successful and well attended meeting was held at Chilham on October 18th. In all 60 members attended including representatives from Ashford, Maidstone, and Rochester Districts.

Mrs. Gatehouse of Headcorn rang the 6th in some well struck rounds. The service followed, the Association Form being used, and was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. Hammond, the organist presiding at the organ.

Tea kindly provided by the Vicar and some friends was served in the "Woolpack" Inn, and in a few well chosen words the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore most heartily thanked the Vicar and friends for their kindly and hospitable entertainment.

In reply the Vicar (Rev. F. J. Pemberton) expressed the pleasure derived from this the first meeting of the Association at Chilham, and hoped it would not be the last. He referred to the instruction given by Mr. E. G. Buesden and hoped another course could be arranged.

Four new members were declared duly elected. Messrs. P. Cobbold and S. White reported that the ringers of Litbourne were progressing slowly but satisfactorily.

Mr. Buesden and friends then rang a few touches on the handbells, while others returned to the tower where the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in the usual standard methods.

RE-OPENING OF SARRATT BELLS.

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After the third collect, the choir proceeded towards the belfry, singing hymn 108 in the morning, and 283 in the evening. Appropriate collects were then intoned by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Ryley), and after the versicles, "Sing we merrily unto God our strength," and "Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob," the Rector handed the bell-ropes to the ringers to chime. Then the choir returned to the chancel, singing hymn 303 in the morning, and 379 in the evening.

The morning sermon urged gratitude to God for His blessings upon the Church's work since last Holy Cross

Day, especially the most satisfactory restoration of the bells, and above all for any eternal good that God may have been pleased to work in the souls of men through the Church in Sarratt.

In the evening the subject chosen was the history and uses of bells, and lessons to be learnt therefrom. All were, the preacher said, delighted to hear the bells again, and they not only sounded much better, but are heard at a much greater distance.

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SHOREDITCH BELLS.

On Thursday, October 30th, a concert is to be held in the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the Bells Restoration Fund, and the Mayor is to preside. The programme will include the famous Carltons; Miss May Doubleday (the splendid soprano and Queen's Hall singer); the Hersham Handbell Ringers with their 50 handbells; and the Royal Cumberland Youths will attempt a course of Grandsire Cinques. Tickets of admission are 6d., 1s., 2s., 3s., to be obtained of Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, or any of the Secretaries of the London Societies. Ringers are heartily invited.

As a last tribute of respect to the memory of the victims numbering over 400, in the terrible colliery explosion at Senghenydd, Glamorganshire, on the 14th inst the Llandaff Association arranged to attempt a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Llanbradach, which is situated only two-and-a-half miles from the scene of the explosion on Saturday last. One of the band selected, however, failed to put in an appearance, but a tenor man being available a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately lost. The following took part: J. W. Jones, J. E. Sykes, H. Page, T. Cross, B. Thorp (conductor), F. Chamberlain, T. Page, W. Kathro.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—On Sunday morning, October 5th, for the Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, in 44 mins. W. Hargest, C. Beech, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, G. Hardwick, A. Matthews, W. Evans (conductor), C. Powell. For evening service, 8.40 Erin Triples. S. Watkins, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, W. Hargest, S. Brooks, G. Hardwick, W. Evans (conductor), W. Griffiths. On Sunday evening, October 12th, for service, 5.04 Stedman. R. Kinsey, W. Hargest, A. Matthews, G. Giblin, W. Evans (conductor), G. Hardwick, C. Beech, W. Fletcher. On Sunday afternoon, October 19th, for the Men's Service, 5.04 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, G. Hardwick, W. Hargest, R. Kinsey, S. Brooks, W. Fletcher, W. Evans (conductor), W. Griffiths. On Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 1.08 Stedman Triples. S. Watkins, W. Hargest, R. Kinsey, A. Matthews, C. Beech, W. Fletcher, W. Evans (conductor), S. Brooks.

MRS. JACOB.—Cannot publish your letter. It is too personal. Why not write direct to the gentleman if you have a grievance.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.

The new Ring of Twelve Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lb.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Melbourn on Saturday, October 11th, and was well attended, about forty members being present, including the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Long Stanton), J. B. Williamson, and W. D. James (of the Cambridge University Guild), T. R. Dennis (General Secretary), P. Webb (District Secretary); while members were also present from Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Royston, Somersham, Ickleton, Barley, Shelford, and the local band. A short service was held at 5 o'clock which was fully choral, some of the choir being present as well as the organist. The Vicar (Rev. M. de Courcy Ireland), gave a very encouraging address. After the service the Vicar kindly invited all present to tea in the schoolroom, where several ladies of the village had a nice tea in readiness, about 40 being present. After tea the business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sawston in January.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, as well as for his kindness in providing the tea; also to the ladies for attending to their wants.

Mr. T. R. Dennis proposed the vote, and went on to say that the Association was on the verge of a great misfortune, owing to the division of the diocese, which might take place at any time, and Suffolk would be taken from them to form a new diocese. If the Suffolk members wished to form a new Association of their own, they would withdraw from the Ely Association, which would mean that if the present Association was to be carried on, every one must try and get new members in Cambs.: if this were not done the Association could not be kept going.

The motion was seconded by Mr. P. Webb, who said he fully endorsed all Mr. Dennis had said. He congratulated the Vicar on the work he had done for the Church in Melbourn. The tower and bells had been thoroughly repaired, and the organ also attended to, and he hoped that all present would give a small sum towards the bells fund, as there was still some money wanted to clear off the debt.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Melbourn, and he hoped that now they had got their bells restored, they would have many more pleasant meetings at Melbourn. He did not know much about method-ringing, but he could ring "Churchyard Bob," so he had learnt how to manage a bell. He was pleased to see two of the old ringers present, who had rung on Melbourn bells fifty years ago. They had told him the bells had not been rung for about forty years.

One of the ladies, in responding to the vote of thanks, said they had enjoyed hearing the bells rung so well that afternoon. The bells have been tuned and a new treble added to make six (tenor 15 cwt.) by Mr. A. Bowell of Ipswich, and the "go" of the bells is splendid.

During the afternoon several 720's were brought round, the first on the bells was Plain Bob by A. E. Austin, 1; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 2; J. Taylor, 3; E. G. Hibbins, 4; J. B. Williamson, 5; W. D. James (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge, J. B. Williamson, 1; T. R. Dennis, 2; E. G. Hibbins, 3; F. Dench, 4; A. Wilkerson, 5; R. G. King (conductor), 6. A course of Norwich Surprise by L. G. Mallion, 1; T. R. Dennis, 2; P. Webb, 3; F. Dench, 4; A. Wilkerson, 5; R. G. King, 6. Also 720's and touches of Kent, Oxford and London Surprise.

During the afternoon the Ickleton men made a call at Meldreth where they were met by the Vicar the Rev. P.

Harvey who gave permission for them to have a ring.

The bells five in number had not been rung for five years and are not in very good ringing order, but a 360 of Doubles was successfully brought round by P. Webb (conductor), 1; H. Carder, 2; F. Botwell, 3; E. Webb, 4; A. Lilley, 5.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

SIR,—Please allow me to correct one of my peals (No. 12) of Double Norwich Major published in your issue of Nov. 30th, 1912. Am sorry I have not corrected it before. The peal is 5216, not 5376, and should read as below, not as printed.

Yours etc.,

E. C. GOBEY.

5216 (No. 12.)

23456	1	4	5	6
35426	-	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	-
53024	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
52634	s	-	-	-
36254	-	-	-	-
62354	-	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-	-
45326	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	-
35246	-	-	-	-
52346	-	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-	-
54236	-	-	-	-
42536	-	-	-	-
25436	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

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5056.

23456	M	B	W	H
45236			-	-
24536			-	-
52436			-	-
34625	-		-	-
62345			-	-
46325			-	-
53624	-		-	-
63425	-		-	-
43526	-		-	-
65324	-		-	-
36524			-	-
36245		B	-	-
23645			-	-
42635			-	-
62534	-		-	-
35426	-		-	-
42356			-	-
54326			-	-
32546			-	-
53246			-	-
25346			-	-
34256			-	-
23456			-	-

This composition contains the 6th bell full extent of its combination with 7-8 at home: all the 4-5s, and 2 and 3 never in 6ths place at course-ends. It is highly musical.

TWO 720s OF BOB MINOR.

TWENTY-TWO SINGLES.

By A. SYMONDS, Lavenham.

23456	23456
32564	32564
54326	35264
45263	46235
36245	25463
25364	36425
46325	34625
43625	43256
34256	42356
32456	24563
23564	42635
32645	24356
24356	P.L.

Both repeated.

BARNES.—On October 19th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Ashford, H. Cook, M. Jacobs, G. Jutson, W. Halls, H. Stevens, C. Hunt (conductor), J. Wilmott.

TWO QUARTER-PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By H. G. ROWE, Cheshunt, Hunts.

1260.

234567

462375	3
534762	1
465327	3
734265	1
237546	5
742365	3
537642	1
635274	5
356274	4
423756	1
354267	3

Twice repeated. Contains the Queens and Tittums.

1260.

234567

752634	1
237546	3
742365	3
537642	1
745326	3
637245	1
236574	5
672345	3
536472	1
435267	5
354267	4

Twice repeated. Contains the Queens and Tittums.

SOUTHAM (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 18, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering, E. G. Berry, J. H. White (conductor), J. King, W. Pryce, W. Thorne, F. King, R. Griffin, D. Gillmore. First 6-scores by ringers of 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, who are local ringers. J. H. White and W. Pryce hail from Coventry.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, October 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Woodward, G. Bloor, S. Churton (conductor), J. Woodward, J. Simister, E. Landon, C. H. Page, H. Austin.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1913

The death of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, briefly announced in our last issue, has removed from the ranks of change-ringing one of its foremost exponents. An almost accidental circumstance brought about his introduction to the Exercise in 1882, since which time he has been a consistent member, giving up much of his spare time to its study and improvement. Notwithstanding his busy professional life, he found time to fulfil, for many years, the duties of Secretary of the Surrey Association, beside being a member of the Central Council, for which body he did a great deal of hard work on various Committees. Beside all this he found time to devote to various institutions and associations for the betterment of his less fortunate neighbours, and as an enthusiastic cyclist had traversed most of the main roads of England.

In whatever direction his inclination was bent, he was ever ready to help others, and the universal love and respect in which he was held, were fully exemplified by the numerous attendance at his funeral, and the many tributes to his memory placed on the coffin. High and low, rich and poor, are the worse off for the loss of a gentleman who made a practice of placing his neighbours first, himself second.

The Cup presented by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, to be held for a year by the Association which came out on top in the report of the Central Council Peals Committee seems to be destined to go a-begging. It had scarcely been given when one Association passed a resolution to the effect that if it ever came to their lot to win it they would refuse to accept it, and now the Norwich Association—the first to become entitled—have declined the honour, on the ground that "the acceptance of such a trophy would establish a bad precedent and tend to lower the standard of the art as a branch of church work." Were the ringing of peals the "ultima thule" of the change-ringer, the possession of such a trophy would doubtless be looked upon as an honour, but while the primary object of ringing is to call worshippers together there can be no need for it. Ringers have too high a regard for the art to desire to bring it to the level of a football competition.

The passing of the Additional Bishopricks Bill, and its

effect on existing Church organisations was dealt with in the reports of two ringing societies last week. The Norwich Diocesan Association annual report contained a clause accepting the fact that some changes were bound to come, but in what direction the Committee were not prepared to say. Either the present Association must be divided and a separate Association formed for each of the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, or, as an alternative, the existing organisation made to cover the whole of the two dioceses. In either case that part of West Suffolk which is now covered by the Ely Diocesan Association must be severed from that body and become a part of its own Diocesan Association. In either case, the Ely Association must be the loser; a fact which the members of the Ely Archidiaconal Society recognised as entailing serious consequences, so far as they were concerned. The loss of the West Suffolk members would necessitate the addition of an equal number of members from other directions, unless the Ely Association was to pass out of existence. This is a consummation no one with any wish for the spread of change-ringing will desire, so it behoves the men who own allegiance to Ely's stately fane and the churches in the diocese, to see to it that there shall be such an influx of new blood as shall place the Ely Diocesan Association in as good a position as it is to-day. This will be a distinct gain to the whole Exercise, since it means that number added to the membership of the whole body of change-ringers.

The Metropolis.

WHITECHAPEL, E.

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

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
THOMAS WALKER* Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES.. 2	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. 6
EDWARD WALLAGE 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 4	FREDERICK J. HARDY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
*First peal in any method with a Bob bell. Specially arranged and rung on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

UPPER CLAPTON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 9 lb.

CHARLES A. GRAY* Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP* 2	BERTAM PREWETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER,
and Conducted by BERTAM PREWETT.
*First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Boxley.—On Friday, October 17th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Smith, G. Pound, W. Gosling (conductor), W. Hope, A. Baker, W. Kilpartrick. First 720 by A. Smith. On Sunday, October 19th, for evening service, 720 by W. Luckhurst, W. Gosling (conductor), G. Pound, W. Hope, W. Kilpartrick, F. Wright. First 720 by W. Luckhurst.

HIGHGATE.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.	
FRANK SMITH Treble	EDWARD F. COLE 5
CHARLES PRYOR 2	ERNEST YOUNG 6
ERNEST BONFIELD 3	RICHARD BEVAN 7
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 4	EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.
Rung half muffled as a last tribute of respect to Newland Alderman, by his brother ringers at the above Church; also to the memory of Dr. A. B. Carpenter.

The Provinces.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (Southern Branch.)

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR KYTE* Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4
THOMAS MIDDLETON 2	JOHN HAMPTON 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.
*First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. A. Kyte entertained the band to tea.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITEHEAD .. 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	BERTAM PREWETT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
RICHARD DARLOW 4	WILLIAM SEELEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and Conducted by THOMAS R. SCOTT.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch.)

On Tuesday, October 14, 1913, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6840 CHANGES;

Being 57 Six Scores. Comprising 32 of St. Dunstan's, 10 of Grandsire, 8 of Plain Bob, and 7 of Canterbury. Called in 50 different ways.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SPARROW Treble	ARTHUR KYTE 4
WALTER JONES 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	ALBERT COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.
Longest peal on the bells and by all the band. First peal as conductor on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the 57th wedding anniversary of the grandparents of A. Kyte. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. A. Kyte entertained the band to tea.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, October 12th, 1913, for Divine Service at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. *G. H. Hawes, A. Hubbard (composer), W. Honeyball, A. Jones, J. Herbert, J. Kent, G. W. Honeyball (conductor), H. Whanslaw. *First quarter-peal.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AS THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

MISS CARRIE E. SPARSHOTT <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT BEST 6
STEPHEN BEST 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT 7
VINCENT STREET 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER 8
EDWIN V. HINTON 4	GEORGE PRESTON 9
WILLIAM G. STONE 5	HARRY BAGSHOT* Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS and Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal in the method.

Quickest peal of Caters on the bells. All the above are members of the local band. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

LIVERPOOL.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Liverpool Branch).

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT GARSTON PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HAYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN Treble	THOMAS MURRAY 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS JENNIONS 3	WALTER HUGHES 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	HENRY HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. HUGHES.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the Royal Wedding.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY T. COOPER Treble	THOMAS SELF 5
ALFRED L. BROWN 2	THOMAS A. SHRUVE 6
ALFRED E. BASSETT 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 4	ALFRED HART* Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED L. BROWN.

*First attempt for a peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Duchess of Fife to Prince Arthur of Connaught.

W. Shepherd hails from Hevsham.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT E. SMITH* Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
GEORGE E. HARBOUR 2	JOSEPH W. FRUIN* 6
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY* 4	CHARLES H. PAINE* Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. MACKMAN.

*First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

HIGHGATE.—On October 16th, for Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Anne's Church, 416 Double Norwich. C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Young, R. Bevan, E. F. Cole, A. Brightman, E. Chapman, F. Smith (conductor). 504 Stedman Triples. C. L. Walker (first 500 Stedman), C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, A. Brightman, E. F. Cole, R. Bevan, F. Smith (conductor), E. Young. On Sunday following a quarter-peal of Double Norwich. E. Bonfield, C. Pryor (first quarter of Double Norwich), W. G. Matthews, R. Bevan, E. F. Cole, A. Brightman, C. Chapman, F. Smith (conductor).

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
WILLIAM T. TOCKER 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILFRED ANDREWS 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung through meeting short for Double Norwich. The thirty-second anniversary of the Conductor's wedding was on the day previous, but the peal could not be arranged for that date owing to the Quarterly District Meeting of the Guild at Havant.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon Hyslop, whose induction as Rector of Stoke parish took place on the above date.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WATKINS Treble	SAMUEL BROOKS 5
WILLIAM HARGEST 2	ALBERT MATTHEWS 6
GEORGE GIBLIN 3	WILLIAM EVANS 7
GEORGE HARDWICK 4	WILLIAM FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

First peal of Triples for the tenor man. Rung as a complimentary peal to His Grace the Archbishop of York, who addressed the members of the St. David's Diocesan Conference, as well as a Mass Meeting in defence of the Church, in the town during the week.

WHITBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN R. BARTON* Treble	HENRY GIBSON 6
FREDERICK LAVERICK* 2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER* .. 7
FRANK S. HODGSON* 3	JOHN T. WATERS* 8
WILLIAM A. BRECKON* 4	WILLIAM HARLAND* 9
WILLIAM HOLMES 5	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

*First peal of Royal and first attempt. First peal of Royal on the bells. The treble and 6th ringers hail from Scarborough, 2nd from Middlesbrough, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, belong to Whitby, 5th to Skelton-in-Cleveland, 7th to Robin Hood Bay, tenor to Ormsby. The above peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife, the ringers wishing them much happiness in their new life.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, October 5th for morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins. H. G. Naish, J. Wright (conductor), J. Howes, C. Slade, F. G. Woodliss, J. N. Frossell, G. Woodliss, J. Chandler.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	JACOB MOY 5
GEORGE SOAME 2	CHARLES NEWLANDS 6
CECIL CHAMBERLAIN 3	JOHN MOY 7
GEORGE MOY 4	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

First peal of Treble Bob by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, and 6th.

WELDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PHILIP INNS* Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	HARRY PRETT† 5
ROBERT G. BLACK† 3	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CHAPMAN.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in seven methods with a Bob bell. First peal in seven methods on the bells. The thanks of the Band are due to Philip Innes who completed the Band at a minute's notice when meeting one short.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JOSEPH J. PRATT* Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE* .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(Late London Scholars.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES PARKER 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung on the Festival of St. Luke. The first peal on the bells, a musical octave supplied by Mears and Stainbank of London. Rung in honor of the birthday of the donor of the new tower, and celebrates the completion of the church, a handsome building, commenced in 1876. The band represent 8 counties.

FOR SALE.—Set of 57 handbells (E flat scale) by Mears and Stainbank, in perfect condition; complete in strong travelling box, collapsible table, padding, plush cover, music books. Accept £18 for quick sale. Cost £40.—CLIFTON, 18, Charles Street, Newport, Mon.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	RICHARD W. COLLIER 6
SAM THOMAS 3	JOHN MCKELL* 7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This composition has the 4th and 6th extent in 6ths place, having these two bells reversed in 5-6 without recourse to bobs "before," with the 4th, 5th, and 6th exclusively in 6ths place. *Arranged for Mr. McKell, of Gargrave, being his first peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL .. Treble	ERNEST LEIGH 5
RICHARD JENNER 2	GEORGE MALYAN 6
ALBERT BELTON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
JAMES HEASMAN 4	EDWARD LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

The conductor hails from Chislehurst; the rest of the band belong to Edenbridge.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON 5
WILLIAM SHEROLIFF 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 7
THOMAS MURRAY* 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

*First peal in the method. The conductor was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	THOMAS WORSLEY 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
ALFRED POTTER 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	JOHN MOSSCROFT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

The address of Mr. Harry Wakley, Local Secretary, Burton-on-Trent District, Midland Counties Association, is the "Lord Napier," Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for Sale, with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—CHARLES BARBER, Littleton, Liversedge, Yorks.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS ALBUTT Treble	GEORGE HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM PALMER 2	WILLIAM SHILVOCK 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	GORDON CHECHITS 8
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JOHN EATON* 9
SAMUEL JONES* 5	ALFRED MOORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HAYWARD.

*First peal of Caters. This is the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch. S. Jones hails from Newport, Mon.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal, and was proposed a member before starting. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

MIDDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (Rochdale Branch).

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	EDWARD B. SHAW 5
JAS. ARROWSMITH, SEN. .. 2	THOS. A. OGDEN* 6
TOM OLDHAM 3	DAN RENSCHAW 7
THOS. K. DRIVER 4	HUGH REYNOLDS† .. Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNALE. Conducted by HUGH REYNOLDS.

*First peal. †First peal in the method, and first peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank; The "go" is all that could be desired.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY T. COOPER .. Treble	WILLIAM H. COBBETT .. 5
THOMAS MILES 2	THOMAS A. SHRUPE .. 6
ALFRED E. BASSETT .. 3	RICHARD KENDALL .. 7
ALFRED L. BROWN .. 4	JOSEPH M. LAMPRIEL .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. COBBETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Master of the above Association. Mr. T. Miles rang his first peal 46 years ago at the above Church. †60th peal.

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DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES,

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
SAMUEL BAKER 2	ALFRED DAVIES† 7
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD* .. 8
WILLIAM FISHER 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
JOHN A. BROWN 5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS, and Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES. *First attempt for a peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the birthdays of Mr. Herbert Sheppard (the esteemed Hon. Secretary of the Guild) and Mr. Alfred Davies (the Conductor of the peal). Their colleagues greeted both with the usual hearty good wishes.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and Conducted by EDMUND C. CHASTY

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3-4	CLEMENT GLENN 7-8

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Havant on Wednesday, October 15th, ringers attending from Lee-on-Solent, Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport, Curdridge, Swanmore and Fareham. The bells were rung in the afternoon, and at 5.30 a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. B. C. Taylor assisted by the Rev. E. Banks James. In an address to the ringers the rev. gentleman pointed out that all work in connection with the service of the church if done in the right spirit was to the Glory of God whether it be ringing or singing. The Guilds service was used.

At 6 o'clock the company adjourned to the institute for tea, about 25 sitting down.

At the business meeting, immediately after, the Rev. E. Banks James was unanimously voted chairman, supported by Mr. G. Williams (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Whiting (dis. secretary), and Mr. E. J. Harding. One hon. member was elected and about a dozen ringing members.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Scott, for the use of the bells and institute; to the Rev. Taylor for taking the service; also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The party then returned to the tower where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

DEATH OF DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER.

With a deep regret that will be personally felt by hundreds of his friends in Croydon and neighbourhood as well as by a host of ringers throughout the country, we have to record the death of Dr. Arthur Carpenter, the eldest son of the late Dr. Alfred Carpenter to whom Croydon owes so much.

Dr. Arthur Bristow Carpenter, M.A., M.B., L.R.C.F., of Wykeham House, Bedford Park, was born in Croydon on the 18th April, 1854, and was thus in his 60th year. He was first educated at a private school at Brighton, but he won a scholarship to Winchester, and at Winchester a scholarship to New College, Oxford. On leaving college he became a medical student at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he held various appointments; and at his father's retirement from practice, he himself began his professional career in Croydon. He married Miss Jones, of Exeter a daughter of the then Mayor of the town, and he leaves a widow and five daughters. The late Dr. Carpenter held several appointments at the Croydon General Hospital, including that of Senior Medical Officer, and he was a Medical Referee of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor. He was also a member, indeed one of the founders, of the Croydon Literary and Scientific Institution, taking a keen interest in scientific pursuits generally.

Dr. Carpenter was a member of the Central Council from its inception, and did much practical work on several of its committees, while for many years he was Secretary of the Surrey Association. His career as a ringer began about Christmas, 1882. He had made his way into the tower of Croydon Parish Church, while the tenor was being tolled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury. There he was kindly welcomed, and invited to come to the next practice. This invitation being accepted he soon became a regular attendant; and having obtained copies of the elementary works on ringing, in course of time was able to ring a plain course of Grandsire Triples. In July 1883, on the resignation of Mr. A. W. B. Percival, he was elected Hon. Secretary of the Surrey Association at the annual meeting of that Society held in Croydon. He was now ringing as regularly as he could at Croydon and at Beddington, and owing to the kind help he received at both places, he was soon able to ring Grandsire Triples and Caters, Union Triples and Plain Bob.

PEAL RECORD.

His first peal was rung on May 5th, 1884, at All Saints, Carshalton, with seven members of the Beddington band, all being members of the Surrey Association and also College Youths. This peal (one of Grandsire Triples) was conducted by Mr. Edgar Bennett, to whose kind help and careful tuition Dr. Carpenter owes much of his present knowledge of the art. His next peal was one of Grandsire Caters, rung in the following October at Beddington with the Beddington band, and in November, 1884, he rang his first peal with the Croydon ringers, at Mitcham.

The doctor rang in 165 peals, conducting 45, the first as has been previously mentioned on 5th May, 1884, at Carshalton and the last at Beddington on the 8th of February last. Of these, 159 were rung with the Surrey Association, of which he conducted 43. Out of this number 61 were rung at Beddington, and 27 at Carshalton.

The following is a list:—

	No.	Conducted.
Union Triples	7	5
Oxford Bob Triples	7	4
Bob Triples	3	
Bob Major	6	3
Bob Royal	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Grandsire Triples	24	10
Grandsire Caters	27	5
Stedman Triples... ..	30	3
Stedman Caters	17	3
Kent Treble Bob Major... ..	11	
Kent Treble Bob Royal... ..	7	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	20	11
Superlative Major	3	1
Totals	165	45

His first success as conductor was scored on July 13th, 1885, at Carshalton, where he rang his fourth peal, one of Union Triples, composed and conducted by himself, members of the Beddington Society again forming the band. From this time he was frequently to be found with Croydon and Beddington ringers, assisting in many successes, and alas! in many more failures, at Croydon, Beddington, Mitcham, Streatham, Ashted, Epsom, and other places wherever ringing was on hand.

OTHER INTERESTS.

All his life he was a scholar; a scholar of Winchester, and a scholar of New College, Oxford, and he never let his scholarship rust. He has been known to make himself quite happy on a holiday with a volume of the "Odes of Horace," and few men enjoyed a holiday more. Till his health failed he was an enthusiastic bicyclist; and though his knowledge of mechanics and engineering made him extraordinarily interested in motors (and he always drove his car himself), he never lost his love for long distance bicycle rides.

There were few of the main roads of England which he did not know by experience; and as a companion on a bicycle tour he was simply unrivalled. On such occasions his mechanical cleverness, no less than his unfailing thoughtfulness, made him an ideal fellow-traveller, and this thoughtfulness for others was stamped on his whole life. It came out in his performance of his professional duties, in his social relationships, and in his very beautiful home life it was instinctive in him to put others before himself, and behind it all he was a keen and strong churchman. For years he had been churchwarden of his parish church, St. James's, in Croydon; and that not simply as a prominent parishioner who came of a family of Church people, but as a sign and seal of his deep, though unobtrusive Christianity; so that when his last and most painful illness came to him, he went through it all with the serene courage which is given only to those who can say with St. Paul;—

"I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

For about a couple of years Dr. Carpenter had been in failing health, and for the last six weeks his friends and relatives had been seriously alarmed by his condition. He was taken to a nursing home early last week, and there an operation was performed on him for an internal complaint, but unfortunately nothing could save him, and he died on Wednesday, Oct 15th.

THE FUNERAL.

took place on Saturday last: many well-known Croydon people, members of the medical profession, ringers from the Surrey belfries, and others being present at the impressive service at St. James's Church, Croydon, and subsequently at the interment at Bandon Hill Cemetery, some two miles from Croydon, and near Beddington Church, where the doctor had done much ringing during his career. Besides the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (the doctor's brother), the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, Cyril Jenkyn, and other old friends attended.

Five members of the Surrey Association rang a course of Grandsire Caters over the grave, the ringers being S. Roper (Croydon), L. Attwater (Streatham), A. J. Perkins (Beddington), W. Shepherd (Hersham), W. S. Wise (Croydon). A hundred beautiful wreaths bore evidence of the respect and affection in which the late doctor was held, among them being one from the Surrey Association, composed of a bell, made up of violets, suspended from a chaplet of white flowers; others from Mitcham Parish Church, and the Croydon Parish Church ringers.

The Revs. C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge stood in an attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters, which unfortunately came to grief at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Monday, October 20th, after 1½ hours ringing. On Tuesday, October 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. John's Parish Church with the bells half-muffled. W. S. Wise, 1; D. Wright (conductor), 2; L. Page, 3; H. F. Garfath, 4; W. States, 5; A. J. Jones, 6; C. F. Johnston, 7; S. R. Roper, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Thursday, October 16th, for practice, 216 Stedman Triples. G. L. Thompson, G. Maxim, W. G. Darlington, H. Cornwell, F. Jeff, H. Simmons, H. G. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker. Also 168, G. Andrews, treble. On Sunday, October 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, F. Jeff, H. G. Rowe, G. Maxim, H. Simmons (conductor), R. Smith. First quarter-peal as conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 5th, at St. Giles' Church, Camberwell, for evening service, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 59 mins. E. Gibbs, H. Springall, C. H. Hughes, F. G. Perrin, W. H. Taffender, A. Jones, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION:

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 12th, for evening service at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes). W. H. Taffender, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, W. G. Matthews, R. N. Runham, J. Corfield, A. D. Barker, F. J. Hardy.

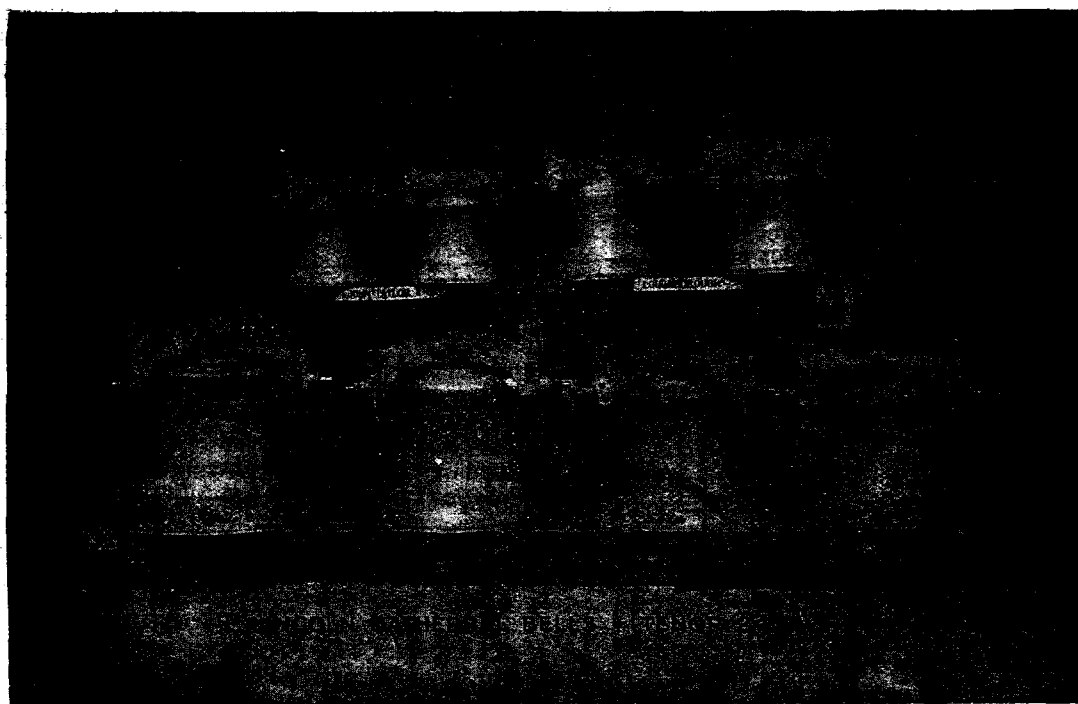
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RUGBY.—On Monday evening, September 29th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) in 49 mins. *R. Jesson, B. W. Haywood, W. Malins, H. O. White, W. Tayler, J. George, J. A. Fenton, C. E. Joynes. Conducted by W. Malins. *First quarter-peal and first attempt. All are members of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

PRESTON.—On Saturday, October 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Crick, H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, T. Hollocks, H. Poulson, W. Hollocks (conductor). On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hollocks (conductor), H. Gladwell, A. Hollocks, H. Crick, T. Levitt, T. Hollocks. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Gladwell (conductor), H. Crick, A. Hollocks, T. Hollocks, T. Levitt, T. Pryke. These two 720s were rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

EAST MOLESLEY.—On Sunday evening, October 12th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 46 mins. F. Brown, J. Howes (conductor), J. N. Frossell, F. E. Smith, W. L. Hall, J. Baldwin, C. Slade, J. Chandler.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays at 8 p.m.
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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637.—The 276th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, G. F. Wild, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Tower open for ringing: St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine Service (Association Form) at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector). Tea in St. Paulinus Hall at 6.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow.
T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

The Warwickshire Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. A good meeting is desired.
Shottery.
Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 25th. Service in Church at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.
J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 25th. Committee Meeting at 12 noon at The Three Tuns Hotel. Service at 1 p.m. in the Cathedral, with an address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. Dinner at 2 p.m. at The Three Tuns Hotel.
R. Stephenson, Joint Hon. Sec.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Elford, near Tamworth, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells (6), ready at 3 o'clock.

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Peterborough and District Association.—A district meeting will be held at Glinton on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints Day). Bells (6) available afternoon and evening until 7.45. Short service at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

John J. Jutson, Secretary.

St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Wign-

chester on Saturday, November 8th. The Cathedral tower will be open during the afternoon and evening, and evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea.
20, Culver Road, Wluchester.
Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec.

Croydon (Surrey).—To wind up the ringing week in Surrey, arranged by Mr. W. H. Fussell, a social will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 7 p.m., at The Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, to meet the visitors. All ringers who care to come will be welcome.
Cyril F. Johnston.

Caldicot (Monmouthshire).—The re-dedication of Caldicot bells by the Bishop of Llandaff will take place on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 o'clock. The bells will be opened by the local band, and will be available for ringing during the evening, to which any ringer is welcome.

All Saints, Rayne, Essex.—The new bell will be dedicated on November 1st at 3 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Rector will provide tea for ringers who give notice of attending not later than October 27th.
B. Ridgewell, Hon. Sec.

The Street, Rayne.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

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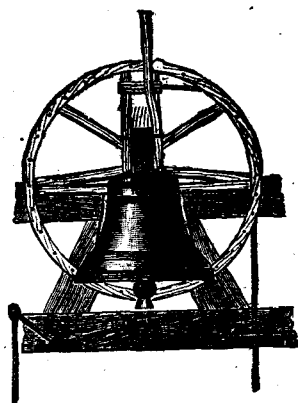
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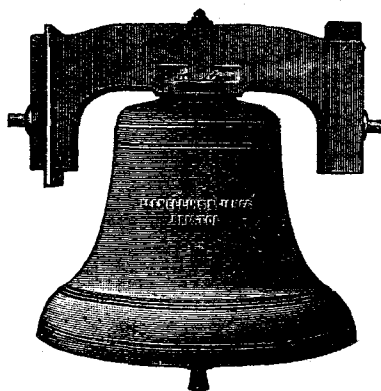
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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, October 25th, at Durham. This being a full day meeting visitors made an early start, and the bells were to be heard in the morning. Rather unfortunately the Cathedral bells are not allowed to be rung on account of the weak state of the tower. However there are two six-bell towers at St. Nicholas and St. Oswald, and full advantage was taken of these by those who were inclined for ringing. Taking into consideration the drawback of not having good ringing facilities to draw ringers to Durham, there was a capital meeting. The committee meeting was held in the "Three Tuns" hotel at 12 o'clock, and afterwards the ringers wended their way to the Cathedral. A service is held in connection with the meeting each year at Durham and Newcastle alternately. The Association was honoured by having the Dean to address them, an honour which was appreciated by the members to its fullest extent. The address was most impressive, and all were touched by the Dean's encouraging words. He spoke of the bell-ringers' duties, and put them on the same standing as all churchworkers. He was in full sympathy with the Association and its objects and the good work it was doing, saying what a grand thing it was to see bodies of men working together for the good of the Church. The Dean has become a patron of the Association, and the members hope he will always take a keen interest in their work and also that on a future occasion he will again address them.

Fifty members sat down to dinner at the "Three Tuns" hotel at 2 o'clock, and immediately afterwards the general meeting was held. After the loyal toast the Secretary read his annual report to the members. Following the General Secretary's report came those from the four district secretaries. These were on the whole satisfactory, but there is still room for better attendance at district meetings, which are held for practice, the idea being to help beginners. After the retiring officers had been thanked for their services came the election of officers for the ensuing year. The business of this meeting kept all well occupied till 6 o'clock, when members retired for ringing.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The small and ancient town of Southam is situated in a rather inaccessible part of the county, but the Church of St. James now possesses a nice ring of eight bells, and the Rector, the Rev. J. Hart-Davies, is most anxious to see change-ringing established firmly in the tower. The original ring was one of six bells, the first three of which were cast by Mears and Co. in 1863, and the last three are dated 1615, 1650, and 1676 respectively. The 4th is by Watts, of Leicester; the 5th by John Martin, of Worcester; and the tenor by Henry Bagley. Recently Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were requisitioned to

provide two new trebles, and rehang the whole ring. This has been done in the firm's usual satisfactory way, and the only disadvantages felt at present are the very small dimensions of the ringing-chamber and rather too much noise. A somewhat unusual note is found in the church-wardens accounts for 1641 as follows:

"Paid to the King's footmen who scaled up the Church doors for ringing when the King came to town 6s. 8d.

"Paid also to them for not ringing when the King went out of the town 5s. od."

The doors of the tower and the trap door of the ringing-chamber—the latter apparently constructed for men of only normal size—were wide open, however, on Saturday last to the members of the Guild for their quarterly meeting, and two things, no doubt, were responsible for bringing together a very representative company. First, favourable cycling weather, and second, the fact that it was the first opportunity for many to have a ring on the new octave. The ringers present numbered about thirty, and hailed from Allesley, Coventry, Rugby, Fenny Compton, Walsall, Northampton, Stratford-on-Avon, and Southam, with Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough. The President, the Rev. Alan Williams, also motored over from Warwick, and presided over the Committee meeting before tea, and also at tea. The latter was partaken of at the Craven Arms Hotel, and the business meeting was held afterwards.

Chilvers Coton was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting in January, 1914, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Southam for his kind permission to use the bells, and for his interest in the Guild.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, on behalf of the members expressed to Mr. J. W. White, of Coventry, their appreciation of his efforts to instil the Art into the minds of the local ringers. He was appointed Instructor to the band a short time ago, and it speaks volumes for his energy and abilities that after eight weekly visits, his pupils were able to ring their first six-scores of Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. The best wishes of the Guild were given him in his work.

Mr. White thanked the members present, and looked forward with much hope to obtaining a good set of change-ringers in Southam.

Some good touches were rung during the afternoon and evening on the bells, in which the local men took part, and the methods included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

SIR,—The second quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on page 401 of "THE BELL NEWS" of October 25th, published by Mr. H. G. Rowe, may be found on page 55 of Hubbard's fourth edition, published in 1876.

Yours etc.,

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HENRY J. TUCKER.

PRESENTATION AT PUDSEY.

A tea and social evening took place at the "White Cross" Hotel, Pudsey, on Saturday, October 25th, on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. Thomas Maude, the participants being the Yorkshire band of ringers who have on many Whitsuntide week-ends made ringing excursions to various parts of the country at Mr. Maude's invitation. During the afternoon a peal was attempted at the Parish Church, which was, regrettably, unsuccessful after about forty minutes' ringing.

After tea had been more successfully handled than the bells, Mr. Bolland was elected chairman, who then asked the company to drink to the health of Mr. Maude. He said he was pleased to do honour to the guest of the evening, and to see him amongst his friends. Some were getting on in life, and might not have the pleasure of his company on many more occasions, and he was sure all would join him in wishing Mr. Maude many happy returns of the day, and for long life and health for both him and Mrs. Maude.

Mr. Maude, in reply, thanked the company for their good wishes and explained how he had been foiled in his attempt to arrange a handbell peal for the occasion.

After a course of Grandsire Major on the handbells, Mr. Bolland, as chairman, asked Mr. Maude to accept, as a token of the company's esteem, a solid silver flower stand, with cut vases, and hoped it would be handed down in his family, and serve to remind him of the many pleasant hours they had spent together on numerous occasions.

Mr. Maude, in accepting the gift, remarked how he had been taken by surprise, and thanked the company for the goodwill shown towards him. The present would always keep in remembrance the happy past and would be treasured in his home.

Mr. Williams, in supporting the chairman's remarks, said he would give place to none in his estimation of Mr. Maude's character and goodwill towards the ringers. Men of his stamp, who would go out of their way to help and encourage ringers were few and far between.

Mr. Cotterell, Mr. Holgate and Mr. Johnson also expressed their appreciation. Touches on the handbells in 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, including a clinking course of Oxford Minor, were brought round, after which a very happy evening came to a close, and the company dispersed to various parts of the shire.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Hunts. District was held at Huntingdon on Saturday, October 25th. There were about 20 ringers present, the attendance including the Rev. K. D. Knowles (Vicar of Brampton); the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Vicar of Long Stanton and District Secretary); Messrs. J. Goss and G. E. Coleman (Committee); the parishes represented being Huntingdon (2); St. Neots (3); Chatteris (2); Brampton (7); Pondsbridge (1); Long Stanton (2); Ramsey (1); and Somersham (1). The proceedings commenced with a short service in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gardner, Vicar of Huntingdon, at which the Archdeacon of Huntingdon gave a most interesting address. The tea and meeting which followed, was held in St. Mary's Parish Room. The Rev. W. R. Gardner was in the chair.

The following were elected members of the Association: Messrs. William and Edward Abraham, William and John

Allen, G. H. Boyce and William Healey (Brampton), and Mr. J. Willis (Pondsbridge).

It was decided to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Hemingford Grey towards the end of January.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. R. Gardner for kindly making the arrangements and presiding at the meeting, and to Archdeacon Vesey.

The following touches were rung during the day: At St. Mary's 336 Grandsire Triples. R. Gamble, J. Smart, H. Fields, F. Creasey, G. D. Coleman, E. C. Chasty, W. J. Goss, J. Willis. Also 224 Bob Major. F. Creasey, J. Smart, G. D. Coleman, H. Fields, E. C. Chasty, Rev. H. B. Woolley, J. Willis, W. J. Goss. Both conducted by G. D. Coleman. At All Saints 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Creasey, G. D. Coleman, D. Crashley, E. C. Chasty, H. Fields, F. Rowlinson. Also 216 Bob Minor. E. C. Chasty, F. Creasey, G. D. Coleman, D. Crashley, F. Rowlinson, J. Smart. Conducted by E. C. Chasty.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BOHEMIAN CONCERT.

The London County Association held its eleventh Annual Bohemian Concert at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. The programme had been arranged by the hard working Secretary, Mr. F. J. Hardy, and his efforts thoroughly pleased the large audience, of whom half were of the fair sex.

The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taftender). Mr. H. S. Ellis filling the vice-chair. The proceedings opened with an overture by Mr. Lewis H. Cheesman, who besides giving two good songs, acted as pianist for the evening. With such a wealth of talent at his disposal (there were 27 items), the musical director (Mr. L. B. Porter), had quite a busy evening. Special mention must be made of the inimitable Harry Hudson, who amused the audience in his own droll way. Mr. W. H. King gave excellent renderings of Harry Lauder's "Portobello Lassie," and "Wee Deock, and Doris," his accent, his patter, and his costume being well received. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston's latest song, "I cannot keep my trousers nicely creased," delighted the audience immensely, but he regretted that the ringing papers had not the same influence on fashions as they have on ringing matters. Another item which was enthusiastically received was the tune-playing on handbells by the Crescent Handbell Trio (Messrs. G. Wild, and A. S. and A. T. Miller). Other artistes who figured prominently with items from their repertoire, were Messrs. Con Wade, Reginald Turner, A. D. Barker, D. Wright, and S. Roper (the latter two gentlemen also sang a duet, "All's Well"), R. A. Ellis, C. Kitching, and Mr. Kitching, jun. In spite of the fact that so many ladies were present in the audience, it was remarkable that only one figured on the programme—Mrs. R. A. Ellis—and her rendering of "Flight of Ages" was highly appreciated.

During the evening a course of Stedman Caters on handbells was successfully brought round by W. Wise, 1-2; T. Groombridge, jun., 3-4; H. Langdon, 5-6; F. J. Hardy, 7-8; A. W. Grimes, 9-10.

The audience enjoyed the concert immensely, and it was with regret that we heard the chairman's fateful word declaring the evening closed. So we sang "The King," and "Auld Lang Syne," and went home. We are already looking forward to next year's Bohemian,

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL.

The new Ring of Twelve Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lb.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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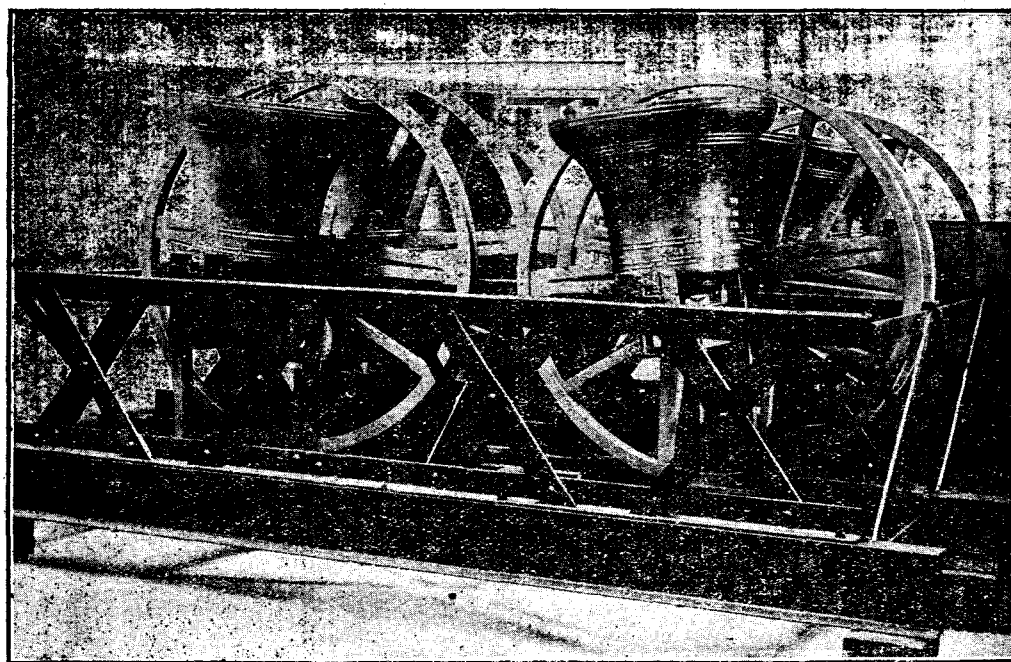
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DEDICATION AT STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

NEW RING OF SIX BY BOWELL, OF IPSWICH.



On Sunday, October 19th, the Lord Bishop of Norwich dedicated a new ring of six bells, cast and hung by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The bells are tuned on the Canon Simpson principle, and hung in a wrought steel frame bolted to heavy steel girders. All the fittings on the bells are of the most modern type. The weight of the tenor is 11 cwt. 3 qrs., its note G.

A special band of ringers met to open the bells, and when the dedication prayers had been said a few rounds were rung. This was the first time the new bells had been heard, and everyone expressed satisfaction at their sweet tone. Immediately after the service the same band rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The bells were then handed over to the visitors, of whom there were about 40 present from Mistley, Ipswich, Marlesford, Great Bromley, Harkstead, Sproughton, Earl Soham, Holbrook, Langham,

and other towers. Tea was provided by the rector and churchwardens, at the "King's Head," after which some courses of Treble Bob Major, etc., were rung upon handbells. At the close of the tea the rector looked in, and in the course of a few words of congratulation and welcome asked their opinion as to the "go" and tone of the new bells, and the unanimous verdict was: "A splendid peal and they go well."

The tower formerly contained an old ring of five, of bad tone and tune, and were bad castings. The new treble has been presented by a London lady (Mrs. Trotter), and it bears the following inscription: "Alfred Bowell of Ipswich cast me 1913. Donum Dedit C. S. T. In memoriam T. H. J. + 1894-1909." The other five bells have the ancient inscriptions reproduced, also: "Recast by Bowell of Ipswich. 1913."

HOO, NEAR ROCHESTER.

The historical peal of six bells of the Parish Church of St. Werburgh having been silent for about twelve years were re-opened last week after having been re-hung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has carried out the work in a most satisfactory manner. The bells have all been quarter-turned and hung with all new fittings, wheels, gudgeons and bearings and steel girder headstocks, and the old oak frame has been strengthened with tie bolts and angle brackets, making it strong and rigid. On Thursday evening last, October 23rd, and Saturday, the 25th, several members from Rochester and Gillingham went over to try them. Several good touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor, including two 720s of Kent Minor, the following taking part: Messrs. Allen, Paine, Winsor, Tulett, Garrett, Hone, Rolls, Harvey, Haigh, and A. Bowell. These

bells are a very good six, tenor 19 cwt., the "go" being splendid, and leaves nothing to be desired, reflecting great credit on Mr. Bowell and his staff.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Tuesday, October 28th, for the Harvest Festival at St. James's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Jackson (conductor). R. Rodmell, J. S. Calvert, H. Rodmell, S. Rodmell, A. E. West.

NEWTON.—On October 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells at the Parish Church. G. Howse, 1; F. Lightning, 2; S. Andrews, 3-4; Ralph Narborough (conductor), 5-6. This was the first 720 by G. Howse, who is a local ringer.

WALSOKEN.—On Sunday, October 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Carter, J. Albins, T. Blunt, A. Sergeant, R. Narborough, J. W. Storey (conductor).

**SUEERLATIVE AND NEW CAMBRIDGE
SURPRISE MAJOR.**

By HENRY DAINS.

5056.

23456	M	W	H
42356		-	
34256		-	
25346	-	-	
32546		-	
54326	-	-	
35426		-	
43526		-	
65324	-		-
36524		-	
36245	B		-
23645		-	
64235	-	-	
26435		-	
42635		-	
56234	-		-
25634		-	
62534		-	
52426	-		
63425	-	-	-
24536	-	-	
53246		-	-
45236	-		-
23456	-	-	

Contains the 6th bell full extent home at twelve course-ends, 4, 5, 6 exclusively there, 2 and 3 never. This is a musical peal when rung in Superlative, containing six only of the nine 8-2 short dodges both in 1-2 and 7-8 in these peals—yes, and in the best of them.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, Sheffield.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
36452	I			2
63254		-	I	2
52364			2	2
25463		-	I	2
24653	I	-	2	2
32546	2		I	2
35426	I	-	2	2
24536			2	2
42635	2			2
36245			2	2
53462	2		I	2
32465	2	-	I	2
34625	I	-	2	2
23456	2		2	2

5th and 6th extent in 5-6; also 4th and 6th extent in 4ths and 5ths place, with eleven out of the possible twelve 8-6s.

PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

5000.

234567890	W	7ths	IN	M	H
423579860		x	x	-	-
73425	-			-	-
47325				-	-
53724				-	-
75324				-	-
37524				-	-
52374	-			-	-
35274				-	-
23574				-	-
45237	-			-	-
24537				-	-
53247	-			-	-
25347				-	-
325479860				-	-
674253890*	s	(6 in)		-	-
423657890	-	7ths		-	-
34265				-	-
23465				-	-
54326	s			-	-
35426				-	-
43526				-	-
52436	-			-	-
45236				-	-
32456	-			s	-
43256				-	-
24356				-	-
234567890				s	-

The first course is produced in ten leads. *This is a long course produced in fifteen laeds. 6, 7, 8, 9, 0 at home in last nine courses of peal. The first peal composed and published in the method on this plan.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday evening, October 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1260 changes), in 52 mins. *B. W. Haywood, H. D. White, *C. E. Joynes, W. Malins (conductor), W. Taylor, J. A. Fenton, C. W. Wheeler, J. George (composer). *First attempt for quarter-peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a farewell quarter-peal to B. W. Haywood, who is shortly leaving Rugby for Coventry.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1913.

The first monthly ringing meeting at Chelmsford Cathedral was held on Saturday, October 25th, 30 members attending. During the evening courses of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques were rung: also a 396 of Grandsire Cinques by G. Sorrell, H. W. Kirtton, A. Edwards, F. W. Edwards, W. Keeble, H. Richell, H. Allen, F. Gill, H. F. Cooper (conductor), H. Head, W. Lincoln, and A. Whight. All agreed the evening had been most successful.

Chelmsford Cathedral will not long be distinguished as the only ring of twelve in the county of Essex. Tenders have been invited and received for four trebles to be added to the ring of eight at Saffron Walden.

The tablet in commemoration of the long peal of Stedman Caters rung at All Saints, Loughborough, on Easter Monday, 1909, will be unveiled at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, November 15th.

The new ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co., at Pontypridd, Glamorganshire, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff on Tuesday, November 4th, at 3.15.

The historical old ring of bells at Peterstone, Marshfield, Mon., which have not been rung for about 100 years, are being restored by John Warner and Sons. Some have been recast, and two added to complete the octave. They will be rung for the first time on Saturday, November 8th.

The peal rung at Reigate, Surrey, on October 22nd, has reached us, but is held over as no method was given. The peal rung at Newton, on October 29th has shared the same fate, as no time was given, whilst a handbell peal rung at the Deanery Cottage, Peterborough, is without a date.

Our readers are reminded of the dedication of Shoreditch bells on Monday next, November 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. The re-opening on Saturday, November 8th, should gather a crowd of ringers, especially as it is the date of the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Metropolis.

LONDON, E.C.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 7
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 8
ERNEST G. FENN 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	CHARLES S. BURDEN 10
FRED. J. HARDY 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 11
ROBERT W. GREEN 6	HENRY LANGDON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HENRY LANGDON.**The Provinces.**

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAVLINUS.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES.

GEORGE POVEY* Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES* 6
REGINALD BROUGH* 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
*First peal in the method; also on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
WILLIAM SEELEY 4	FREDERICK EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Ernest E. Grimes, on his
21st birthday.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure,
and one of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND Treble	ERNEST GIBBS 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	FREDERICK JOHNSON 5
FREDERICK JORDAN 3	LEONARD NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Hubert Salisbury, an
esteemed ringer, who was married on the above date at Elmley Castle,
to Miss Ethel Annie Stead. After the peal the Rector, the Rev. W.
D. Lowndes, entertained the band to tea at the Rectory.ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 21st, at the
Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Major
(1280 changes). A. Halton, J. H. Sholcar, G. Woodhall, T.
Hammond, jun., J. Gardner, J. R. Park, G. R. Newton (con-
ductor), E. Counce. Rung in honour of Trafalgar Day.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD* Treble	FREDK. WHEE 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3	WILLIAM JUDGE 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by W. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late
Mrs. Chapman, wife of the Vicar of Drayton. *First peal of Stedman.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN ALDIS, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM STEELE 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	RANDALL GRIMBLE 6
JOHN F. WILSON 3	ALFRED FUNNELL 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by WM. STEELE.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Oldham and District Society.—Rochdale Branch).

On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

HAROLD LAWTON Treble	HENRY BAALOW 5
HARRY HAMPSON 2	FRANK WILD 6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
FRANK CHAPMAN 4	CHARLES E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

This peal (the figures of which appear elsewhere), is now rung for
the first time. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN RAY Treble	JOHN A. BROWN 5
WILLIAM MILLS, JUN. 2	HARRY JEVONS 6
FREDERICK EVANS 3	WILLIAM MILLS, SEN. 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD Tenor

Composed by W. TAYLOR, and Conducted by HARRY JEVONS.

First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to
the Rev. T. G. Swindell, on the completion of 25 years as Vicar of the
Parish Church, Sedgley. J. A. Brown hails from Bilston; the rest
belong to the local band.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. NEWICK* Treble	ERIC G. FILTNESS* 5
HUBERT I. BLACKWELL 2	ARTHUR BYGRAVE* 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	GEORGE DURLING Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the Battle
of Trafalgar.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt. 11 lb. in C.

FRANK UNSWORTH* Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY* 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
JAMES MORGAN 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
CHARLES E. BOYERS* 4	ERNEST CHANNELL* Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see C.C. Collection,
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**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER Treble	WILLIAM ROWE 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
ALBERT MABES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM T. TUGHER Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung by the local band to celebrate the birthday of Owen H. Giles.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lb in E flat.

GEORGE BURCH Treble	HENRY EVERS 5
HERBERT T. PYE 2	STANLEY HULL 6
WILLIAM BUTTON 3	ALBERT BURCH 7
RICHARD W. STANNARD 4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD.

First peal on the bells since being recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in the new year. All are members of the local company, and the peal was rung at the first attempt. G. Burch was proposed a member of the Association in the tower.

NORTHAMPTON.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN METHERELL Treble	JOHN MACKAY* 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	ARTHUR STEWART 6
TOM HAYNES* 3	TOM TEBBUTT† 7
FRED WILFORD 4	WALTER A. GAMMAGE* Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

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

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb. in A flat.

HENRY WOODFINE Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
RICHARD JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
GEORGE JONES 3	EDWARD ALLEN 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.
This is the first peal ever rung in the method.

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

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	EDGAR PEMBERTON 5
WILLIAM MOTTS 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4	CHARLES A. WARD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE YORRSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble	JOHN FLINT 6
JOHN HOLMAN 2	GEORGE HOLLIS 7
SAM THOMAS 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4	GEORGE W. BEMROSE 9
WILLIAM LAMBERT 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

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

This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent home, and is thought to be the first peal produced and rung with these qualities. It is the first peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells, by the Association, and by all the band except John Flint.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN Treble	GEORGE GARRISON* 6
JAMES JONES 2	JOHN CARTER 7
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	JOHN NEAL 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal is 471 of the Broadsheet

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN .. Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG 5
ISAAC CAVILL 2	WILLIAM SABAN 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

This was the 100th peal rung by the conductor during the present year.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—On Sunday, October 26th, at All Hallows, Barking, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. H. Springall, W. Truss, J. Scholes, T. Langdon (conductor), E. Hall, E. Andrews, A. C. Hardy, A. Joyce.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt

ALBERT ROE* Treble	BENJAMIN KIRBY* 5
HAROLD PEGG† 2	JOSEPH LORD 6
JOSEPH CADLE 3	THOMAS START 7
WALTER FEEN 4	THOMAS HOPKINS* Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

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

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDFIL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lb.

WILLIAM MORGAN Treble	ALBERT HUNT 5
FRANK CHAVE 2	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
CHARLES PALEY 4	P.C. JOHN COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Mr. Perry was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Rung muffled, as a tribute of respect for all those who perished in the lamentable colliery disaster at Senghenydd on October 14th, 1913.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
FRANK BENNETT 9-10	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—Miss Alice White, Mr. A. Fluck. Witness—Mr. H. Thornley. Rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Elsie L. Bennett.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. NARBOROUGH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, each called differently;

THOMAS BANHAM 1	STANLEY E. ANDREWS 3-4
HORACE BANHAM 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

LONDON, S.E.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

At 3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.
Rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.

WANTED.—Fitter and Turner with good experience of fixing turret clocks, carillons, etc. State qualifications. Change-ringer preferred.—Apply FITTER, "Bell News," Walthamstow.

LONDON, S.E.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At 3, Harts Lane, New Cross.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3-4	FRANK BENNETT 7-8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Witness—Miss Nora Hairs.

SOUTHALL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes.

At 54, BEACROFT AVENUE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

GEORGE E. HARBOUR* .. 1-2	JAMES R. MACKEYMAN* 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 3-4	WILLIAM LAWRENCE 7-8

Conducted by J. R. MACKEYMAN.

Umpire, Mr. C. Edwards. *First peal on handbells.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Dedication on November 3rd. at 8.30 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Stepney. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend in state. The formal opening will take place on Saturday, November 8th. when by an arrangement with the Fund Committee a quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, will be held, when all ringers and subscribers are heartily invited to attend. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30, which will be provided free to all those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, November 5th. Will all those who still have collecting cards for the above object, return the same before that date.

F. Bennett, 3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.

H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch.

BEDDINGTON.—On Tuesday evening, October 21st, 1908 Grandsire Triples was rung half muffled, to the memory of the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, who rang his last peal here. A. J. Perkins (conductor), A. Boxall, jun., A. Boxall, sen., F. Ford, G. Rayner, A. Clayton, C. Gordon, N. Brassett. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted (half muffled) on Thursday, October 23rd, but proved futile.

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."

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THE SURREY WEEK.

The following seven peals were rung during the weeks' ringing tour of the county, embracing eleven attempts, October 20-25.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	GEORGE PRESTON 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 3	EDWIN J. HARDING 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung after an attempt of 2 hrs. 28 mins. for Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Leatherhead, in the morning.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 9
GEORGE PRESTON 2	JOHN EVANS 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	KEITH HART 8
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 9
JOHN C. TRUSS 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

An attempt for Stedman Triples at All Saints, Carshalton, in the morning, failed in the eleventh course.

Peal rung at Reigate held over—Method not stated.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. FITSLOW, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

*First attempt for a Surprise peal.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

At the Parish Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6
GEORGE PRESTON 3	JOHN C. TRUSS 7
LIONEL H. PAGE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The conductor's rooth peal of Superlative. A. W. Grimes has now scored a peal in 100 towers. James H. Shepherd (who also rang here), has completed 100 towers during the present year.

CONDUCTOR AND INSTRUCTOR on 8 or 10 bells seeks position on an Estate as Agents' Assistant or Works Manager. Aged 40, married. Can prepare Specifications and Estimates for any work in building trade. Special sanitary qualifications. Could manage Sewerage Works or manage for Jobbing Builder, partly on commission.—A.B., "Bell News," Walthamstow.

On Thursday, October 23rd, two peals were lost, Double Norwich at Banstead, in 1 hr. 5 mins., and a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington, in 30 mins., the latter being half muffed for the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, of Croydon, Master of the Association.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At Christ Church on the Downs,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6
JOHN EVANS 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 6
GEORGE PRESTON 2	JOHN EVANS 7
CHARLES DEAN 3	GEORGE A. CAED 8
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	JAMES PARER Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE, Fiskerton, Notts

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FOR SALE.—Set of 57 handbells (E flat scale) by Mears and Stainbank, in perfect condition; complete in strong travelling box, collapsible table, padding, plush cover, music books. Accept £18 for quick sale. Cost £40.—CLIFTON, 18, Charles Street, Newport, Mon.

DR. CARPENTER AS A COMPOSER.

By THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

By the death of Dr. A. B. Carpenter the Exercise has sustained a great loss in every possible way, and a large circle of friends is the poorer by the absence of a charming and delightful personality. Though the present writer cannot give anything like a connected account of his life, or even of his ringing career, he can point to a few of Dr. Carpenter's achievements in the line of composition. These, we believe, did not extend over a very wide field, that is to say, he did not compose in every known method, or even in a majority of them, but the few that he did touch he treated with the hand of a master. In illustration of this we may point to his variation of Holt's Original, in which the number of calls is reduced to 110. In Union Triples he composed some notable peals, including several six-part peals, and a very striking one-part, in which there are only 111 calls, including two singles, while every 6-7, 7-4 and 5-6 is called throughout. There is also a remarkable six-part peal of Oxford and Double Court Bob Triples, three five-part peals, and so far as the writer knows, the only one-part peal in existence in these methods. Then in Court Bob there is a ten-part peal, four six-part peals, three five-part peals and a one-part. In the province of Stedman Caters, Dr. Carpenter also composed several good peals, of which two will be found in "Stedman," pp. 86 and 87. There is also in the same publication a great work of the utmost utility by Dr. Carpenter, viz., the table of starting and homing courses of Stedman for all course-ends having the treble in 2nds place. Even a cursory examination will show the magnitude of the task, and the very thorough manner in which it is accomplished. It will be found on pp. 101 to 116 inclusive. He was a member of the Central Council from its inauguration, and it was a matter of great regret to his many friends and admirers that ill-health prevented his attendance at Newcastle.

THE LINCOLN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH AT DONINGTON.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the above Guild was held at Donington, and was attended by about thirty ringers from Bicker, Holbeach, Long Sutton, Moulton, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Sutton Bridge, Surfleet, together with the Donington ringers. The business was transacted at the Peacock Hotel.

The President of the branch, the Rev. F. F. Wayet, of Pinchbeck, presided, supported by the Revs. D. Freeman (Donington), C. A. Payne (Gosberton), and G. H. Clark (Bicker), and Mr. G. W. Hensman (Pinchbeck), vice-presidents of the branch. The Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet, was unable to be present, to the regret of the company.

The chairman gave the toast of "Church and State," which was duly responded to. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Canon Bullock, who has resigned, owing to his leaving the district, as follows: President—Rev. F. F. Wayet; Secretary—Mr. G. Ladd (Pinchbeck); Treasurer—Mr. R. Mackman (Spalding). Two honorary and two ringing members were elected.

Bicker was decided upon as the place for the next meeting.

Mr. R. Mackman gave a resume of the work of the branch since its formation about thirty years

ago, contrasting the position of ringers as Church workers to-day with what it was then. He also dealt with the condition of the bells and belfries. Bells had been rehung, and a new bell added at Gedney, Fleet, Pinchbeck, Moulton, Quadring, Gosberton, and Donington; Surfleet, five new bells, three re-cast, new frame and fittings for ten bells; and Spalding two new bells.

A short service, with address by the Rev. E. Freeman was held in the afternoon, most of the ringers attending. At the suggestion of the members the usual offertory was taken, and the Vicar was asked to use it for parochial work. He suggested the amount be added to the Parish Hall Fund.

The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to a tea at the vicarage, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him on the proposition of Mr. R. Mackman.

During the day the bells were kept going in the following methods: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. A party visited Bicker Parish Church, where touches were rung of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, and Bob Minor.

RAYNE BELL RETORATION FUND.

The following contributions have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	...	5	4 0
Ringers Goldhanger Church	...	0	14 0
Ringers Dagenham Church	...	0	4 3
Ringers Gt. Bardfield Church	...	0	14 0
Ringers Sible Hedingham Church	...	0	6 1
Ringers Bishops Stortford	...	0	3 0
E. Radley, Stisted	...	0	1 0
J. Newman, Feering	...	0	2 6
B. Ridgewell, Rayne	...	0	5 0

£7 13 0

Further donations will be gladly received and acknowledged by B. Ridgewell, The Street, Rayne.

THE F. A. NUNN FUND.

The fund started on behalf of the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn has reached the sum of £14 9s. 9d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	...	14	4 3
Mr. C. H. Howard of Braintree	...	0	5 0
A Southgate Ringer	...	0	0 6

Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by T. R., c/o Rev. F. Rice, M.A., The Vicarage, St. Ann's, South Tottenham, Stamford Hill.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, October 26th, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. W. J. Barber, W. J. Dean, G. Watkins, E. J. Ridler, A. Newman, H. Burton, E. Reeve, W. Essery, H. Mance (conductor), F. Gibbard.

MACHINE FITTER WANTED with knowledge of electric wiring etc., preference given to a Change-ringer.—Apply MACHINE FITTER, "Bell News," Walthamstow.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 41 for Sale, cheap. Taylor's make. Particulars from THORP, 57, Regent Road, Leicester.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY.—On Sunday evening for service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins. J. Broadley (conductor), E. Murgatroyd, T. B. Kendall, W. Joyce, W. Waland, J. Joyce, J. Ross, G. A. Nettleton. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. A. Ransom, W. Burley, E. J. Dobbie, E. J. Bottle, F. Belsey (conductor), S. B. Dobbie, F. S. Macey, A. Burley.

HAMMERSMITH.—On October 23rd, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to E. Cassell, in 47 mins. W. Coombs, F. Skevington, H. Barrett, G. Isles, H. Cook, C. Hunt (conductor), H. Stevens, E. Cassell.

PUTNEY.—For morning service on Sunday, October 26th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 mins. H. Whanslaw, W. Honeyball, A. Jones, T. Bolton, C. Coilie, J. Kent, G. Honeyball, J. Herbert. Composed by C. Charge, and conducted by J. Herbert.

ST. GEORGE'S, BRENTFORD.

DEDICATION OF A NEW CHIME.

The new chime of six bells at St. George's, Brentford, was dedicated on Friday, October 24th, by the Lord Bishop of Kensington. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the tenor weighing 6½ cwt. Long before the hour fixed for the service, the Church was filled with parishioners, anxious to welcome the Bishop, and to hear the first sound of the new peal, which was acknowledged on all hands to be of a most sweet and harmonious character.

His Lordship, in his address, dwelt upon the usefulness of bells in various capacities, more particularly emphasising the call to God's House which was conveyed by them.

The authorities could not be prevailed upon to have the bells hung for ringing, and so they are chimed automatically by a machine fixed on the floor below, which was started by the Bishop, who ascended the tower for that purpose before delivering his sermon.

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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading is Sixpence for 35 words, for the first insertion; repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on November 4th and 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637.—The 276th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, G. F. Wild, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available from 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited. J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Lancashire Association—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham,

The Lancashire Association—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. A good attendance is requested.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

The Midland Counties Association—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Elford, near Tamworth, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells (6), ready at 3 o'clock.

Harry Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

The "Lord Napier," Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Peterborough and District Association.—A district meeting will be held at Glington on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints Day). Bells (6) available afternoon and evening until 7.45. Short service at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

John J. Jutson, Secretary.

St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

The Chester Diocesan Guild—Grappenhall Branch.—Next meeting at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 1st, commencing with service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 9d. each.

Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 8th. The Cathedral tower will be open during the afternoon and evening, and evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea.

20, Culver Road, Winchester. Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec.

The Kent County Association—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, November 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the schoolroom. Nearest station is Goudhurst.

W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 4. A good meeting is requested.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston. Walter Hughes, Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, Mon., on Saturday, November 8th, at 4.30. The restored new ring of eight bells will be rung for the first time, and will be available for ringing all the evening. Marshfield (8 bells) also available. Tea will be provided free. Will those intending to be present kindly advise the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., not later than Tuesday, November 4th.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, November 15th. St. Leonard's tower open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. Other details later.

Bell Foundry, Croydon. Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ingatstone on Saturday, November 15th. Service at 5 o'clock. Short address by the Rev. J. W. House, Rector of Fryerning. Tea and meeting at 5.45 at the "Spread Eagle" Hotel; 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. All outstanding subscriptions ought to be paid at this meeting. Ingatstone bells (5), at 3.30, and during the evening; Fryerning bells (5), 3.30 to 4.30, and 7.30 to 9. Members requiring tea kindly notify me not later than first post on Wednesday, November 12th. Henry F. Cooper, Dist. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Essex Association—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th. Tea (followed by meeting), will be provided at The Chappell Hotel at 5.30; 6d. to members giving notice to A. Shuffelbotam, Dist. Sec.

Little Square, Braintree.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage, 6.15. F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec. Oakley.

Caldicot (Monmouthshire).—The re-dedication of Caldicot bells by the Bishop of Llandaff will take place on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 o'clock. The bells will be opened by the local band, and will be available for ringing during the evening, to which any ringer is welcome.

All Saints, Rayne, Essex.—The new bell will be dedicated on November 1st at 3 p.m. Preacher—Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Rector will provide tea for ringers who give notice of attending not later than October 27th. B. Ridgewell, Hon. Sec.

The Street, Rayne.

St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, near Halifax.—On Saturday, November 1st, a new peal of eight bells, tenor 16 cwt., by Gillett and Johnston, will be duly opened. Ringers cordially invited. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Mallinson Taylor, Hon. Sec.

Woodfield Cottage, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

WENTBRIDGE, NEAR PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—The new chime of bells from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry will be dedicated at a special service in Wentbridge Church on Friday, November 7th at 10.30 a.m., by the Lord Bishop of Beverley.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

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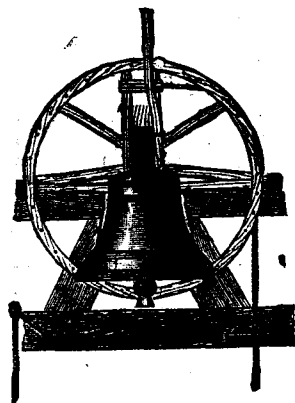
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Crayford on Saturday, October 25th. The bells were available at 3 p.m. Divine Service was held at 5.30 p.m., but owing to the accident on the S.E. & C.R., a goodly number did not get there in time for this. An excellent address was delivered by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector), from St. Matthew xxi., verse 26: "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

Tea followed in St. Paulinus Hall, to which sixty-nine sat down, including the Rector, the Revs. W. B. Lord and W. J. Bloomfield, and E. R. Stoneham (churchwarden).

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. St. Margaret's, Lee, and Lewisham, were proposed as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the latter being carried by a large majority for the third Saturday in January, 1914.

The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded him for the same.

T. Groombridge, sen. was re-elected District Secretary, and W. J. Jeffries was re-elected District Representative.

A discussion then took place on the Benevolent Fund, and the District Representative was asked to move the insertion of a word at the coming Committee meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Rector for his address, the use of the bells, and for presiding; the Revs. W. B. Lord and W. J. Bloomfield, and C. R. Stoneham, Esq., for meeting them; Mr. P. G. Bex and the local band for making the arrangements: the organist and choir for their services in Church; and the ladies who had so kindly waited on them.

The Rector, Mr. P. G. Bex, and Mr. E. Barnett, sen., replying, thanked them for their vote of thanks, and this concluded the meeting. The tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.

A meeting of the above was held at Old Warden on Saturday, November 1st, when nearly twenty members attended from Potton, Sandy, Northill, Blunham, Biggleswade, Clifton, and several of the local band. Good practice in various methods was had upon the bells, a nice peal of six by Taylor.

At the meeting presided over by Mr. W. J. Mayes (Old Warden), and held in the tower, one member was elected after the minutes had been read and confirmed, after which the chief business was commenced, viz., the resignation of the Branch Secretary, Mr. F. Blood, who, owing to circumstances, will be unable to carry on the duties, as he will be leaving the district in a few weeks; his resignation being accepted with regret.

Mr. H. Rowlett, of Biggleswade, spoke a few words, thanking Mr. Blood for all he had done for the Branch.

and how sorry the members were to know that he was going to leave them, as he had worked so hard among them to better the conditions that were found in this part of Bedfordshire, but at the same time wishing him success wherever he went.

Mr. Blood suitably replied, saying how sorry he was to leave them all, and he would greatly miss them, but at the same time he would always carry with him the memory of his stay in Bedfordshire, and hoped the work he had helped to start would continue and prosper, and make the Branch a great success, as he had always been ready to help all with his advice and knowledge as far as he could; after which, Mr. E. Stratton, of Biggleswade, was elected Secretary, *pro tem*.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells and tower, and also to the chairman, terminated the meeting.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Glinton on Saturday, November 1st. Mr. F. T. Cooke presided, the Rector (Rev. F. Almond), being unable to attend.

After tea the members attended vespers at 6 o'clock, the Rector officiating. Two new members were elected at the meeting. Those attending were Maxey (2), Fleet (1), Yaxley (2), Stamford (4), West Deeping (1), Littleworth (2), Bourne (2), Edenham (1), Castor (1), Peterborough (6), and the local band (6), in all 28.

The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent, and Cambridge Surprise.

BIGGLESWADE BELLS.

TABLET UNVEILED RECORDING FIRST COMPLETE PEAL.

An interesting ceremony in connection with the St Andrew's Society, took place on a recent Sunday in the belfry of the Parish Church, Biggleswade, when a handsome tablet of Austrian oak was unveiled, commemorating the ringing of the first complete peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since their restoration last year.

The ceremony took place immediately after Matins. After an opening prayer by the Vicar (Rev. R. S. Bagshaw), Mr. H. Franklin (churchwarden), unveiled the tablet on behalf of the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the congregation. He referred to the excellent work done by Mr. F. Blood in starting and training the band of ringers, and deplored the loss which Biggleswade would sustain in his coming removal from the district.

The Vicar and Mr. F. Gee also spoke very highly of Mr. Blood's excellent work in connection with the St. Andrew's Society of the Biggleswade branch of the Bedfordshire Association.

Mr. F. Blood, in reply, thanked the speakers for their kind words. He should always remember the happy

hours he had spent in the tower. What he had done, however, was only carrying out the rules of their Association in furthering the art and science of change-ringing. He hoped the Biggleswade ringers would stick to their colours, and work up a band which would continue to be a credit to the town. He hoped to return to the town at some time, and ring a peal with them.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to the maker and writer of the tablet. After this little ceremony, 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. E. Hussey, J. Church, A. Pratt, L. Harlow, C. A. Pratt, F. Blood, W. J. Mayes, I. C. Franklin. This was followed by a course of Bob Major, rung by Messrs. F. Blood, H. Rowlett, W. J. Mayes, E. Stratton, A. Pratt, J. Church, C. A. Pratt, L. Harlow. Mr. F. Blood acted as conductor in both these touches.

Mr. J. Church and L. Harlow kindly came over from Bedford for the occasion, and four who took part in the peal on August 9th were prevented owing to the bad weather.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:—

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

JUBILATE DEO.

On Saturday, August 9th, 1913, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, was rung on the bells in this tower in three hours twenty minutes.

RINGERS.

John W. Barker ... Treble	Charles A. Pratt ... 5
Edward J. Webb ... 2	Fred Blood ... 6
John Hare ... 3	Wm. J. Mayes ... 7
Horace H. Smith ... 4	Edward Hussey ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker, and
Conducted by J. Barker.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were recast and rehung, and three memorial bells given by local residents to complete the octave, in 1912.

Rev. R. Bagshaw, Vicar; H. M. Lindsell, C.B., Henry Franklin, Churchwardens.

The story of the Biggleswade bells has been recently told in full. Four of the bells date back to 1721, and bear quaint inscriptions, showing that they were cast by Russell, of Wootton. Possibly, a fifth bell existed at that period, and was replaced in 1806 by the present tenor bell. The octave was completed last year by the addition of three bells, and the whole peal tuned and hung on the most approved principles. The peal as now existing is considered, for its weight, second to none in Bedfordshire.

RAYNE CHURCH BELLS.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW TREBLE.

On Saturday last the new treble which has been added to the old five at Rayne Parish Church, was dedicated by the Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., senior curate at Chelmsford. The five old bells have been quarter turned and rehung, the frame has been strengthened, and the old wheels repaired and renewed where necessary. The ropes, which originally ran round the wrong way, have now been made to run the right way and fall in a good circle. The cost of the work, some £65, has been met by voluntary contributions, ringers in various parts of Essex giving upwards of £10. Of the sum required, over £60 had been raised before the dedication service began, and the offertory at the service more than made up the balance. Prior to the

service the five old bells were rung by the local band. The form of service was shortened Evensong. The church was crowded, among the large number of ringers present being representatives from all branches of the Essex Association.

Service was conducted by the Rev. C. Hutchinson, Rector, other clergy present including the Revs. H. J. Shildrick (Bocking), W. Warren (Black Notley), J. P. Noyes (Finchingfield), A. J. Law (Shalford), H. Elrington (Salling) and W. Symonds (Panfield). Preceded by the cross-bearer, the clergy and choir entered the west door, singing, "All people that on earth do dwell." After the lesson, which was read by the Rev. A. J. Law, the procession of clergy and choir was reformed, and proceeded to the tower, singing Psalm cl. Dedictory prayers were offered by the Rev. J. H. Barrow, after which a return was made to the chancel, while the six bells were rung in rounds.

THE USES OF BELLS.

An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Barrow, from the words "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals," taken from Psalm cl. He said the final words of the Book of Psalms were a call to praise, and in the present day well-tuned bells might be regarded as taking the place of well-tuned cymbals. The highest use that could be made of bells was to voice the emotions the joys and the sorrows of the people. On the occasion of the funeral of Queen Victoria the bells were tolling in Oxford from early morning till late at night, so that the very atmosphere seemed charged with their solemn sound. One great use of church bells was to lift people up from earthly to heavenly things. At times the church bells might sound when only two or three were gathered together in church to answer the call to service, but others, who were going to work, were reminded by the bells that the prayers of the few were rising, like incense, to God. Those who rang church bells were called to a high service, though up in the belfry they were out of sight, and often out of mind. The wonderful art of change-ringing had been greatly revived, and had become quite a feature in England. On the feast of All Saints, to whose memory Rayne church had been dedicated, they had added to its glory by giving another bell to the tower. Still the glory of the church did not depend upon the gifts made to it, but upon the lives of the people who worshipped there. The best way to adorn God's House was to make it a meeting place of His saints, marked with the sign of the Cross, so that lives might be lifted up in harmony with Christ, and courage be taken from fellowship with the saints who had already passed to their rest.

After the sermon a solemn Te Deum was sung, and the service concluded with the recessional hymn "Now thank we all our God." The collection, for the Bells Restoration Fund, realised £5 11s.

Immediately after the service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung by members of the Essex Association, conducted by Mr. Howard (Master). In the evening the Rector and Mrs. Hutchinson entertained upwards of 70 ringers at tea in the schoolroom, after which the tower was again occupied and the bells kept going till 9.30.

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The calling of the last twenty-three courses to be repeated, except the first course, which call 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, and produce 214365879, whence rounds next change.

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The origin of this peal was composed by C. H. H. in 1889. It has two pairs of bells reversed in 5-6, viz., 4th and 5th, and 4th and 6th, without recourse to bobs "before." Also the 4th and 6th are the extent in sixths place (on this plan) without 2nd or 3rd being there. It is productive of several variations, also having 4-5 and 5-6 reversed course-ends in 5056 and 5184 changes.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, October 19th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. P. Pain, M. Pink, E. Squibb, F. Chaffey, W. Pain, G. Wilkins, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain. On Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, 560 Bob Major, For evening service 576 Bob Major. P. Pain, M. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor). On Monday, November 3rd, after the Induction of the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Hampton Weekes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Pink, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain. On Tuesday, November 4th, 560 Bob Major. P. Pain, M. Pink, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, W. Pain, C. Price, F. Chaffey, H. Jennings (conductor).

RAYNE.—For Children's Service on All Souls' Day, 720 Bob Minor. B. Ridgwell, W. H. Dyson, F. Ely, F. Webb, F. Slade, G. Lindnag (conductor).

CHURCH BELLS DEDICATED AT TICHMARSH.

MEMORIAL TO LATE RECTOR.

All Saints' Day, 1913, will live long in the memory of the inhabitants of Tichmarsh, for on Saturday afternoon the Bishop of Peterborough dedicated the bells (eight in number) of the fine old Parish Church. These had been restored in memory of the late Rev. F. M. Stopford, who was for over fifty years Rector of the parish, and who died in the early part of last year. For four or five years there had been no peals rung on the bells owing to their dilapidated and dangerous condition, and they were last used for chiming prior to removal on Sunday, June 1st. The Rev. A. M. Luckock, formerly of Kettering, who was appointed Rector of Tichmarsh in July last year and took up his residence the following October, entered heartily into the undertaking. The first appeal was issued in November in the names of Lord Lilford, the Patron, Colonel Stopford Sackville, and the Archdeacon of Oakham (the Ven. E. M. Moore), with the Rector as Treasurer, and there was a liberal response. The original proposal was to recast five bells, but upon a further sum of money being received for the Memorial Fund it was decided that all eight bells should be recast. Besides the work in connection with the bells, it was found that a new floor in the belfry was necessary, and a large beam placed in position in 1836 had to be renewed owing to decay. There were also repairs needed to the tower roof and pointing to the walls. The recasting and rehanging of the bells has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon; the bells have been rehung in a modern steel and iron frame, etc. The clock strike and quarter chime hammers have also been refitted. The tower renovation was supervised by Mr. J. T. Blackwell, architect, of Kettering, and the work carried out by Mr. C. R. Pettitt, of Thrapston. The total cost was £421, and it reflects very much to the devotion and energy of the present Rector that the total amount required has been raised. The figures are as follows: Expenses: Bell and clock work, £361; masons, floor, etc., £55; architect's fees, etc., £5; total, £421. Receipts: Subscriptions, £400; Churchwardens' Fabric Fund, £10; sale of old timber, etc., £3; Northants. Bellringers' Association, £2; interest at Bank, £5; total, £421.

The following are the weights of the bells, inscriptions, and notes. The total weight of the peal is 70cwt 1qr. 3lb. Treble.—E. "In Mem: Florence Augusta Stopford, amici me dedicaverunt. A.D. 1885. Pax vobiscim." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lb.

2.—D sharp. "In Mem: Florence Augusta Stopford. Amici me dedicaverunt. A.D. 1885. Et cum Spiritu tue." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

3.—C sharp. "Cantate Domino Canticum Novum." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

4.—B. "God save the king." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

5.—A. "Sursam Corda." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

6.—G sharp. "Serve God and be cheerful." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 8 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.

7.—F sharp. "Ring out the false ring in the true." Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lb.

Tenor.—E. This peal of eight bells was re-cast in memory

of the Reverend Frederick Manners Stopford, M.A., Rector 1861-1912. Arthur Mortimer Luckock, Rector. Henry Burgess, Richard William Twelftree, Churchwardens. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

The peal is tuned on the Five-tone Simpson principle.

THE SERVICE.

For the dedication service the Church was quite filled with parishioners and visitors. The robed clergy, in addition to the Bishop, were the Rev. Canon Hodgson (Rector of Aldwinckle), the Rev. A. M. Luckock (Rector of the parish), the Rev. F. H. Long (Rector of Twywell), who carried the pastoral staff. Amongst the general congregation were Lord Lilford (patron), and Lady Lilford, Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour (Wadenhoe), Miss Stopford Sackville, Miss Shedden (the oldest resident of Tichmarsh), the Rev. Hugh Bryan (Rector of Stoke Doyle, and one of the founders of the Central Northamptonshire Association), Mr. J. T. Blackwell (Kettering), Mr. C. R. Pettitt (Thrapston), and a large number of bellringers from the district, including Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton, Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association). The full choir were in attendance. As opening voluntaries the organist (Mr. W. Jeffs) played several selections, including "Hear my prayer O Lord" (Taylor), "O give me the comfort of Thy help" (Barnby), etc. The service was conducted by the rector. During the singing of the first hymn, "Who are these like stars appearing," the Bishop and robed clergy and Mr. Twelftree, one of the churchwardens, and Mr. Burgess, the other churchwarden, being a member of the choir, proceeded to the tower, where, after versicles and responses, etc., the Bishop said a prayer beseeching God to accept the offering of the bells. After a prayer for those who should ring the bells, there followed a short dedication of the bells to the glory of God. Then the bells rang out for a few rounds, and after they had ceased, the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel as the next hymn "Now thank we all our God" was started. The final hymn was "Hark the sound of holy voices," during which the collection was in aid of a fund for the repair of the stone steps leading from the ringing-chamber to the belfry.

The ringing of the bells during the service was by the Tichmarsh band with Mr. Geo. Jeffs as leader, and after the service a special touch was rung by the following members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, invited by the Rector: Messrs. Walter Gray (Higham Ferrers), Leonard Wyman (Thrapston), Henry Stubbs (Raunds), R. Turner (Kettering), F. Wilford (Northampton), J. Nickerson (Thrapston), David Nicholls (Kettering), and Geo. Jeffs (conductor, Tichmarsh). Touches were also rung in succession by other bands, upwards of a dozen belfries being represented.

The services on Sunday were of a special character. There were celebrations at 8.15 (choral) and at 10.45 a.m. The preacher in the morning was the Rector, and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon Hodgson, Rector of Aldwinckle. The collections during the day were for the Churchyard Fund. With regard to the bells, great satisfaction was expressed at the improvement which has been effected, and the general opinion was that the peal is a fine one.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1913.

Readers are reminded of the re-opening of Shoreditch bells this (Saturday) afternoon; also of the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths in the evening. See notices for particulars.

Good news for the members of the Sussex Association. An anonymous donor has offered a sum of £1000 to provide a new peal of bells for St. Peter's Church, Brighton, and the offer has been accepted by the Vicar (Canon Hoskyns) and Churchwardens.

The octave at the Parish Church of Warfield, Berks was opened on Saturday last, when there was a large gathering of ringers from neighbouring towers. They make a wonderful little peal, of rich musical tone, with a tenor of 15cwt. 3qrs. 26lb., and are the product of the Whitechapel Foundry (Messrs. Mears & Stainbank).

Handbell ringers will note that Mr. William Gordon, in our advertising columns, directs special attention to his stock of music suitable for Christmas. Full catalogue will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope.

Northowram, Yorks, is in the happy position of possessing a handsome new church, the completion of which was signalled by the dedication, on Saturday last, of the magnificent tower, clock and bells. These are the gift of Mr. S. L. Watkinson, C.C. brother of the Vicar (Rev. G. Watkinson), who himself gave the money to build the church.

There will be a large gathering of ringers at Loughborough, to-day, for the unveiling and dedication of the tablet recording the long peal (18,027) of Stedman Caters rung there on Easter Monday, 1909. We shall publish an illustration next week as a special supplement.

It is satisfactory to note, in connection with the opening of Rayne bells, on Saturday last, that the whole of the money required has been subscribed. The local band, who themselves guaranteed the cost of the new bell, are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

The Metropolis.

LONDON, S.E.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIRE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal rang in the method, which was composed and published by Mr. George Baker in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 20th, 1899.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	FREDERICK J. FITSTOW .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	FREDERICK PITSTOW 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	ERNEST PYE 9
WILLIAM PYE 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung to commemorate the Festival of All Saints.

The Provinces.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, September 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	WILLIE ROUGHTON 6
FREDERICK R. BOERETT .. 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
FREDERICK DAY 4	LEONARD LAST Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE A. RANSOM Treble	CHARLES J. TRICKER 5
GEORGE SPENCER 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3	WILLIAM J. NEW* 7
FREDERIC G. GODDARD .. 4	ALBERT SHEARD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NEW.

*First peal as conductor in the method. Rang as a wedding peal on the day of the marriage of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

CUBITT TOWN.—On Sunday, October 19th, after Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Carrotts, E. Horrex (first quarter-peal inside), W. Rawlings, T. H. Hawkins, E. E. Richards, G. H. Daynes (conductor), H. Clark, C. Clark.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR Treble	JOHN B. HALLIFAX 4
GEORGE LADD 2	GEORGE R. TRUSS 5
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 4
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
GEORGE LINES 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth Society.)

On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of one 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor and two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FIRCE Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT .. 2	JOHN LARTER 5
JAMES SPALDING 3	FREDERICK W. WATLING .. Tenor

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

Rung on the Eve of the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
WILLIAM J. NEW* 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GAERIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method.

MITCHAM.—For Sunday morning service on November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins. J. A. Lambert (conductor), J. D. Drewett, W. H. Joiner, W. S. Smith, A. Calver, *F. Tilley, C. W. R. Grimwood, B. Morris. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell. For evening service a quarter-peal of Double Norwich, in 44 mins. A. C. Cntmere, J. A. Lambert, B. Morris, A. W. Darlington, A. Calver, C. W. R. Grimwood, C. Bance, W. S. Smith. Rang as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Tilley.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT TURNER* Treble	WILLIAM J. SCHULTZE* .. 5
J. STENTON DANIELS† .. 2	FRANK N. ATTWATER .. 6
JAMES RUMBLE 3	HERBERT ATTWATER .. 7
WILLIAM MARDELL* 4	GEORGE LUDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by J. S. DANIELS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to W. Aste, Esq., who for many years was connected with Immanuel Church, and during the last six years was Vicar's warden. The above peal is unique, in that all the ringers belong to the firm of J. S. Daniels, the well-known builder and decorator.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, October 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL CORRETT* Treble	JESSE SCREEN 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
HARRY S. SMITH 3	SAMUEL BAKER 7
WILLIAM R. SMALL 4	EDWARD F. MITCHELL† .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal and first attempt. †Proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. Rung on the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude. Mr. Gongh, who hails from Cossley, has now rung each bell in the above tower through a peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 2	HERBERT COX† 6
ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	JOHN BURT* Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

*First peal, and was elected a member before starting. †First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Dymoke, of Old Windsor, and Mr. W. H. Hammond, who were married at Lucknow, India, that day.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

SIDNEY CHAMPION Treble	JOHN H. CHAMPION 5
WILLIAM HAIGH 2	WILLIAM EASTER 6
FREDERICK OCKWELL .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
ALBERT MANCKTLOW .. 4	CHARLES BELSEY Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and tenor. First peal of Triples by ringer of 5th, and first peal on the bells since being augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Rung at the first attempt.

BIRKENHEAD (Cheshire).—On Sunday, October 26th, at St. Saviour's Church, Oxton, 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples. C. Owens, H. Brocklebank, Miss Evelyn Steel, W. Hughes, R. Birchall, J. Evans, H. Martin (conductor), S. Mostyn. This is the first time a lady has rung in this tower

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. W. E. COLCHESTER* Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
HENRY WHITE 2	WILFRED ANDREWS 6
ROBERT C. MAYO 3	CHARLES H. RUSSELL 7
WILLIAM H. CRUTE 4	WALTER BUTT* Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT, BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CECIL R. CHAMBERLAIN* .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
ALFRED FUNNELL 2	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	FRANK R. COPEMAN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE

*First peal in the method. This was the fiftieth peal on these bells since their augmentation to eight, December 1908.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, Ipswich, London, and York. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. DORAN* Treble	HARRY TORELL 4
ALFRED PRIOR† 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 3	JOHN MOOLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the consecration of the Church. Three of the above methods are Class III.; the rest Class IV.

SUTTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BERNHILTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT BOXALL Treble	EDWARD E. DODD 5
J. H. WHITE 2	ALFRED CLAYTON 6
ALFRED BOXALL 3	JOHN WEBB 7
ROBERT GRIMWOOD 4	JAMES WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WEBB

Rung for evening service on the Vigil of All Saints.

HULL.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS W. DALE Treble	DAN MEADLEY* 5
HENRY JENKINS 2	ARTHUR B. COOK* 6
CHARLES JACKSON 3	THOMAS WHITFIELD 7
ERNEST COUSFORTH† .. 4	JOHN CHAMBERLAIN Tenor

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, M.A., and

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the Festival of All Saints and in honour of the birthdays of A. E. West (churchwarden of Sutton), and T. Harrison, steepkeeper.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS M. CHILLINGWORTH .. Treble	JOHN RANCE 5
ARTHUR BAILEY 2	JOSEPH HANDS 6
SAMUEL PAICE 3	HENRY SIMMONDS 7
FRANK LUSH 4	WILLIAM J. PAICE Tenor

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

Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival, before the evening service.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD JENNER Treble	ERNEST LEIGH 5
ALBERT BELTON 2	GEORGE MALYAN 6
JAMES HEASMAN 3	HERBERT MAREWELL 7
WILLIAM LEIGH 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SRN. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the festival of All Saints; also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. Somers-Cocks (Vicar), who, with Mrs Somers-Cocks, entertained the band to a splendid hot supper at the vicarage, and after which, a pleasant half-hour was spent listening to the Vicar's adventures in the Holy Land, and viewing relics, including a small portion of the Rock, Mount Moriah.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

DANIEL GILDEN Treble	MARK BEND 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
FRED TURNER 3	SAMUEL BAKER 7
ARTHUR W. WARD 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. Treble	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 3
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 2	SIDNEY J. PECK 4
HERBERT FIELDS Tenor	EDMUND C. CHASTY 5

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Rung on All Saints' Day.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday November 1, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

FREDERICK A. LICENCE .. Treble	CORPORAL GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 4
SAMUEL PETTER 2	HUBERT CHAFFRY 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	HENRY A. BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. CHAFFRY.

*First peal of Minor. Rung for the Festival of All Saints.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	ERNEST H. CLARKE 6
ALBERT H. WARD 2	JOHN FLOWER 7
HERBERT DAY 3	SAMUEL MASKREY 8
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	FRED HICKLING 9
J. CHARLES DICKEN 5	HENRY LETTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

Rung on the Festival of All Saints. *First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
EDWARD J. STAFFORD 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
ALBERT LITTLE 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung for the festival of All Saints, and also for the 26th anniversary of the opening of the bells. *First peal in the method; and also first in the method on the bells

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	JAMES WALDEN 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	JOSEPH ROOTE 6
ARTHUR CHURCH 3	WILLIAM ALLEN 7
PERCY LETCH 4	JOHN WOOD Tenor

Composed by H. PRICE, and Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

This peal was rung on the festival of All Saints, by the local company, and is the first in the method on the bells, and by the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and tenor men; also the first peal on eight bells by the 3rd, 6th and 7th ringers.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDE. W. RICE Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ALFRED W. GIMES 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Messrs. Trollope and Peck were elected previous to starting.

TIPTON (Staffs).—On Sunday, September 28th, for Harvest Festival at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. S. Corbett (longest length), W. R. Small, H. S. Smith, E. Smith, J. Small, J. Screen, A. Rowley, J. Ray. Composed by J. Carter, and conducted by J. Screen.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church on Sunday evening, November 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins, composed and conducted by A. T. Scrivens. W. Stratford (first quarter-peal), A. T. Scrivens, J. Porter, J. B. Collett, J. T. Perry, W. H. Carrod, G. A. Taylor, S. Coley.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5168 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST BARTEAM Treble	RICHARD H. BARTROM 5
SAMUEL COTTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
T. LEONARD ALLEN 3	FRED STANFORTH* 7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This composition, which contains the 6th her extent w and r, is now rung for the first time. Rung on All Saints' Day. *First peal in the method. J. Morris's rooth peal (list elsewhere) and his son's 68th, the odd changes being the combined total.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	ALFRED E. PEARCE 6
WILLIAM G. NIPPER* 2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 7
ALBERT SPOWELL 3	HENRY T. HOWELL 8
WILLIAM LANSDOWN 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung on All Saints' Day. *First peal of Royal and first attempt.

THE SURREY TOUR.

This peal was omitted last week, the method not being sent.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN EVANS 6
KENITH HART 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	JOHN C. TRUSS 9
GEORGE PRESTON 5	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung on the coming of age of Miss E. Bennett, the premier lady handbell ringer.

MR. JOSIAH MORRIS' (LEICESTER) 100 PEALS.

	Rung
Grandsire Triples	17
Grandsire Major	2
Grandsire Catersa	10
Bob Triples	2
Bob Major	17
Bob Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major ^b	17
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2
Double Norwich Majorc	17
Stedman Triples	6
Stedman Caters	5
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Bob Minor	1
Oxford Treble Bob Minor	1
Total—	100

Rung in 24 towers. *a* including 7001; *b* including 10,176; *c* including 11,008, and 17,104 record.

SUPERLATIVE AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY HENRY DAINS.

5056.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-
36245	B	-	-
23645	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

RAYNE BELL RESTORATION FUND.

The following contributions have been received:—

Amount already acknowledged	£	s.	d.
W. Turner, Rayne	0	5	0
J. Clayden	0	2	6
G. Barnard	0	2	0
L. Richardson	0	2	0
E. Chalk, Heybridge	0	1	0
G. Margetson, Chigwell	0	2	6
W. Watts, Stansted	0	1	6
P. Sayers, Great Totham	0	1	0
Ringers—Widford	0	3	0
Barking	0	5	6
Harlow Common	0	5	0
Walthamstow, St. Saviour's	0	2	0
Great Tey	0	3	0
Great Baddow	0	4	3
Danbury	0	5	0
Wanstead	0	4	6

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The necessary amount having been subscribed, the fund is closed, with thanks to the subscribers.

DEPTFORD.—On Monday, September 8th, to commemorate seven years vicariate of the Rev. A. Hart, M.A., an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after 2 hrs. good ringing. S. Daynes (longest length), W. Weatherstone, W. Rawlings, T. G. Deal, W. Daynes, E. Crowder, G. H. Daynes (conductor), F. G. Gooch.

WALTHAMSTOW—On Sunday, November 2nd, after Evensong at St Mary's Church, 1260 Stedman Caters. W. D. Smith, *W. J. Cooper, W. J. Kemp, H. Rumens, R. Maynard, sen., J. C. Adams, J. H. Wilkins, W. B. Manning, C. T. Coles (conductor), *L. G. Hicks. Composed by J. P. Bradley. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

NORTHOWRAM CHURCH.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The completion of the great work accomplished at Northowram, in the building of the new St. Matthew's Church, was signalled on Saturday afternoon by the dedication by the Archdeacon of Halifax (the Ven. W. Foxley Norris, M.A.), of the magnificent tower, peal of eight bells, and clock, given by Mr. S. Watkinson, brother of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Watkinson, who himself gave the money for the new Church.

The ceremony was performed under the happiest auguries. The splendid new tower stood out in bold relief against a blue sky, and was not shrouded by a pail of drizzling rain, as might have been expected on the first afternoon in November. The gilt characters of the handsome Church clock shone in the rays of sunshine so warm and genial, that it might have belonged to a September day. The church was crowded.

Among the clergy present were the Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A. (Vicar of Northowram), the Rev. H. F. Wonnacott (Barkisland), the Rev. H. F. Booth (St. Thomas', Halifax), Rev. H. Edwards, and the Rev. J. Maxin Walton, M.A. (Northowram). Among others present were Mr. S. L. Watkinson, the churchwardens (Messrs. W. Oates and W. Sutcliffe), Mr. Cyril Johnston (representing the bell-founders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), and a representative of the clockmakers (Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, Ltd., Leeds).

The processional hymn was "Pleasant are Thy courts above." The Archdeacon preached an appropriate sermon based on the text, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever." (Hebrews xiii. 8).

THE DEDICATION.

The sermon was followed by prayer and the singing of the hymns "Hark the sound of holy voices," "Come, Holy Ghost," and "Christ is made the sure Foundation." The Archdeacon, clergy, and churchwardens, then proceeded to the tower, where the Archdeacon again offered solemn and impressive prayer, and then pronounced the dedication sentences.

Mr. S. Watkinson then set the pendulum of the clock in motion, and in a few moments its mellow tones rang out in chiming a quarter to four. Mr. Watkinson then rang one of the bells.

"O God, our help in ages past," was sung as the recessional hymn, and after the clergy had returned to the sanctuary, the choir and congregation sang the *Te Deum*.

The Archdeacon then pronounced the Blessing, and the service concluded.

RINGING THE NEW BELLS.

The following description of the new bells hangs in the belfry tower.

The new ring of eight bells in this tower were hung in a steel and iron frame, and supplied with iron headstocks and modern fittings throughout the peal being tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle. No. 1 weighs 4 cwt 2 qrs 6 lbs; No. 2—4 cwt 0 qrs 23 lbs; No. 3—4 cwt 1 qr 24 lbs; No. 4—5 cwt 0 qrs 25 lbs; No. 5 bears the inscription—"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep," and weighs 6 cwt 1 qr

19 lbs; No. 6—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men," 6 cwt; No. 7—"For mercies undeserved this peal is raised; and may the Name of God through Christ be praised," 11 cwt 0 qrs 23 lbs; No. 8—"O come let us sing unto the Lord," 15 cwt. 3 qrs 16 lbs; total—50 cwt 3 qrs 21 lbs

Rev. G. WATKINSON, Vicar.

WILLIAM OATES.

WILLIAM SUTCLIFFE, Churchwardens.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

After the service in the Church, the Lightcliffe ringers rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major on the new bells. The ringers were Messrs. G. Drake, J. Rushworth, J. Lawson (conductor), G. Naylor, C. Carrington, A. Jagger, T. H. Gelder, and E. Barker.

The Northowram ringers will be Messrs. A. Jagger (conductor), E. Bottomley, F. Booth, E. Ryan, G. Toomer, W. Noble, H. Hanson, W. Crapper, and M. Taylor.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Our report of the dedication of these bells is unavoidably held over.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Monday, November 3rd, at the Parish Church, an attempt for a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major had to be stopped after 2 hrs. and 23 mins. excellent ringing, owing to a case of illness in the town. W. Pierce, J. Spalding, F. C. Lambert (conductor), C. Moss, A. H. Took, J. Howard, J. Larter, F. W. Watling.

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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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."

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, November 2nd for evening service at St. Giles' Church 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. L. Osborne, Miss E. Goodship H. Osborne, A. Bailey, G. Goodship, F. Griffin, W. Dormer, A. W. Osborne (conductor). Longest touch of Major by all except the conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH.

MADRESFIELD.—On Sunday morning, November 2nd, for Divine Service at the Parish Church, 720 Double Stedman's Slow Course. E. E. Barber, W. Niblett, F. Bryan, F. Stanton, C. Camm, R. G. Knowles (conductor). This is the first 720 in the method by all, and on the bells.

MALVERN LINK.—On Sunday evening, November 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Matthias' Church, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Niblett, F. Bryan, E. E. Barber, J. Brown, H. Chance, C. Camm, R. G. Knowles (conductor). A. Richings. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Bryan.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Sunday evening, November 2nd, for the Dedication Festival of All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob

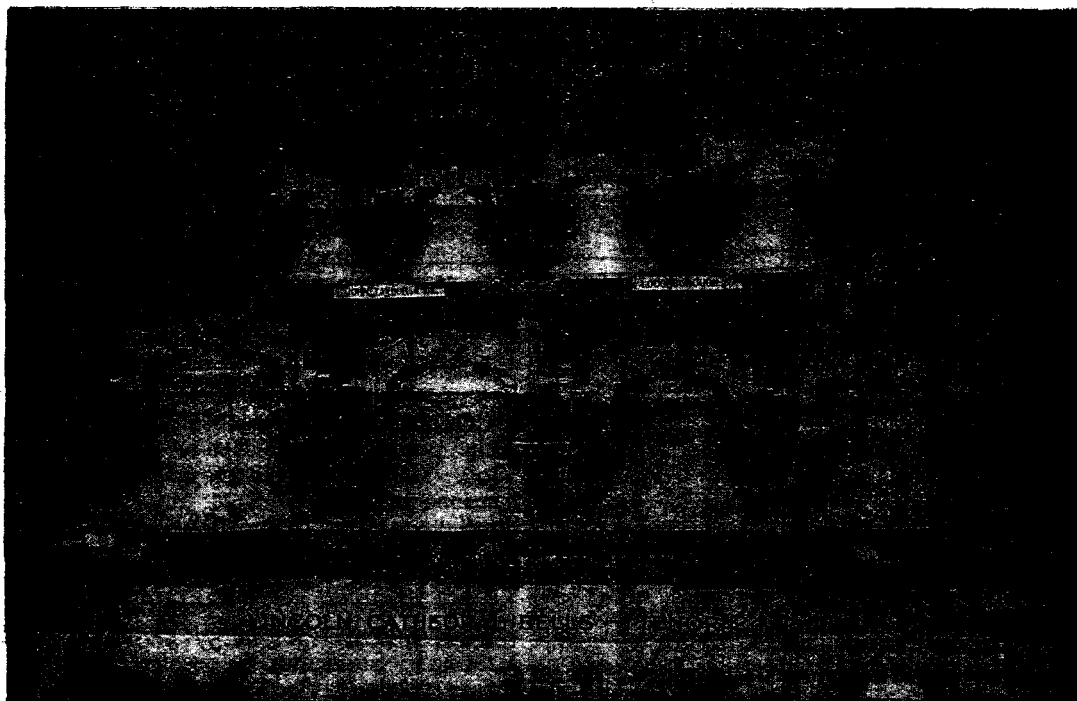
Royal, 1680 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. C. Harriman, J. Oldham, J. Hardy, E. Cartwright, E. Leslie, E. Abbott, H. W. Abbott, J. Smith, E. Reader, J. W. Taylor (conductor).

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Friday, October 31st (All Saints' Eve), at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Buck A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), G. Heather, A. Bundle, C. Gordon, J. Wignell, F. Holder, F. Boulter. This contains Whittingtons, Queens, Tittums and the twelve in course 6-78.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Sunday, September 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twelve 7-4s from Shipway's peal (30 bobs), in 43 mins. W. Coveney, W. Wood, T. E. Eades, G. Beeby, E. E. Bridges, H. Baker, W. Holdstock, G. Coveney. On October 5th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 34 bobs and two sing'es, in 42 mins. W. Coveney, R. Garner, E. E. Bridges, T. E. Eades, G. Beeby, H. Baker, W. Holdstock, G. Coveney. Composed by W. T. Elson (Fulham). On Tuesday, October 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, 32 bobs 2 singles. W. Coveney, I. W. Lane (first 720 of Minor) C. H. Drake, T. E. Eades, E. E. Bridges, H. Baker, G. Coveney. All conducted by H. Baker.

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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 November 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637.—The 276th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, G. F. Wild, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available from 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 8th. The Cathedral tower will be open during the afternoon and evening, and evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea.

20, Culver Road, Winchester. Jas. W. Elkins, Dist. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, November 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the schoolroom. Nearest station is Goudhurst.

W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 4. A good meeting is requested.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Walter Hughes, Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, Mon., on Saturday, November 8th, at 4.30. The restored new ring of eight bells will be rung for the first time, and will be available for ringing all the evening. Marshfield (8 bells) also available. Tea will be provided free.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, November 15th. St. Leonard's tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after. All in the schoolroom adjoining the Church.

Bell Foundry, Croydon. Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, November 15th. Service at 5 o'clock. Short address by the Rev. J. W. House, Rector of Fryerning. Tea and meeting at 5.45 at the "Spread Eagle" Hotel; 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. All outstanding subscriptions ought to be paid at this meeting. Ingatestone bells (5), at 3.30, and during the evening; Fryerning bells (5), 3.30 to 4.30, and 7.30 to 9. Members requiring tea kindly notify me not later than first post on Wednesday, November 12th.

Henry F. Cooper, Dist. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The

annual meeting for this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th. Tea (followed by meeting), will be provided at The Chappell Hotel at 5.30; 6d. to members giving notice to

A. Shuffelbotham, Dist. Sec.

Little Square, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the Oldham Society will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 19th. 4.0.—St. Nicolas bells (10) available. 5.30.—Service at St. Nicolas Church; Preacher—Rev. G. Dandridge, M.A., Rector of St. Nicolas. 6.15.—Tea at the "Star Hotel." Chairman—His Worship the Mayor of Guildford (G. S. Odling-Smee, Esq., J.P.). Tea tickets free to members; 1s. to visitors.

North Street, Guildford.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage, 6.15.

F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.

Oakley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

County Offices, Chelmsford

H. F. Cooper.

DEPTFORD.—On Tuesday, October 21st, Trafalgar Day, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Nicholas Church, in 42 mins. T. G. Deal, W. Weatherstone (conductor), I. G. Shade, F. W. Richardson, T. H. Hawkins, W. Daynes, G. H. Daynes, F. G. Gooch. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Weatherstone, aged 73, and F. G. Gooch, aged 51, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

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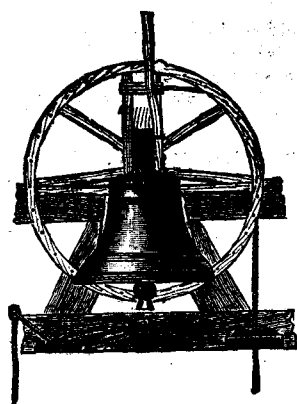
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

276TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

GREAT AND ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

The 276th Annual Festival of the above society was held on Saturday evening, November 8th, at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, under the chairmanship of the Master, Mr. T. Faulkner, of Barking. There was a record gathering of ringing enthusiasts from all over the country. Among the many well-known ringers present were Miss Macalpine Leny (Speldhurst), who received hearty greetings this being her 25th attendance at the anniversary dinner. The Venerable the Archdeacon of London, D.D., the Rev. J. H. Ellison (Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill), the Rev. R. Peek (Rector of St. Magnus), the Rev. D. Mackinnon (late Rector of Speldhurst), the Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Vicar of Barking), the Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham), Mr. J. W. Taylor (Messrs. Taylor & Co. (Loughborough), Mr. A. Hughes (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel), Mr. C. Johnston (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), Mr. J. Truss (Marlow), Mr. H. J. Wilkins, Mr. W. Cave, Mr. C. H. Gordon (Bristol), Mr. E. Groves, Mr. Albert Walker, Mr. A. P. Smith (Birmingham), Mr. F. H. Hall (Thornbury), Mr. Adolphus Roberts (Coventry), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. W. Bowen (Ilfracombe), Mr. Denison Hayward (Great Yarmouth), Mr. Macdonald (Bournemouth), Mr. Tom Hibbert (Caversham), Mr. Poppey (Suffolk), Mr. Sam Thomas (Sheffield), Mr. Paddon Smith (Sheffield), Mr. Tom Page, Mr. Arthur Cole, Mr. Hicks, Mr. C. A. Gray, Mr. A. P. Pulling, Mr. C. Hazledene, Mr. Dobbie (Guildford), Mr. Furnley, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (Teddington), Mr. W. Manning (Woodford), Mr. J. E. Davies, Mr. Sidney Godfrey (Chiswick), Mr. Stebbings (Kensington), the Sheffield ringers, the Barking churchwardens, organist, and ringers; the Walthamstow ringers, the Upper Clapton ringers, and representatives of all the principal bands of London ringers, including those well-known throughout England: Challis Winney, William Garrard, Edward Horrex, Robert Newton, George Price, Herbert Langdon, Walter Prime, George Fardon, J. W. Golding, Edward O'Meara, A. B. Peck, E. G. Fenn, J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, A. A. Hughes, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, G. W. Wild, with the ever genial and incomparable Honorary Secretary, Mr. William T. Cockerill.

An excellent dinner was served.

In submitting the toast of "The King," the Master, Mr. T. Faulkner said: It needs no words of mine to recommend a toast like this, it is honoured whenever Britishers are gathered together. I don't know what the King's feelings are towards us as ringers generally, I have never been able to discover; but I saw in the papers the other day an illustration of one of the King's sons taking part in a field game at Eton, and when I saw how miserable he looked I thought how much better it would be if the King were to put one of his sons to learn to ring; we might

then be able to call it the "Royal and Ancient Art of Campanology"; but I have no doubt that kings' sons have other parts to play, although I have no doubt they would learn a good many lessons of life in a belfry. As I have said I do not know the King's feelings towards us, but what I do know is something of ringers' feelings towards the King. I know they have an intense feeling of love and loyalty to the Throne of England. That is a fact that is proved by our presence when any special Royal event takes place. Gentlemen, I am sure we all wish the King long life, every blessing of life, health, prosperity, a long, happy and peaceful reign.

The toast was vocally honoured.

Mr. T. Faulkner, in proposing the toast of the "Church," said: Hitherto the toast has been "Church and State." Why the Dinner Committee left out the State this time I do not know, but you can each at least draw your own inference. The toast of the Church is one which, at a gathering of Churchmen such as this is, meets with enthusiasm. We as ringers have great responsibilities towards the Church. When I first became a ringer one of the earliest things that was dinned into my ears was that you should be a churchman first and a ringer afterwards. I think that if we all keep that idea before us we shall not fail in our responsibilities to the Church. One of the first responsibilities we have is to remember the purpose for which the bells were hung in the towers, and, of course, with few exceptions, the bells are hung in church towers; we have to remember that our first duty is to see that they are rung regularly, punctually and well, don't forget well, for Divine Service; but you cannot ring well for Divine Service without you have some practice, and it is just as much a part of our duty to be regular and punctual in our practices, keeping ourselves up to the mark and helping others who are not quite so proficient to attain a greater degree of proficiency—that is just as much a part of our duty as attending to ring for service. I have nothing to say against peal ringing, in moderation it is a good thing, it keeps us up to the mark; it keeps alive ambition and to a certain extent it makes better ringers of us; it keeps us more fit to ring for service. I am not going to say anything about Cups or Competitions or Analysis. I have an utter loathing and contempt for all three of them. I think the sooner they are dead and buried the better it will be for our sacred calling. Another duty we have to the Church is to order our lives so that our conduct as ringers shall not bring any reproach on the Church. Another duty we have to the Church is to help to defend her against the attacks of her enemies; such an attack as that which is being carried on at the present time, I mean the iniquitous Welsh Disestablishment Bill. It is our duty as ringers to help to protect the Church against that. But then, gentlemen, if we as ringers have responsibilities towards the Church, surely the Church has responsibilities towards ringers. One of those responsibilities is to see that our belfries are kept as part of God's House, to see that they are kept just as clean and decent as the chancel; to see that the bells are in proper order, to see that they are properly hung.

That is one of the duties of the Church, and I may say that the Clergy do not fully recognise that responsibility. Much has been done, mainly through the efforts of ringers themselves, but there is a good deal more to do. But taking it generally we as ringers wish the Church all prosperity. We trust and hope and pray she may ever go on a power for good, for the good of humanity and for the good of the nation, that she may ever go on practising and preaching the love and the example of her Divine Master.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Venerable the Archdeacon of London in responding to the toast of the Church, said: Mr. Master, I think I may add Miss Leny, mayn't I, gentlemen,—I am very glad indeed to be with you once again, and to respond to this toast of the Church. I may say that I was a little doubtful whether I should be able to be here, because a few nights ago I was going down to Bethnal Green, and was just getting to the church where I was going, and the bells were stopping, I called out to the chauffeur to hurry up, and he hurried up with such effect, that eventually he turned the car right over. Thank you for laughing, the Clergy do value the sympathy of their people. Well, in that wonderful way peculiar to London, the police were there, and I found myself being taken out of the window and taken into custody as though I had done something wrong; and then what do you think really happened? When we all came to our senses, and I thought the chauffeur was going to apologise in the meekest possible way to me, he looked at me straight in the face, and he said in a perfect fury, "Well I'm blest if ever I drive a parson again." There was a wild little dog all the time snapping away at me, and I think the dog was a dissenter. Then just as I was getting into the church, the chauffeur had the cool effrontery to ask me if I would give him five shillings because of the accident. I came to the conclusion that after all the Church couldn't have been so very popular down in that part. There was another reason why I rather wondered whether I should be able to come. I think I must admit I have been through a very great mental strain lately, but I am rather nervous of telling this story before Miss Leny, who, by the way, I may say is celebrating her silver wedding with the College Youths to-night, for this is the 25th time that she has been here. You see the position I have landed her in. She is a most appalling polygamist, because she has 178 husbands. I have no doubt that some of you have heard that at St. Paul's Cathedral we have been having just lately trouble with some very dear ladies seized with that good desire to come to church. They came a few Sundays ago, you remember, to St. Paul's Cathedral. Ladies have a way of talking sometimes, and they talked and made a little confusion. I had been out in the East End that morning, and when I came back this is how it was reported to me: "Well, sir, we have had twenty-five women this morning at the Cathedral, and they divided themselves into sets of sixes. Now how in the world did they do it? I tried to divide 6 by 25 and 25 by 6, and I couldn't do it. I tried it by algebra and arithmetic and by music and by bell ringing. We have here a great financier, perhaps the greatest church financier, I mean Mr. Ellison, and I will ask him whether he can divide 25 ladies into companies of 6; it can't be done I am sure. The mental strain was tremendous to me, I rather thought I should collapse. However, I am stronger than I thought, and I have been able to sit through a rather unpleasant dose of medicine from the Master to-night. I am not very keen about the Master at this moment, and this is why. When

he was talking about the belfries and the bells, and how they were not always kept in quite the best order, the uncomfortable thought came to me that by the law of the land it is the Archdeacon who is responsible for all the belfries, so all I can say is this: If ever you have a case at Birmingham or Sheffield or any of the places from which you came to-night where the belfries or the bells are in such a condition, as the Master very rightly drew our attention to, my advice to you is this: send it to the Archdeacon. These various shocks only prove how wonderfully strong I must be both in mind and body. In responding for the Church I at least can speak as an Archdeacon and say that we Archdeacons, I think, want a little whipping up, perhaps, in looking to our belfries and our bells. It is very jolly to be with you to-night. We are the Church; we have all been drinking our own healths, really, because you and I are the Church, and it does, I think, emphasize that splendid feeling of brotherhood that there is between us all. That we all just meet together to-night and say just what we are feeling. I had a most beautiful illustration just now of the beauty of brotherhood, especially between the clergy. It is Mr. Coleridge now: he was very unpleasant to me just now, and I am going to pay him off. Listen to this pathetic story of brotherhood. I have been sitting here and I can only say that Mr. Coleridge's conversation is a horrible revelation, for when we were talking about the proper time for smoking to commence, Mr. Coleridge gave me a short description of his first pipe. It was very short, I do not mean the pipe, I mean the description. It was this, he said "I smoked my first pipe," and then there was a pause, and as far as I could make out, the next and last thing was I was foand in a hay loft. Now for the most beautiful touching bit of brotherhood—so was I. Well here we are, two very old friends who are great brothers. There is a beautiful illustration of it, and we extend that delightful feeling that there is between us to all the laity, and in responding for the Church, I am sure you will allow me to associate, for I call them my own special brothers, the bellringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, and with this toast.

(To be continued).

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(ESTABLISHED 1637.)

At a meeting held on the 11th inst the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months:

Master	Mr T. Faulkner.
Treasurer	Mr. A. Hughes.
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In responding to a vote of thanks the Dean said he heartily welcomed the ringers to Winchester again, and expressed his high appreciation of their services as church-workers.

Mr. Andrews called attention to the number of five-bell towers, and the scarcity of six-bell towers in the district, and hoped that something might be done to increase the number of bells, because six bells were not only more interesting to ringers than five bells, but very much more pleasant to listen to.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean Chapter for the use of the bells, and to the Hon. Secretary.

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, seven new members from Chawton and seven from Selborne were admitted probationary members of the Guild: also one from North Stoneham, one from Bishopstoke, two from Twyford, and two full members from Twyford.

It was decided to hold three quarterly meetings in 1914; the first at Alton in February; the second at Stockbridge in May; and the third at Twyford in September. These meetings are to be held on the second Saturday in each month. Mr. G. Williams was appointed to give a course of instruction to the Owslebury band.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Peterstone, Mon., on Saturday, November 8th, and by the way such a great number attended, would have done credit to an annual meeting; practically representatives from all the towers in the diocese attended. No doubt the fact that the new ring of eight bells added to the diocese, and which was announced would be rung for the first time, was the means of drawing such a number. On arrival in the afternoon at Marshfield Station by the 2 o'clock train, some went to Marshfield Church that had not rung there before, whilst others went on to Peterstone, and by 5 o'clock all had met at Peterstone, where the Vicar of the parish

(Rev. H. G. Stanley), was heartily welcoming the ringers.

The business meeting commenced with the Hon. Secretary reading the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as correct, and signed by the Vicar, who very kindly was acting as chairman. Arising out of the minutes were a few items, which were discussed and dealt with.

Mr. Atwell gave notice that he would at the annual meeting bring forward a motion dealing with Life Membership.

New members were elected, and then the place for the next meeting was discussed, but it was decided to leave it until the annual meeting which is to be held at All Saints, Newport, on Boxing Day, December 26th.

On the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary, it was proposed, seconded, and supported by others, that a record be placed in the minutes of the Association, that the best possible thanks of the Association be accorded the Rev. H. G. Stanley, Vicar of Marshfield-with-Peterstone, for his successful efforts in bringing about the restoration of both Marshfield and Peterstone bells, each of which has now a complete ring of eight bells. When the rev. gentleman came to Marshfield, both rings, which were then six bells each, were in a deplorable condition; in fact neither of them were supposed to have been rung, only chimed, for at least 100 years. Not only were the bells in such a sad condition, but both the fabrics too. Now happily things are very different; both churches have been thoroughly restored inside and out, and the two old rings of six thoroughly restored, and the octavaes completed. It must be remembered too that this is not a thickly populated or industrial centre; the district is purely agricultural, and very thinly populated. It was put to the meeting, and unanimously carried.

The Vicar, replying, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to his parish, and thanked them for the kind things said of him as regards the restoring of the bells. He also said that he would be most pleased to grant the use of either ring for a peal at any time, but he would like all who took part to be members of the Association, and not blacklegs, meaning of course non-association members.

The best thanks are also due to the Vicar, and opportunity is now taken of giving him the best thanks for providing such a very nice tea for all who were there, which was no small item.

Subscriptions were taken, bringing the business meeting to a close.

The bells were afterwards kept going in the Standard methods, and all were struck and pleased with the very last sweet-toned ring of eight bells, now at the disposal and use of the Association.

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LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY W. WILDE, Eccleston, Chester.

5000.

23456	B	W	H	32456	B	W	H
26354	-	-	-	36254	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	23654	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	62354	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-	35624	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	63524	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-	56324	-	-	-
65324	-	-	-	32564	-	-	-
36524	-	-	-	53264	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-				

Each to be repeated four times. Single instead of the last bob in the fifth and tenth parts. First rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on November 7th, 1913, conducted by the composer. The first half of the above may be rung as a peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Major. It produces 5280 changes, but may be reduced to 5056 by omitting the three bobs bracketed in one part.

SUPERLATIVE AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5152.

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
25634	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
53624	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
23456	-	-	-

In this composition the 2nd bell is in 5th place at five course-codes only, and so is very musical.

I believe Mr. C. H. Hattersley has a greater claim to the 5056 you last week published over my name than I have, and I therefore withdraw my interest therein.

BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE, Fiskerton, Notts.

5120.

23456	W	H
26435	-	-
42635	-	-
63425	-	-
46325	-	-
34625	-	-
62345	-	-
36245	-	-
24365	-	-
32465	-	-
43265	-	-
45236	-	-
2453	-	-
5324	-	-
2534	-	-
3254	-	-
5432	-	-
3542	-	-
4352	-	-
5243	-	-
4325	S	-
2435	-	-
3245	-	-

Repeated.

Call first and eleventh courses thus: 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3.

BOB MAJOR.

By B. FRANCIS, Clare, Suffolk.

1280.

23456	W	B	M	H
23564		I	-	-
52364			-	-
43265			-	-
24365			-	-
32465			-	-
32654		I	-	-
32546		I	-	-
53246			-	-
25346			-	-
34256	-		-	-
23456			-	-

4th, 5th and 6th only in 5-6.

PUTNEY.—For evening service on Sunday, November 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. W. Honeyball, J. Herbert, J. Kent, A. Jones. *C. Collis, jun., W. T. Elson, Arthur Jones (conductor), *H. Whanslaw. *First quarter-peal in the method.

WEST LULWORTH (Dorset).—On Sunday, November 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. F. Curtis, J. Orchards, H. Williams, R. Williams, W. Williams (conductor), W. Chaffey.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1913

The greatest ringing festival of the year is the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the 276th of which took place at the "London Tavern," Fenchurch Street, London, on Saturday last. As is our usual custom we are giving a full report of the speeches made on this occasion. There was a record attendance at this year's gathering, ringing enthusiasts coming from all parts of England to take part in the proceedings. An interesting feature of this annual gathering is the opportunity it affords to ringers for renewing old acquaintances and making new ones; it also shows to how great an extent ringers are known to each other though they may reside as far apart as the land will allow. That the Church has a great influence on ringers and ringing was clearly shown in the speeches. The Archdeacon of London was in his gayest mood, and delighted the assembly with anecdotes; Rev. Geo. Coleridge was, as usual, full of good stories; Rev. Cyril Jenkyn and the Rev. J. W. Eisdell followed suit. The gathering on Saturday night was a very happy one, the Sheffield band of handbell ringers having no small share in the contributions to the programme.

For several years the speakers at the dinner have insisted on the Clergy taking more interest in the condition of the belfries in the country, and especially in the City of London, and this, we are pleased to say is bearing fruit. On this occasion the desire was expressed that Bow bells should be made ringable, and it is hoped this will be done in the near future.

The Festival promotes that intercourse between ringers which is so highly essential to the spread of the Art, and all who have the interests of ringers and ringing at heart will wish the Ancient Society of College Youths, the greatest of all ringing societies, shall increase, and spread its influence more and more as the years roll by.

A record has been made in the Llandaff Diocese during last week. No less than three dedication services were held, and in each case a ring of eight bells was concerned, and each by a different founder. It is understood that all have given entire satisfaction. Two men, at least, have taken part in each function, viz., the Bishop of Llandaff and the Hon. Sec. of the Llandaff Association.

The Metropolis.**LONDON.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, November 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,****A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.**

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WALTER S. INWOOD 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	REUBEN SANDERS 8
THOMAS KING 4	HENRY TORBLE 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Messrs. Grimes, Davis, and King were elected members previous to starting.

The Provinces.**YORKTOWN, SURREY.****THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSSLER* Treble	GEORGE MILES 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	CORPORAL G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
HENRY BAYLIS 3	BARZILLAI HAWKINS 7
FREDE. MARCHANT* 4	JOHN SMITH* Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

*First peal.

NEWTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

FREDERICK LIGHTNING .. Treble	STANLEY E. ANDREWS .. 4
ARTHUR WILLIAM WENLOCK .. 2	THOMAS HAINES 5
HARRY PIGGINS 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First peal by the ringers of treble and 2nd. The latter had not rung a complete 720 on tower bells before the above peal. H. Piggins' first peal on a working bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th (the band who are, with the exception of the treble ringer, members of the Wisbech band) wishing him very many happy returns. It was his tenth peal of 5000 changes.

WHITTLESFORD.—On Saturday, November 8th, after an attempt for a peal in seven methods, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine Treble Bob. F. E. Kempton, P. Webb, T. R. Dennis, L. G. Mallion, A. Wilkerson (conductor). F. Dench.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS K. HOLIFIELD Treble	THOMAS BULL 5
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	JOHN MONK 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung in honour of All Saints' Day.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(Northern Branch.)

*On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
JOHN WITHERS 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(Northern Branch.)

*On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN SMITH Treble	JOHN WITHERS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Reading Branch.)

*On Monday, November 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD OSBORNE* Treble	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 5
MISS ETHEL GOODSHIP* .. 2	FRANK GRIFFIN* 6
ARTHUR BAILEY* 3	WILLIAM DORMER† 7
AMROSE OSBORNE 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

*First peal of Major. †First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 7½ cwt.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY* .. Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES 2	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 6
FRANK E. KEMPTON 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 7
WALTER RADLEY 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Boughey, daughter of the President of the Cambridge University Guild.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, WALTON,

A "SILENT" PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York, and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR Treble	JAMES MARTIN 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER 5
JAMES W. BELL 3	HENRY FYLES Tenor

Umpires: THOMAS MURRAY (Liscard); JAMES MARSH (Ormskirk).

The peal was rung "silent" and "non-conducted, and the umpires were quite satisfied that the peal was perfectly true and rung in strict accordance with the rules. This is the first "silent" peal by all the band, the first rung in Liverpool, and the first by the Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (Wirral Branch.)

On Tuesday, November 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Taylor's Six-Part.

RALPH WILLIAMS Treble	SYDNEY BARNES 5
EDWIN BREZES 2	JAMES DILLON 6
FRANK JONES 3	JOHN HASLAM 7
JOHN HOUGH 4	FRANK ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

*First peal away from the tenor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FODE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD C. GOEBY Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
WILLIAM BATES 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3	HENRY LETTS 7
GEORGE DAWSON 4	HENRY BEARDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

*First peal in any method as conductor.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER Treble	JOSEPH BRETTILL 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	WILLIAM EDGINGTON 6
ERNEST GIBBS 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN. 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. R. Newman, Hon. Secretary of the Association, and Miss A. Jones. *First peal of Bob Major.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

BOLNEY.—On Thursday, November 6th, for practice at the Parish Church, 1456 Bob Major, in 55 mins. G. Packham, A. Absalom, G. Walder, F. Stoner, T. Gasson, G. Lewry, W. Vincent, W. Walder (conductor). The foregoing was the longest length of Major by the local branch, and also by the band.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Bushey Society).

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEBLEY Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
RICHARD DARLOW 3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7
BERTRAM FREWETT 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor

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

Rung as a farewell peal to Thomas R. Scott, who, to the regret of the Bushey ringers, is leaving for Rudgwick, Sussex.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
CECIL L. CHAMBERLIN 2	FRANK L. COPEMAN 6
ALBERT G. WARNES 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 4	FREDK. H. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARBER Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD 5
BERTRAM FREWETT 2	WALTER S. INWOOD 6
HENRY W. COWLEY 3	CHARLES I. EDWARDS 7
HENRY C. CHANDLER 4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM FREWETT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. S. Bird. The conductor's gooth peal.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720s of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE EASTHAUGH Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
JAMES SPALDING 2	WALTER AYERS 5
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 3	FREDK. W. WATLING Tenor

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
WALTER SADLER 2	ERNEST NEWMAN 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOOTHAM 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

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

W. Keeble and J. Sadler were elected members previous to starting.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Chester Branch)

On Friday, November 7, 1913, in Two Hours and forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM MORGAN Treble	GEORGE JONES 5
HENRY WOODFINE 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
RICHARD JONES 3	EDWARD ALLEN 7
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.
First peal in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. The figures of this peal appear on another page.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Leicester District).

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTON* Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM 6
ERNEST BARTRAM† 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN† 7
EDGAR VALLANCE† 3	RICHARD MOUNT 8
SIDNEY PROCTOR 4	WILLIAM WILLSON 9
WILLIAM G. THORPE 5	RALPH HUBBARD† Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal. †First in the method. Messrs. Proctor and Thorpe bail from Grantham.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
JOSEPH FIGOTT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM PAGE 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
JOHN WITHERS 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This is the longest peal on the bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GORDON CAUDWELL* Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
ALBERT E. LOCE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
BARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

* First peal of Caters.

DEPTFORD.—On Tuesday, November 11th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. S. Daynes, W. Weatherstone (conductor), W. Rawlings, E. E. Richards, T. H. Hawkins, G. H. Daynes, F. H. Gooch. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Grandsire Triples, as a birthday compliment to S. Daynes (19), his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

YATELEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS BEATRICE STILWELL* Treble	H. TICE 6
G. BUTLER† 2	J. R. BUNCH 6
W. G. BUNCH* 3	S. RIDDELL 7
A. HEARMON* 4	C. BUNCH* Tenor

Conducted by G. BUTLER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to J. P. Stilwell, Esq., J.P., of Hilfield, Yateley, Hants., President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE
BELTON ST. PETER'S GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qrs. 24 lb. in G.

T. HENRY CHURCHILL* .. Treble	THOMAS H. ATKINS† 4
J. JAMES JACKSON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
CHARLES E. REEVE† 3	ALBAN JAEMAN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal. †First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Gough, of Belton House.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN STOPFORD Treble	TOM WILDE 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	JAMES SHAW 6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON 3	ALBERT HOUGH 7
GEORGE D. WARBUETON 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by ALBERT HOUGH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFEN* Treble	WALTER HUGHES 3
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS JENNION 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
JOHN ALLEN 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jennion, and to commemorate the silver wedding-day of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Thursday, November 6th, for practice at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 49 mins. B. Davies, G. Cross, H. Page (conductor), T. Page, T. Hamlin, G. Wines, W. Page, J. Cross. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt,

HARRY WEST* Treble	D. G. TAYLOR 5
ALEXANDER EVANS 2	A. O. MAJOR.. .. 6
FREDK. ILEY 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN .. 7
G. H. FRAEN 4	JAMES CORAM Tenor

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the Mayor's day.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

HENRY STRAW* Treble	JAMES F. GEORGE† 5
HENRY HARRISON 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY† 6
CECIL J. BAKER 3	EDWARD C. GOREY 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	HENRY BEARDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOREY.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble was elected a member before starting. Rung in honour of J. A. Macdonald, Esq. being elected Mayor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANK WHITEMAN* Treble	HARRY HOLLOCKS 5
GEORGE N. PRICE 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
HENRY HODGETTS 3	LEWIS GOODENODGH 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. WHITEHEAD.

*First peal in the method. The first seven bells have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and the "go" is all that can be desired.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...	3	
Treble Bob Maximus ...	5	1
Stedman Cinques ...	48	2
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	
Cambridge Surprise Royal ...	14	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	13	1
Stedman Caters *	121	14
Grandsire Caters ...	1	
Bristol Surprise Major † ...	55	14
London Surprise Major ...	62	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	10	5
Superlative Surprise Major ...	160	41
Norfolk Surprise Major ...	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	35	12
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	36	25
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	7	3
Bob Major... ..	6	2
Stedman Triples ...	243	85
Grandsire Triples... ..	9	1
On Hand Bells		
Stedman Cinques † ...	16	
Stedman Caters ...	29	
Stedman Triples ...	12	5
	900	219

* Including 18,027 record. † Including 15,624 record.
 ‡ Including 6063 record.

WEST EALING—On November 1st, being all Saints Day, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by A. Miles, of Kensington. A. Harding, G. Harbour, A. R. Walker (St John's Wood), J. Crocker, W. Lawrence, V. Holloway (Acton), J. R. Mackman (conductor, Southall), C. Edwards.

AUCKLAND (New Zealand)—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, October 5th, at morning service, as a welcome to Mr. C. J. Hamblin, who arrived safely from Hersham, Surrey, England, on October 1st. J. F. Colgrove, N. Smallwood, J. Heather, O. Throssell, J. Davies, C. J. Hamblin, A. J. White (conductor), S. C. Hamblin.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL—On Wednesday, November 4th, for Choral Evensong at All Saints' Church, preacher the Lord Bishop of Hull, a quarter-peal of Minor, with tenor covering. J. Hedges, C. Jackson, E. Cutsforth, D. Meadley (conductor), A. B. Cook, T. Whitfield, T. Harrison. On Thursday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Hedges, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson (composer and conductor), E. Cutsforth, D. Meadley, A. B. Cook, T. Whitfield, T. Harrison. On Monday, November 10th, for the election of Mayor and Sheriff, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. F. Dale, T. Stockdale, C. Jackson (composer and conductor), G. F. Williams, F. Merrison, J. Highfield, T. Morton, G. T. Miller, D. W. Brown, J. Chamberlain. A quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, and touches of Stedman.

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DEDICATION AT PETERSTONE, MON.

The 7th of November was a red-letter day at Peterstone, being the occasion of the dedication of the restored ring of bells which have been silent so far as actual ringing is concerned, for about a hundred years. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The service was impressive and of a thanksgiving character. The clergy present were the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Stanley, the Rev. A. Jones, curate, and the Rev. A. A. Matthews, Vicar of St. Paul's, Newport. A special form of service was intoned by the Vicar, the choir being augmented by choristers from Marshfield Church. During the singing of a hymn, the Bishop, together with the clergy and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop dedicated the bells to the glory of God for the use of the Church, and separate from all profane uses. At the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers the Marshfield ringers, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Jones, Hon. Secretary of the Association, rang the bells in rounds whilst the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel. The congregation then sang the hymn "The bells long silent now are sounding," a beautiful hymn, composed specially for the occasion by the Vicar. At the conclusion the Bishop gave a brief address upon the use and purpose of church bells.

The original six bells were placed in the tower in 1722, Mr. Nathan Chapman being the donor, and through the generosity of Mr. Henry Radcliffe, J.P., of Druidstone, promised to make himself responsible for the recasting, re-hanging and retuning. Whilst these negotiations were taking place Mr. J. W. Jones, Hon. Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, approached the Vicar and appealed to him to make an effort to complete the octave. The Vicar in turn approached Messrs. George and Francis Stubbs, descendants of the original donor of the bells, with the result that they promised to place two treble bells as a memorial to their late father. The ring is now one of eight bells and only two of the original six—the 6th and the tenor—remain. The others have all been recast.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner & Sons, London. The frame is of iron of the very latest type, iron headstocks, and all the fittings of the very latest pattern.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples rung at intervals for the whole of the evening.

The following are the weights of the bells and their notes:

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble—A flat	2	2	15
2nd—G	2	3	3
3rd—F	3	0	9
4th—E flat	3	1	23
5th—D flat	4	0	22
6th—C	4	2	12
7th—B flat	6	1	21
Tenor—A flat	7	2	19

All these bells have been tuned on the Canon Simpson five-tone principle, and every one was greatly delighted with the tone of the bells. Mr. Jones, of Newport, tried the bells on the Thursday night, and also came over again to the Dedication Service, and he also was extremely pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells.

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DEDICATION OF THE NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS AT PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

Tuesday, the 4th inst. was a red-letter day in the annals of Church life in Pontypridd, and a day also full of interest to, and long to be remembered by the entire community attached to the Church of England or otherwise.

The donor to St. Katherine's parish church of the beautiful ring of eight bells, was Mr. Hopkin Morgan, a worthy Nonconformist citizen. The gift was in memory of his parents, a gift unspoiled by petty denominationalism, and extending beyond vexatious parochial limitations.

The special dedication service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of the diocese in the presence of a crowded congregation, which included Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Alderman Richard Lewis, J.P. Dr. and Mrs. Rees, the Misses Taylor, Mr. H. S. Davies, and Mr. R. A. Lewis. The Bishop's pastoral staff was carried by the Rev. Connop L. Price M.A., Rector of Caerphilly, and his Lordship was also accompanied by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. J. P. Phillips, M.A., and other clergy. The Rev. T. C. Phillips intoned the service, and the lessons were read by the Vicar and the Rev. C. E. M. Williams-Miller, M.A. After the dedicatory prayers, the Bishop occupied the pulpit, and gave a most impressive address.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells struck out merrily, and were kept going by members of the Llandaff Association, under the leadership of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones. Various touches in the Standard Methods were rung, Mr. J. W. Taylor, the founder, taking part.

Tea, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was then partaken of at a restaurant. Afterwards a return was made to the tower, and the bells kept going for the remainder of the evening.

The greatest possible credit is due to the founders, Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, for the manner in which the work has been carried out, the "go" and tone being excellent. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt 2 qrs. 21 lb., and it is inscribed as follows:—

"Gogoniant i ddw (Glory to God),
Ac Er Cof Am
Thomas a Margaret Morgan
o'r dref hon
Rhoddoyd y clychau hyn
Gan Hopkin Morgan Y S W
Bronwydd, Pontypridd, 1913."

RE-DEDICATION OF CALDICOT CHURCH BELLS.

Saturday, the 1st inst., was a great day in the annals of the parish church, Caldicot, Monmouthshire, for on this day the bells which have just been rehung and re-tuned, were re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

Among the clergy present were the Archdeacon of Monmouth (Rev. W. Conybeare Bruce, M.A.), Rev. W. H. Williams (Rector of Portskewett, and Rural Dean), and the Vicar of the parish (Rev. F. Clarke).

Evensong was said by the Vicar, and the lessons were read by the Rev. W. H. Williams and the Archdeacon.

The hymn "Praise the Lord ye heavens adore Him" was sung at the conclusion of which the churchwarden requested the Bishop to re-dedicate the bells. The Bishop replied, saying "By virtue of my office I desire to re-dedicate these bells to the glory of God, and to the use of this church, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses." This was followed by the special dedicatory prayers and a special hymn, after which the Bishop delivered a most impressive address.

The offertory, which amounted to £6 10s., was for the Restoration Fund.

The opening ringing consisted of a few rounds by the local band, followed by touches in the standard methods under the direction of Mr J W Jones, honorary secretary of the Diocesan Association.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom. In a brief speech in reply to the hearty welcome accorded him, the Bishop said he was pleased to see so many ringers present and urged them to carry on their duties in a manner worthy of Church workers.

The work of restoration has been done in a most satisfactory manner by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

OBITUARY.

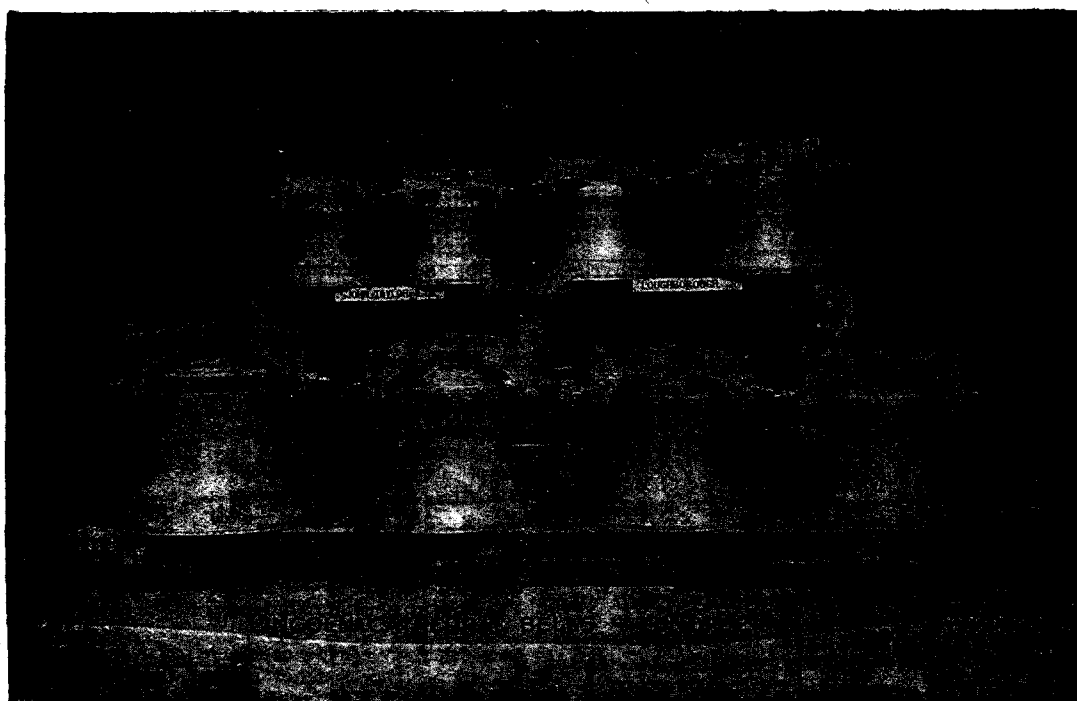
MR. ALBERT HUMPHREY.

The Society of Bromley Youths, SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, have sustained a sad loss by the death of one of their oldest members, Mr. Albert Humphrey, which occurred on Saturday, November 1st, in the London Hospital, after a prolonged illness. He was in his 36th year, but had been a member of the Society for 14 years. He was an excellent ringer in the standard methods, but owing to the nature of his calling (that of a postman) he was unable to attend the belfry as frequently as he wished. He had rung 15 or 16 peals of Grandsire and Stedman. He was of a very happy disposition, and always the life and soul of any company he was in, his ready wit and smiling face ensuring him a welcome anywhere. He leaves a widow and two young daughters to mourn their loss. The bells of SS. Peter and Paul were rung half-muffled on Sunday, November 2nd, as a mark of respect. The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 5th, at Plaistow Cemetery, the remains being borne to their last resting place by fellow postmen. There were 70 postmen present, as

well as most of the ringers of SS. Peter and Paul, and also of St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Many floral tokens of sympathy were sent, including beautiful wreaths from SS. Peter and Paul band, and one from St. Luke's band. After the sad ceremony his brother-ringers returned to SS. Peter and Paul and rang, with the bells half muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. James, jun., I. Emery, E. G. Filtress, S. Marshall, A. James, sen., G. Huxley, G. Durling (conductor), A. Bygrave. As a member of the Bromley band Mr. Humphrey was, of course, a member of the Kent County Association.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, September 28th being the Harvest Festival, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Etheridge, W. S. Maulden, B. Raddon, W. Loader, T. W. Radford, S. G. Steer, S. Radford (conductor), E. C. Heath. On Sunday, October 5th, being the Festival of the dedication of the Church, 560 Bob Major. E. G. Heath, E. Etheridge, T. W. Radford, W. Loader, W. S. Maulden, S. G. Steer, E. Raddon, S. Radford (conductor). On Wednesday, October 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1260 changes. E. Etheridge, H. G. Mason, W. S. Maulden, W. Loader, E. Raddon, S. G. Steer, S. Radford, F. Blondell (conductor).

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on November 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m. William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available from 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited. J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

70, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Thursday, November 27th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea at Church House, Dyott Street, at 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), to those who advise me by the 26th, their intention of being present. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. James's, Clerkenwell, will also be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, November 15th. St. Leonard's tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after. All in the school-room adjoining the Church.

Bell Foundry, Croydon. Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, November 15th. Service at 5 o'clock. Short address by the Rev. J. W. House, Rector of Fryerning. Tea and meeting at 5.45 at the "Spread Eagle" Hotel; 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. All outstanding subscriptions ought to be paid at this meeting. Ingatestone bells (5), at 3.30, and during the evening; Fryerning bells (5), 3.30 to 4.30, and 7.30 to 9.

Henry F. Cooper, Dist. Sec.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th. Tea (followed by meeting), will be provided at The Chappell Hotel at 5.30; 6d. to members giving notice to A. Shufflebotham, Dist. Sec.

Little Square, Braintree.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome. W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the Oldham Society will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30. Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 19th. 4.0.—St. Nicolas bells (10) available. 5.30.—Service at St. Nicolas Church; Preacher—Rev. G. Dandridge, M.A., Rector of St. Nicolas. 6.15.—Tea at the "Star Hotel."

Chairman.—His Worship the Mayor of Guildford (G. S. Odling-Smee, Esq., J.P.) Tea tickets free to members; 1s. to visitors. North Street, Guildford. John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage, 6.15. F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec. Oakley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30. Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, November 22nd. John W. Barker, Dist. Sec.

24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

The Dudley and District Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Milligan (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, November 26th. Business meeting afterwards. Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

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

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

H. F. Cooper.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Saturday, October 26th, at St. Andrew's, O'd Chesterton 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. W. B. Kempton, F. Dench, A. Wilkerson, T. R. Dennis, F. E. Kempton, W. D. James (conductor). This is the first time Cambridge Surprise has ever been rung by a band of Cambridge Youths, all the above being members.

WISBECH.—On November 10th, 720 Bob Minor. 7-8 covering. F. Lightning, A. W. Wenlock, H. Piggins, G. Piggins, T. Haines (conductor), R. Narborough, T. Banham, H. Cheesewright. And 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. F. Lightning, S. Andrews (conductor), A. W. Wenlock, G. Piggins, T. Haines. R. Narborough, T. Banham, H. Cheesewright.

GORTON.—At Brookfield Church, on Wednesday, November 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples. J. Ingram, H. Gaskell, J. Turner, A. Barnes (conductor), R. Ryder, G. Ingram, H. Jones, J. Harker.

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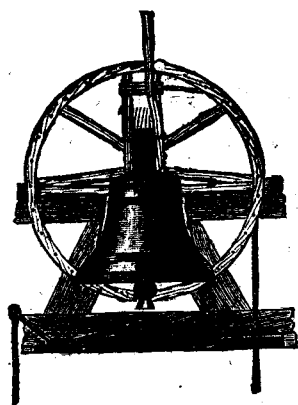
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER.

(Continued).

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge who was heartily received on rising to propose "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said: Mr. Master, Miss Leny, and brethren—it is a very difficult thing for any man to follow the Arch-deacon of London, though we may be brethren. I will try to find my legs first of all by recounting to you a short but very true story. A very young cousin of mine was sent to a private school at Exmouth, and he distinguished himself in his first term by running away. He had only got about seven miles off when he was recaptured. He was taken back to the headmaster, and then naturally received such punishment as he deserved on that part of the human anatomy specially designed by nature for that purpose. No doubt it hurt him badly, but what apparently hurt him more than anything else was the letter he received the next day from his father—a pretty stiff letter—telling him that he did not expect his son to behave in that kind of way, and the boy answered—I remember the letter well—it ran thus—"Dear Father—I think your letter is a very hard and a very cruel one, and not at all the kind of letter a loving father should send to his loving son. To show you how much your letter has really hurt me, I return it to you unopened and unread." Last Monday I received a letter, and I felt inclined really to return it unopened and unread, for I knew the handwriting very well indeed without the postmark "Clapham, S.W." on it. I knew perfectly well what it was likely to contain, but I did open it, and I did read it, and when I read the first sentence, "We have put you down for the Ancient Society next Saturday," I felt inclined to reply, "I was put up for it about 36 years ago." However, I sent a post-card and said "All right, I will be there," and here I am. I do not know why it is that a country parson is chosen to propose the most important toast of the evening—not by any means for the first time. I suppose it is that you have the same regard for country parsons as the people in the country have. Let me give you an example of one. I see our good old friend Mr. Bowen from North Devon; it was not very far from him where a parson was held in very high repute amongst his parishioners

HOW THE CLERGY ARE LOVED.

An old woman had a pig which was taken very bad; she sent to the parson and said: "Do'ee come and put up a prayer for the pig." He came, of course, but did not pray for the pig, but what he did was this: he stood over the sty and gave vent to this oracular expression: "If thou livest O pig, then thou livest, but if thou diest O pig, then thou diest." Curiously enough that pig recovered. Some months afterwards the parson himself was taken very ill with quinsy, and among others who came to enquire was the old woman who had formerly owned the pig, which by that time had died the natural

death of all pigs. She insisted on going to see him in his bedroom. She said: "Parson, I be proper sorry that you be bad. I have come to put up a prayer for you." He was too bad with his quinsy to answer, so she took up her position at the foot of the bed and said: "If thou livest O parson, then thou livest, and if thou diest O parson, then thou diest." The parson was taken with such an immoderate fit of laughter that the quinsy burst and he recovered. This goes to show how greatly parsons are valued down in the country. I am often reminded of that old saying that "one man in his time plays many parts." A parson has not only (as some people think) his spiritual work on Sunday to do, but he is called upon to do no end of things all the week—he is called upon to be relieving officer—I am never that, I hand that over; he is something of a banker—I know that I have no less than 51 different accounts to handle and cheques to draw on them in the course of a year; then he has to be something of a doctor—many old women say "Oh, the parson's remedy is much better than the doctor's; he hasn't killed anybody yet; then, of course, he has to know something of the law. I do not mind that because the legal strain is in my blood to a certain extent; and many a time we have to draw up a will, and so forth; and then of course he has to be, shall I say, something of an athlete—he can not do much with the young men unless he knows something about cricket and football; and there are many other things he has to do, to say nothing of the office of public trustee. I should be sorry to say how many things I am trustee for in my parish. We have a good deal to do and the people look up to us, and it is not very surprising if sometimes we make mistakes; like the curate who one day gave out "Next Sunday the collections will be for the Church Missionary Society; the preachers will be hung in the porch." I am talking too much about parsons, but

MUST NOW COME TO RINGERS.

I feel by asking me to represent the ringers, you wished me to say something about the ringers in the country. I bring you their good wishes. Wonderful fellows they are, some of them. I came across one the other day; he told me that years ago he had been accustomed in a certain belfry in Oxfordshire, when the bells had no stays, to hold five or six bells on the balance while the remainder of the company went down to refresh themselves. I asked him "How did you do that?" "Oh," he said, "They put two ends under the right foot, one under the left, and one in each hand, and there I had to stop in the cold till they chose to come back." That was good training. The other day I was looking over my list of peals, not a long one as peals go nowadays, for men who run on for thousands and so on, I could not help noticing the tremendous variety of men I rung with, the different professions and so forth; one was a gamekeeper. I think this man is better employed in ringing bells than he is in driving pheasants off mangel-wurtzels. That reminded me of course of a gamekeeper, whether he was a ringer or not I do not know, who was

taken very bad: he had an enormous swelling in his neck, and they sent for the doctor. The doctor said "this is a terrible thing; this swelling must be reduced before I can do anything; I'll send you up half-a-dozen leeches to put on"; and he instructed the wife how to put these leeches on, and she said she quite understood. He called in the morning and found the keeper's neck in a most awful state. He said "What have you been doing?" "Oh," says the wife, "I didn't think it was much good putting on those little things you sent on a great strong man like that, so I went to the hutch and took the dog-ferret: he knawed him proper, and he drew the blood proper, and then master was so put out with it, that to pacify him a bit I took them little slugs you sent up and fried them in butter, and put them on toast, and gave them for his supper, and he said they was beautiful." It is men like that all over the country, gallant men in every walk of life who are ringers, and who are not ringers, from whom I bring felicitations to-day to this Ancient Society, and I wish you to understand that there is no man in England who does not wish this Society every prosperity. It has gone on for 276 years, and I trust it will go on for many a hundred years to come. Just in conclusion may I say I was at Shore-ditch this afternoon: when I was in the vestry a letter was given to me which ought to have come two or three days ago. I had no chance of answering it.

ARTICLE ON JOYS OF BELL RINGING WANTED.

Although we hear on all quarters of the hatred of ringers, shall I say, certainly there is one man who is rather pleased with them. I do not know the gentleman. He is the Editor of the "Musical Standard." He writes to me as follows: "Dear Sir, I am delighted to hear of the rejuvenescence of bell ringing, a most beautiful art, in which, in my young days, I sometimes indulged. Can you tell me what time the new peal of St. Leonard's is to be rung on Saturday, I should like to try and hear it. Do you think you can find time to write me an enthusiastic article on the joys of bellringing?" (That bell is spelt with an "e" at the end.) I am quite incompetent to write an enthusiastic article on the joys of bell ringing, but I should be very pleased indeed if there is anyone in the room who would venture to do that for me, because I think that an enthusiastic article in the pages of the "Musical Standard" will certainly elevate the exercise of ringing in the eyes of the musical public. I am sure that there are many men in this room capable of doing it. I ask, before I leave the room, whether somebody will venture to do it, so that we may have a correct essay on bellringing and all the joys connected with it by a competent ringer, and not from somebody who does not know the tall end of a bell rope from the clapper. I couple with the toast the name of the well-known and well-beloved Secretary of this great Society, Mr. Cockerell.

(To be continued).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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THE LOUGHBOROUGH LONG PEAL.

UNVEILING THE TABLET.

The ceremony of unveiling the tablet recording the world's record peal, was originally intended to take place on the Church's patron Saint day—All Saints—but unforeseen circumstances caused a postponement till Saturday last, when, as announced, the event was consummated. Soon after 2 p.m. the famous bells were telling the tale of Treble Ten and Stedman Caters, and generally drowning the din of the organs at the pleasure fair which were going at full steam. From many towns and cities, even from far-off Frodsham, in Cheshire, visitors came. Soon after 3 o'clock the Rector, the Rev. Canon Pitts, M.A., opened the proceedings with prayers suitable for the occasion. Commenting on the peal, the rev. gentleman said that Loughborough was world famous, owing to the marvellous performance. It was quite right and proper, said he, that the tablet should be in the church. The first duty of ringers was to ring for God's glory and service, and that done, he was glad to allow his bells to be used by the ringers to exercise their skill and ability. The great peal which the tablet recorded, would be an incentive to the future generations, as it would shew what could be done by men who had attained perfection in their work. He had been Rector for thirty years, but the proudest day of that time was the day of the world's record peal. He would ask Mrs. J. Taylor to unveil the tablet. This having been done,

Mr. John Taylor, bellfounder, said he and his brother were proud of the performance, and being the founders of the peal. He himself had had many years of peal-ringing, and could therefore speak with some knowledge of the subject. In his opinion the long peal was indeed marvellous, and proved what could be done by men possessed of sound minds and sound bodies. The tablet was of bell-metal, and therefore would stand as long as the Church endured.

Mr. Willson, on behalf of the band, thanked the Rector for the facilities given for making the peal attempt, and for his kind remarks regarding change-ringers; also Messrs. Taylor for their generosity in placing the tablet in the church free of charge to the band.

The proceedings in the nave then terminated. Up above the bells rang out again merrily till 5 o'clock, when by invitation of Messrs. Taylor, all the visitors, about 45 in number, adjourned to the bell foundry, where a meat tea was awaiting them, to which full justice was done. During the repast the carillon was skilfully operated by Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham (who is the recognised carillonneur of Bournville), to the delight of the company. Ringing on the foundry bells was continued till about 8 p.m., when some of the visitors adjourned for a social hour, and some to the railway station. Altogether a most enjoyable time was spent. The concluding touch at the foundry was Cambridge Surprise, and the varied company will show what towers were represented. S. Wesley (Notts.), 1; R. Ward (Derby), 2; B. Knight (Chesterfield), 3; E. H. Lewis (Frodsham), 4; H. Withers (Birmingham), 5; W. Wallace (Derby), 6; J. Wells (Sparkbrook), 7; W. Willson (Leicester), 8.

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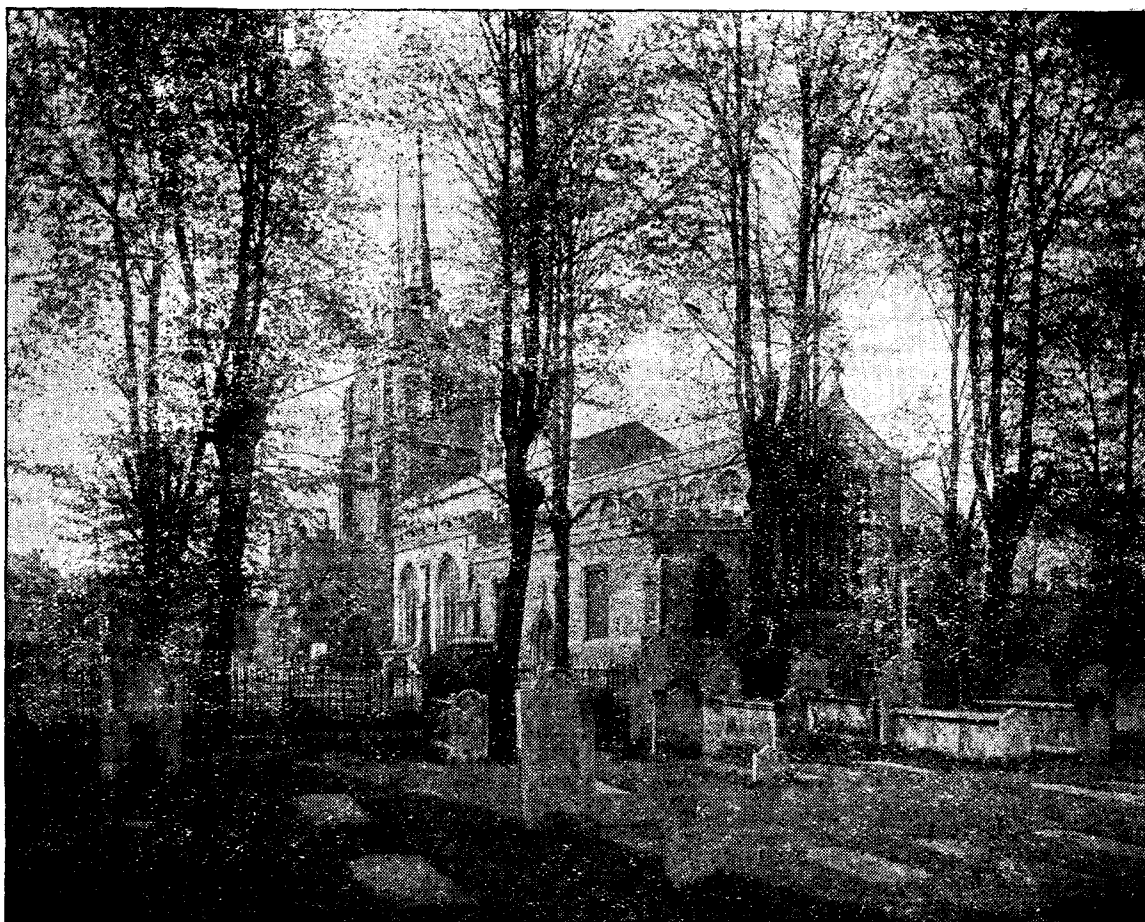
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SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Ingatestone on Saturday, November 15th. The bells were raised soon after 4 p.m., and kept merrily running till 5 o'clock, at which hour all assembled in church for the service. The Rector, the Rev. C. Earls, officiated. The Rev. W. J. House, Rector of Fryerning, gave a short and interesting address. The organist and choir boys very kindly gave their services, and the singing of the special psalms and hymns was heartily entered into. The Rector not being able to attend the tea and meeting which followed, assured the officers of the Association he was most pleased to hold this service, and hoped he should be called upon to hold another at some future date. Tea was served at the "Spread Eagle" hotel, the Rev. W. J. House presiding over a company of 27, supported on his right by Mr. Green, the energetic captain of his own band of ringers, and on his left sat the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, and Secretary of the Association. Others present included Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. Edwards (District Master), Mr. Cooper (District Secretary), and members from Boreham, Bentley (St. Paul), Fryerning, Rettendon, Shenfield, Writtle and the local ringers. After tea the business was proceeded with. The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly signed by the chairman, and five new members were enrolled. The Master having held office for five years expressed a wish to retire, as he thought in the interest of the Association there were others who ought to act. After a little persuading Mr. W. Lincoln (of Writtle) was elected to the office. Mr. Cooper was unanimously re-elected Secretary. Rettendon was selected for the next meeting to be held in March next, and this closed the business.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. Edwards seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rectors of Ingatestone and Fryerning for holding the service, also to the Rev. W. J. House for presiding at the meeting.

The rev. gentleman suitably responded, and informed the members that an effort was to be made early in the new year to place a sixth bell in Fryerning tower. This was greeted with cheers. Mr. Edwards was heartily thanked for his services as Master, as was also the Secretary. Both officers thanked the members for the kind words that had been said of them, and the meeting broke up, every one satisfied that the experiment of holding the annual meeting at a five-bell tower had been most successful. The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung, also a course of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells. Fryerning bells, were also rung during the afternoon.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting was held at Coggeshall on Saturday, members being present from Rayne, Bocking, Earls Colne, Gestingthorpe, Feering, Kelvedon, Goldhanger and Coggeshall. Tea, followed by the meeting, was held at "The Chappell" hotel. One member was re-elected, and the District Master (Mr. D. H. Elliott) refused reelection, remarking that under the present management of the Association he thought of withdrawing altogether from it, and several other members expressed themselves in a similar strain. It was some time before anyone would consent to fill the vacancy, but ultimately Mr. G. Pannell

(Gestingthorpe) consented to act for the coming year. The Hon. Dis. Sec. (Mr. A. Shufflebotham) was proposed for re-election, but also declined, and here again some difficulty was experienced in filling the vacancy. Mr. B. Redgwell (Rayne) subsequently consented to act for the coming year, and was accordingly elected. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar of Coggeshall (Rev. F. S. Stoney) for the use of the bells, and to the district officers for their past services.

Ringling during the day included touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and on handbells a course of Grandsire Cinques by F. Claydon, 1-2; W. Howell, 3-4; W. Keeble, 5-6; D. H. Elliott, 7-8; A. Shufflebotham, 9-10; E. W. Beckwith, 11-12. Also a course with E. Newman, 1-2; S. Howell, 11-12. A course of Caters and London Surprise Major was also rung.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The Autumn Meeting of this District was held at Horsmonden on Saturday, November 8th, and was attended by about twenty-five members. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the kindness of the Rector (Rev. H. Smith-Marriott) and the churchwardens. The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. H. Smith-Marriott (curate) presiding. The rev. gentleman apologised for the absence of his father (the Rector), who, he said, was unable, owing to advancing years, to come out at night, and welcomed the members to Horsmonden.

At the conclusion of the business the District Secretary proposed votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells and for the excellent tea: to the chairman for presiding; and to Mr. E. Lambert for making the arrangements. This was seconded and carried.

The chairman, in reply, said he was told by their Secretary that this was the first time a meeting had been held at Horsmonden. He was very pleased to meet the members, and hoped they would pay them another visit before long.

Mr. E. Lambert also responded, and the members adjourned to the tower. Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1260 changes), in 58 mins. W. Doran, A. Neale, W. Truss, T. Cranfield, J. Scholes, F. Newman, A. Scambler, R. Sanders, H. Flanders, G. Haydon. Composed by J. P. Bradley, and conducted by W. Doran.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 12th, for practice at the Parish Church, 336 Stedman Triples: G. Gray, A. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor), H. W. Watts. Also 252 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Watts, G. Gray, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Watts (conductor), A. Jordan. On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, 576 Cambridge Surprise: A. Jordan, W. Prior, G. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor). Tenor 13 cwt.

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Contains the extent with the 2nd never above 4ths at course-ends, and alternately in 4ths, 3rds and 2nds.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Thursday, November 13th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes). W. Rickett, F. Bird, T. Jordan, H. M. White, P. C. Springham, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor). H. Champness, W. W. Tucker, P. Springham, C. Ridgewell. Longest length on ten bells by the ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10.

SUTTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 9th, for morning service at All Saints, Benhilton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Webb, S. Rayner, P. H. Doick, F. Ford, W. Wood, S. Corden, L. C. Ferry, S. Payne. Conducted by S. Corden. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. S. Rayner, L. C. Ferry, P. H. Doick, F. Ford, W. Word, J. Man-
nel, S. Corden, S. Payne. Conducted by J. Webb.

BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

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3426 - -

2634 - -

3264 - -

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4362 - -

6243 - -

4623 - -

2463 - -

6324 - -

2436 S -

3246 - -

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Repeated.

Call first and twenty-fifth courses thus: 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 5-6 each twenty-four times in 6ths place, no other bell in that position.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS.

By CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

5280.

23456 M W H

52436 - -

34625 - -

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NORTH MYMMS (Herts).—On Monday, November 3rd, two 720s of Plain Bob were rung for practice. F. Bennett, J. Day, A. Groom, C. Nash, J. Massey, P.C. A. Lawrence (conductor). J. Dell, and G. Spence took part in the second 720. This is the first 720 rung in this tower by a local band, and the first by all except F. Bennett and P.C. A. Lawrence. Change-ringing was started eighteen months ago, and good progress has been made.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1913.

In our notes of last week we mentioned that the bells of that famous City church—Bow—required attention. This is an error, as these bells are in excellent condition, and quite ringable, thanks to the late Rector, the Rev. A. W. Hutton. We understand that the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal there on the 29th inst. The tower meant is St. Bride's, Fleet Street, which is the only ring of 12 bells in the City to remain silent, and this is more on account of their situation than the condition of the bells themselves.

A curious coincidence happened at the opening of Shoreditch bells, on the afternoon of Nov. 8th. After ringing three leads of Treble Twelve, without previous arrangement, it was discovered that six of the ringers hailed from Birmingham and six from Sheffield. They stood as follows:—1, P. O'Laffin (Birmingham); 2, J. Thorpe (Sheffield); 3, J. Neal (Birmingham); 4, G. Holmes (Sheffield); 5, T. Miller (Birmingham); 6, J. Evinson (Sheffield); 7, S. Grove, (Birmingham); 8, S. Charlesworth (Sheffield); 9, S. F. Palmer (Sheffield); 10, A. P. Smith (Birmingham); 11, W. Burgar (Sheffield); 12, J. E. Grove (Birmingham).

Whilst always willing to oblige readers, there are times when a line has to be drawn. A request to finish the address of a letter and forward it has been complied with, but we will not undertake to do so again unless the envelope is stamped.

Not every ringer can hope to take part in a peal rung in celebration of his 74th birthday, as Mr. William Rock-Small has just done. When one does survive in health and strength sufficient to accomplish this feat the heartiest congratulations of his comrades are assured. Mr. Rock-Small may rest assured that not only those with whom he is most intimately associated, but the general body of ringers will join in wishing him many happy returns of his birthday.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at St. Albans on Nov. 10th, was rung at the Cathedral.

The Metropolis.

CUBITT TOWN, E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	HENRY HAWKINS 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
HARRY FOWLER 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	DALRY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

STEPNEY, E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 6
THOMAS FAULKNER 2	ROBERT W. GREEN 7
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	FREDK. J. HARDY 8
ALFRED B. PECK 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

PADDINGTON, W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, STAE STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	MAURICE F. HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CHELSEA.

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

(Southern District).

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

H. BURTON Treble	F. A. SMITH* 6
W. J. DEAN* 2	E. A. REEVE* 7
H. S. ELLIS 3	G. SPENCER 8
T. H. TAFFENDER 4	H. MANCER* 9
F. J. HARDY 5	F. GIBBARD* Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and Conducted by H. MANCER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

DEPTFORD, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lb. in F.

ALFRED G. BENNINGTON .. Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	HARRY WARENETT, SEN. .. 6
THOMAS A. EASTERLEY* .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON .. 4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

*First in the method away from the tenor. Arranged to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the re-formation of St. John's band.

HAMMERSMITH.

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

(THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD.)

On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S 6-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. COOMBS .. Treble	FRANK SEEVINGTON 5
HARRY BARRETT 2	GEORGE C. ILES 6
ERNEST H. COOK 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7
HARRY STEVENS 4	EDWARD CASSELL Tenor

Conducted by F. SEEVINGTON.

First peal in the method by all, and first peal in the method by the Guild.

The Provinces.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH FARBY Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS 4
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 5
FRANK H. TALBUTT 3	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CHAPMAN.

This is the conductor's 100th peal, and contains the first 720 of Cambridge on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1913, in Three Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN .. Treble	WILLIAM BILLENNESS* .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
ALFRED PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE H. JAYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

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

*First peal in the method.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, November 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' 5-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 23 lbs.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
SAMUEL REEVES 2	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
JOHN CARTER 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung on the Festival of St. Martin, Bishop and Confessor, and was rung to commemorate the 74th birthday of Mr. Wm. Rock Small, his colleagues heartily congratulating him on its attainment, and hopes expressed that they would have the honour of ringing many more anniversary peals for him.

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SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Old Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	HORACE HOWELL 5
Mrs SARAH PIGOTT 2	WALTER PIGOTT* 6
J. HERBERT BENFIELD* .. 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT 7
GEORGE GARRISON 4	MORRIS J. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

*First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE RICHARDSON* .. Treble	ALFRED J. TURNER 5
HENRY STALHAM 2	JAMES A. HART 6
EDWIN J. PANNETT 3	ROBERT J. DAWK 7
HERBERT RANN 4	FREDK. CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

*First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Albert E. Edwards, instructor to the Barcombe branch of the Association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

WILLIAM FLOYD* Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 6
GEORGE POVEY* 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES* Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER† .. 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
EDGAR SMITH 3	ALBERT LITTLE 7
FRANK PERRINS* 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and Conducted by WM. FISHER.

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

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE EASTHAUGH .. Treble	WILLIAM DREW 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	JOHN LATTER 5
JAMES SPALDING 3	FREDK. W. WATLING .. Tenor

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.)

Stroud and District Branch.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK COLE Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR* 7
WILLIAM HALE 3	FRED MILLARD 8
HUBERT SCRIVENS 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS .. 9
JOSEPH T. DYER* 5	JAMES SINGLETON† .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

†First peal. *First peal of Grandsire Caters.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 23½ cwt.

TOM W. CREED Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
THOMAS J. LLOYD 4	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

First peal of Triples by T. W. Creed. First peal with a bob bell by T. J. Lloyd.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. Treble	THOMAS W. GARRARD .. 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON .. 2	JAMES MARTIN* 6
VICTOR CORNELL† 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
ALFRED PERRY† 4	THOMAS FRYKE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

†First peal in the method. *First peal. Messrs. Cornell and Martin hail from Little Walsingham; Perry from Sudbury. This is the 510th peal by the 2nd ringer.

CHERTSEY.—On Thursday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor W. Charge, H. Stevens, G. Warinton, J. B. Hessey, A. E. Gray, J. Preston. It was arranged for a peal of Bob Major, but owing to the absence of the Ringing Master and another the above was substituted. Also a few courses of Grandsire Triples, with A. Norman, of Byfleet, and J. Hancock, of Ottershaw, standing in;

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON .. Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
R. ALLAN HICKTON 2	JOSEPH HALL 6
ALBERT COPPOCK 3	J. CHARLES DICKEN 7
PERCIVAL PRICE 4	FREDK. S. PRICE Tenor

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

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and 6th.
First peal of Oxford on the bells.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Blackburn Branch.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	HARRY FOULDS 5
ALFRED BROOK 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
EDWARD MALLINSON 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON 7
ROBERT FOULDS 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WM. MALLINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the C.E.M.S. meeting at Colne.

FULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THORSTANS'. Tenor 14 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK ROOP Treble	CHARLES ROOP 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	WILLIAM ROOP 6
HENRY GARNHAM 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
ERNEST WHITING* 4	EDWIN WHITING* Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Ashford Division).

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HAROLD SMITH† Treble	PERCY PAGE 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER 2	ARCHIBALD C. KAY 6
GEORGE KENNETT 3	GEORGE JOHNSON 7
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 4	ALBERT NOAKES* Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

†First peal on eight bells. *First peal, and first attempt.

LANGPORT, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR H. KENTFIELD* .. Treble	TOM W. CREED 4
WILLIAM TODT† 2	THOMAS J. LLOYD 5
ARTHUR WHEADON 3	GERALD LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BOLNEY BRANCH).

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR ABSALOM Treble	CHARLES STARLEY* 5
GEORGE WALDER 2	GEORGE LEWRY 6
THOMAS GASSON 3	WILLIAM VINCENT 7
FRANK STONER 4	WARDEN WALDER Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WARDEN WALDER.

*First peal. First peal of Major by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt; also the first peal of Major by a local band for upwards of 68 years.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This peal was rung muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Miss Ellaline Edwards, who was a member of Christ Church congregation. It was through her generosity that the bells of this church were rehung in 1901.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

HARRY HALL* Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
HORACE BEDINGFIELD 2	EDWARD JERKINS 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 7
DAVID COLLINS 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

The above peal has all single calls throughout, and will be found on page 24 of Snowden's "Treble Bob," part 2. Messrs. Hall and Burgess hail from Earl Soham; the brothers Wightman from Cretingham; Collins belongs to Worlingworth; the rest from Brandeston. *First peal of Treble Bob.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Stroud and District Branch.)

On Sunday, November 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL .. Treble	WILLIAM HALE 5
FRANK COLE 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	THOMAS ANSLOE 7
FRANK PONTING* 4	WILLIAM BANYARD Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

*First peal in the method.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Tuesday, November 18th, 1120 London Surprise. F. Pitstow (conductor), *F. Housdon, *H. Pitstow, C. Freeman, G. Sparrow, J. F. Penning, F. J. Pitstow, A. F. James. *Longest length in the method.

TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Rochdale Branch).

On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

LUKE SUTHERS Treble	JAMES WHITEHEAD 5
JAMES RICHARDS 2	HARRY WHITEHEAD 6
FRANK FIELDEN 3	WILLIAM CRATREE 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT 4	SAM HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CRATREE.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th, 6th, and tenor. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by eight members of the Rochdale branch.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday November 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE A. SMITH Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
EDWIN HARPER 2	WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 6
WILLIAM RIGBY 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JAMES E. GROVES 4	WALTER LONGMAN Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross,

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

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

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Witnesses: Mrs. Bennett and H. Thornley. *First peal of Stedman Triples in hand.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 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 J. CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires—J. Barry and A. C. Chaplin.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
At PEMERROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Handbells size 12 in F.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4	F. PHILIP CHEETHAM .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.
Umpire—Rev. J. F. Llewelyn.

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To the Editor.

INTER-AFFILIATION OF RINGING SOCIETIES

SIR,—Since the Henry Johnson Dinner, at which Mr. W. H. Godden suggested a scheme whereby the poorer brethren of our Exercise could avail themselves of opportunities at present barred to them, that is of the ringing of peals in various parts of the country other than those covered by the local Diocesan Associations to which they belong—little or nothing has been done in the matter. I therefore have given notice to propose the following resolution at the annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, to be held at Newport on Boxing Day.

"That we, the members of the L.D.A.C.R. are of opinion that the time has arrived to ask the Central Council to put into operation a scheme of inter-affiliation, whereby any member of a recognised society could, by the payment of 6d. per annum, be presented with a card, such card to admit the bearer (whose name must appear thereon), to any affiliated society's meetings as honorary members, without the power to vote; fourpence of such 6d. to be applied to working expenses, and 2d. to the society issuing the card and rules."

This kind of inter-affiliation works very smoothly as far as political clubs are concerned, and each year I notice applications are made to become affiliated by clubs outside. It stands to reason that in these times of high prices of living, it is impossible for the ordinary working man outside the privileged, to enjoy the pleasures of a peal in a town that he may happen to be working, or upon a short visit. We well know that sentiment will keep such societies as the College Youths and Cumberlands from becoming so affiliated. Still sentiment will still be with such ancient societies, and I for one feel certain that they will not in any way be affected thereby.

Yours, etc.

Newport, Mon.

FREDK. ATWELL.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DISTRICT).

A successful meeting of this district was held on November 15th. at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, touches in various methods being rung. Afterwards adjoining to "The Citizen," Houndsditch, the business meeting quickly followed. Mr. J. Rayner having kindly brought a set of handbells, a course each of Stedman and Grand sire Triples was rung, also several tunes. Besides tapping three leads of Treble Bob Maximus, and a course of Grandsire Triples on the piano, Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. accompanied a number of well-rendered songs. A pleasant evening was too soon brought to a close by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem. The officers of the district take this opportunity of asking members to make a special effort to attend the annual meeting in January.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 55 mins. A. Whight, H. R. Dawson, H. Allen, H. F. Cooper (conductor), H. Richell, C. H. Howard, A. Richell, A. Head. Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. First quarter-peal on the bells.

THE BELLS OF SHOREDITCH.

FAMOUS PEAL AGAIN IN RINGING ORDER.

The Royal Cumberland Youths, with some hundreds of other ringers from both town and country, paid a visit to Shoreditch Parish Church on Saturday, the 8th inst., to inaugurate the peal of twelve bells, the four trebles of which have been recast to replace the old ones, with an inscription upon the 2nd recording that this bell and the treble were presented to the church by members of the Cumberlands, A.D. 1807. The whole ring has been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and they have been fitted with the latest and most improved fittings, and are hung on Warner's patent bearings. A new steel frame of unique and special design, adjusted to suit the requirements of the ring and tower, has also been supplied. The effect of this great improvement is that all the bells can now be heard in the ringing chamber. Previously the trebles could scarcely be heard when the whole peal was going. The new frame is a double decker, the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 10th being hung in the upper storey, and provision has been made for a 13th bell in the same storey. The construction has been so studiously worked out, and so ably fitted, that it seems solidity itself. This, and the "go" of the bells, gave all round satisfaction amongst the scores of competent ringers who handled the ropes upon the opening day. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, and right well have they acquitted themselves in this complicated business.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., as arranged by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, in a touch of Stedman Cinques, the band standing as follows: H. Dains, B. Foskett, Miss E. K. Parker, J. D. Matthews, A. N. Hardy, F. I. Hairs, F. Bennett (conductor), E. Barnett, G. Card, J. Hunt, J. Parker, and H. Flanders. Subsequently a number of touches were rung, the bells being kept going (except during Divine Service), till about 7 o'clock. Some of those who shared conducting were Mr. J. E. Groves, Mr. T. Faulkner (College Youths), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), and Mr. W. Pye (Middlesex County Association). While it is estimated that between 300 and 400 ringers paid the church a visit during the afternoon, the following may be mentioned: Mr. F. Pitstow, with his nephew, Ernest Pitstow, jun. (Saffron Walden), Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), Mr. Edwin Horrex, Mr. C. F. Winney, Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. W. Garrard, Mr. Collins, Daniel Lovett, Mr. Paddon Smith, Mr. T. Miller, Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. F. Shepherd (Exeter), Mr. W. Bugar (Sheffield), Mr. J. Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. A. Hughes (Whitechapel), Mr. R. A. Daniel, Mr. Knight (Walthamstow), Messrs. G. Lucas, F. White, A. Grimes, G. N. Price, T. W. Cole, E. F. Cole, Barry, Barker, and Berry.

The sermon at the inaugural service, which took place at 4 p.m., was preached by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rector of Crowthorne, who gave an excellent discourse to a congregation of about 1000 persons, from the text, "I am doing a good work," Nehemiah vi. 3. In the course of his address he said it was intended to add a 13th bell to the ring, and so form a light octave. This meant that a sharp 2nd bell will be put in, which will give the note F sharp, and not the F natural as in the ring of 12. This will give St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, a distinct preference to any in the metropolis, as having handy a ring of 12, tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. in C, and also a nice ring of 8, tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs. in G. He also recalled the fact that

the Shakesperian actors, Richard Burage, Richard Tarleton, and Will Somers (jesters to King Henry VIII.), were buried in the adjoining churchyard; also that George Gross, sen., who called the bobs of the 12,000 Oxford Treble Bob at Shoreditch in March 1784, and who died in 1805, is buried in this churchyard.

A knife and fork tea followed the service, when between 200 and 300 sat down, presided over by the Master of the Royal Cumberlands, Mr. James Parker, of All Saints, Edmonton, who wore the silver medallion presented to the Society by H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland in acknowledgment of a peal rung by them at Shoreditch, on his return from the battle of Culloden. Miss Ethel Parker, who accompanied him, has rung 83 peals of 5000 or more changes, occupying about three hours each, and is claimed to be the most expert lady bell ringer in England. Henry Dains (father of the Youths) who rang in the last peal at Shoreditch (which took place upon April 3rd, 1886, over twenty-seven years ago, also took part in the first touch on the newly hung ring. Sitting at the tea table was another veteran ringer—Mr. W. H. Doran, of All Saints, West Ham, who also took part in the 1886 peal, but most of the members of that band have passed away.

The Vicar of Shoreditch (the Rev. Edward Birch), explained that about £80 was required to pay for work already done, while about £150 is needed to complete work in anticipation, viz., the 13th bell, a chiming apparatus, and covering the windows of the bell cage with armoured plate glass, which is calculated to soften in the immediate neighbourhood the music of the bells when in peal. He also explained that the bells had been ringing gloriously that day, but they would ring still more gloriously when the debt was paid.

Thanks were accorded Messrs. Warner and Sons, and responded to by Mr. Robert Warner, who was warmly applauded, and also to Mr. H. J. Bradley, who has done good work in collecting for the work of restoration.

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by a speech from Mr. Jas. Parker, who dealt with the difficulties experienced in getting and keeping together a band of ringers.

Any who have not contributed to the Restoration Fund may send their contributions to Mr. H. Bradley, the Church House, Shoreditch.

Messrs. W. H. Doran and H. Dains, who were present at the opening, both rang in the peal on March 27th, 1884, on Shoreditch bells, being the centenary of the 12,000 rung to celebrate Culloden.

On Sunday morning, November 16th, when the Mayor and Corporation attended St. Leonard's church for Divine Service, the twelve bells rung out in glorious peal as a welcome. Quite a crowd of parishioners and others witnessed the ceremony, the like of which has not been seen in Shoreditch for many years.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY —On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal (1248 changes) of London Surprise Major, in 45 mins. A. Braines, C. Hart, A. H. Ward, E. Clark, B. Mitchell, W. Wallace, H. Withers, J. Pagett. Composed and conducted by J. Pagett. First quarter-peal by all except H. Withers and J. Pagett. H. Withers hails from Birmingham.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

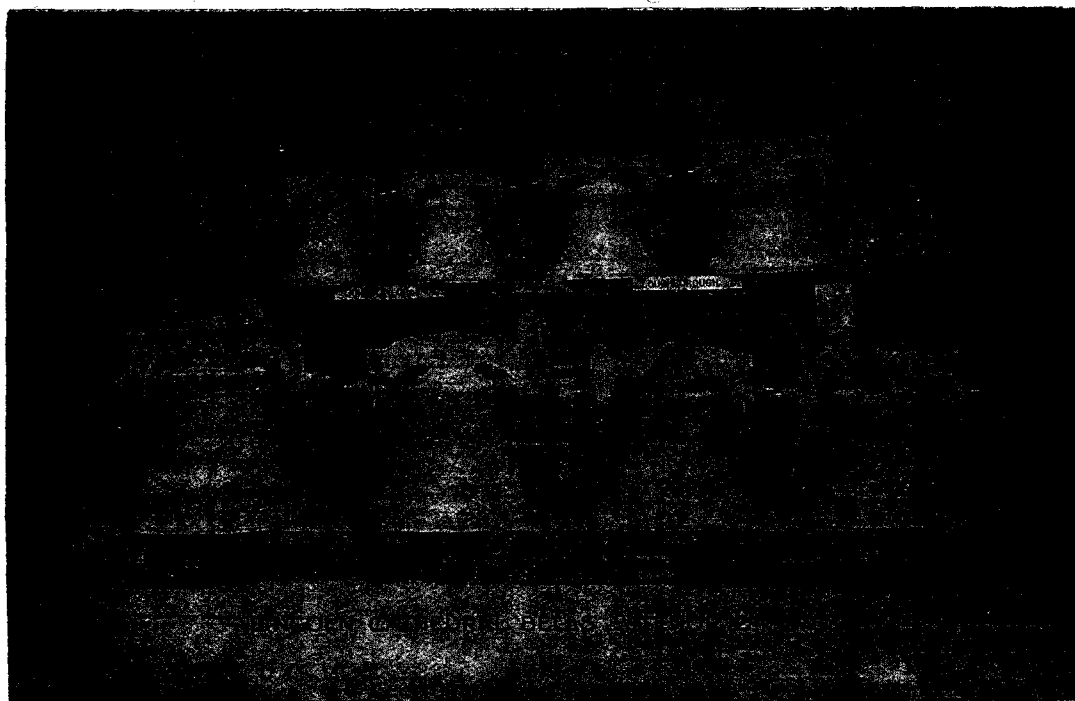
A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Kirton Lindsey, on Saturday, November 15th, ringers and friends being present from Gainsborough, Willingham, Barnetby and Bigby. Although the gathering was not so large as it might have been, yet, from a ringing point of view it was a very successful meeting. During the afternoon and evening the bells were available, and several well-struck touches accomplished in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. At 5 o'clock the visitors proceeded to the "Red Lion" hotel, where they were joined by the Vicar of Kirton Lindsey (Rev. H. R. Garvey), Messrs. Silverwood and Kent (choirmaster), and some of the local company. After partaking of a well spread tea the business meeting took place, being presided over by the Vicar. This was only of short duration, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed it was the pleasing duty of those present to elect the Rev. H. R. Garvey an honorary member. Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells; Mr. R.

Johnson for making the necessary arrangements; the host and hostess were unanimously carried and responded to in a very cordial manner by the Vicar and Mr. Johnson. Mr. Silverwood also expressed the pleasure it gave him to be with them on that occasion. This concluded the business, after which some of the visitors returned to the tower where further ringing was indulged in, including a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by the following: C. H. Baker, F. S. W. Butler (conductor), G. W. Blanchard, J. C. Tinker, W. T. Herring, J. T. Ladd. This was the first 720 of Treble Bob by Mr. Herring, and is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. Ringing was brought to a close about 7.30, and thus concluded one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Gainsborough district.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, November 16th, for the united Men's Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Torble, A. Fiddes, F. G. Newman, G. Dawson, W. Miller (conductor), W. Theobald. On Monday, November 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. T. Clayton, A. Fiddes, W. Doran, F. Doran, G. Dawson, W. Theobald (conductor). This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by Mr. G. T. Clayton.

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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. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; also St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; 8 p.m.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse, will be held on Thursday, November 27th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

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

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea at Church House, Dyott Street, at 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), to those who advise me by the 26th, their intention of being present. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage, 6 15.

F. G. Hume, Dist. Sec.
Oakley.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.
135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, November 22nd.

John W. Barker, Dist. Sec.
24, St. Leonard's Avenue, Bedford.

The Dudley and District Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Milligan (Vicar). A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, November 26th. Business meeting afterwards.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.
66, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.
33, Laugham Road, Blackburn.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Kings Langley (8 bells), on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute, 6d. per head. It is hoped that members will take this, the first opportunity of visiting Kings Langley since the augmentation from 6 to 8 bells.

H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western District.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 6th. Service at 3 p.m.

Thos. Best, Jun.
Bletchley.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wellington on Saturday, December 6th. Ringing at 3 o p.m. Business meeting at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.
Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral

will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

County Offices, Chelmsford. H. F. Cooper.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. J. Tucker has removed to 21, Nursery Road, Bishops Stortford.

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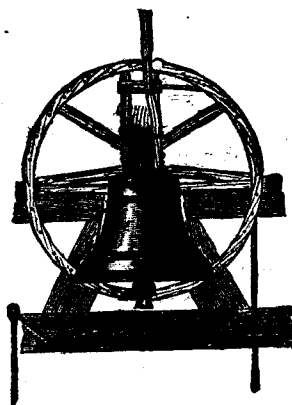
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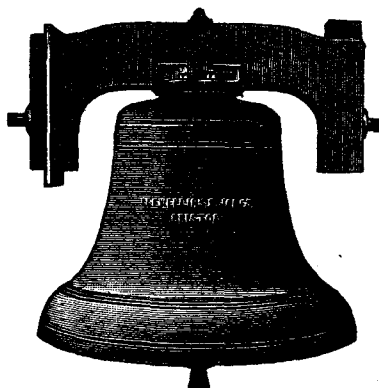
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER.

(Continued).

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who was heartily greeted on rising to respond to the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—Mr. Coleridge said it is very hard to follow the Archdeacon of London; I am sure I find it very much more difficult to follow Mr. Coleridge. At the same time I thank you most sincerely for the way in which you have honoured the last toast. I may say that we hoped to have had other visitors here this evening, who have not been able to turn up. We have received letters of regret from the Bishop of Barking, Sir A. P. Heywood, Archdeacon Taylor (Southwark), the Rev. G. C. Milton (Stepney), the Rev. J. H. Masterman (Bow), the Rev. G. S. Woodward (Southwark) who has this day been installed the new Rector of St. Saviour's, Southwark; Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who is not well enough to turn up, and Mr. R. A. Daniel. With reference to the latter I should like to read a few words from his letter: "I hope you will have a most successful meeting, and I will ask you to give my best wishes—not only to your members whom I know, but to the Society at large—for its continual growth and prosperity. Kind regards, yours sincerely, R. A. Daniel." During the last twelve months we have lost by death one of our old members, Mr. J. E. Coomb, who died on May 25th. He was for many years a regular attendant at St. Clement Danes, and the St. James' Society, and latterly he rang with us at St. Magnus, Strange to say he only rang one peal during his life, first and last. It was rung in very good company—Mr. Cooter and Mr. Wood were both in the same peal. They rang many afterwards, but he only rang that one. Then we have to deplore the death of Dr. Carpenter, whose sterling work in connection with composition we all remember with the deepest gratitude. During the year 24 new members have joined us, many of these have attended our meetings and practices pretty regularly, and these practices I may say number 62 in all since we met last year, chiefly at the City churches. The peals rung during the year number 27: one of Bob Major; Treble Bob, seven 720s, 2: Treble Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 3; Stedman Triples, 8: three of which were on handbells at a house which is becoming familiar in Haggerston; Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinques, 6, one of which was non-conducted at St. Michael's, Cornhill. One of Cambridge Major was rung at Barking, and 1 of Cambridge Maximus at Southwark Cathedral. I wish to congratulate Miss Macalpine Leny on completing 25 years as a member of the College Youths: and I also wish to congratulate the Rev. Donald Mackinnon upon his 65th birthday this very day. I wish him many happy returns, and I thank you all most sincerely for the very kind way in which you have accepted the last toast.

Mr. E. A. Davies, who had a heartily reception on rising to propose the the London and County Ringing Associations, said: Mr. Master, Miss Leny, and gentlemen; it

has fallen to my lot on more than one occasion to occupy the vice chair at your annual dinner. I accept the duties to-night with very great pleasure indeed, because I think it is an honour to any man to occupy the position of vice-chairman at such a large gathering, a record gathering, of such a Society as this. I am here also with great pleasure to-night because I see in the chair my dear young friend Mr. Faulkner; he has been during the last year our Master, and so far as I can gather he has had a most successful year of office, and has discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. I am not occupied in proposing the worthy Master now, but I am to ask you to drink to "The health and continued prosperity of the London and Provincial Ringers." The Ancient Society of College Youths I suppose stands first and foremost of the London Societies; next to that we will name our friends the Royal Cumberlands, and I would congratulate that Society to-night on the fact that they have at last seen the completion of the work which they have been most earnestly engaged in for some years past, and that is the restoration of the peal of twelve at Shoreditch. I have on more than one occasion called attention to the condition of some of the rings of bells in the City of London, but I am glad that of late years there has been considerable strides made in restorations, and all the peals of twelve, so far as I know, in the City are in good ringing order, and they are continually heard, with one exception, that one exception is St. Bride's where there is a good peal of twelve, but their voices are seldom or never heard. The London Societies are made up of members from all parts of the metropolis and the outlying districts, no doubt there are a number of small societies in different parishes who contribute members to such a society as the College Youths, the Cumberlands and London and County Societies, and they carry on their work I am sure with credit to themselves and also to the churches in which they ring. The members of these London Societies have their meetings under great difficulties, many of them have to travel miles to attend a practice or to come to Sunday ringing, and they deserve encouragement from those who are in authority the different City Churches. The master has already alluded to the state of some belfries which still need the attention of the authorities. I visited one of them not many nights ago—a few weeks back—I first went into the body of the Church and I admired it. It was a most beautiful church, one of the most splendid perhaps in the City of London. Afterwards I ascended the belfry and there I found things very different to what they were in the other part of the Church. I had not been in that belfry for some years, and had hoped that I should have seen it in quite a different state and more fitted for good churchmen to go and ring in than it was. I do not see that there is any reason at all why our London belfries should not be in as good a state as the other parts of the church. Now gentlemen, I come to the provincial ringers. The County Associations are comparatively young compared with the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Cumberlands. They have only been formed of late years,

but they have done a great work, they have brought ringing and the science of change-ringing into different towns and villages where little of the art and the science of change-ringing was known, and they have done a great work in advancing the art of ringing in the country. These Associations are made up of ringers in the towns and villages in the country. Now, we of the county of Essex have great reason this year to congratulate ourselves. There has been opened in what will presently be the Cathedral of Essex, Chelmsford, a new peal of twelve bells. I had the pleasure of being there at the opening, and to our Master was entrusted the unthankful office of selecting a band to go and ring the opening touch on these bells. I think the way he acquitted himself in a most difficult task does him the very greatest credit. He got together twelve men who had never rung together before, and put them in a belfry where there is a new peal of bells that had never been struck in changes, with a new set of ropes to ring them with. I think it requires some doing, as all you who know anything about change-ringing know—but the way the opening touch of Stedman Cinques was rung certainly does our Master and those with him the very greatest credit. The Associations are made up of local bands of ringers similar to what we have in Barking, and I wish that there were many more in the county of Essex and throughout England, like we have in Barking—The clergy are often talking to us about being church workers—we are church workers and we in Barking are proud to find that we are such a united body. I have the honour to have with me to-night the Vicar, my brother churchwardens, the organist, some of the sidesmen, accomplished ringers, and also novices in the art. I have men sitting in front of me who can ring all kinds and every method. I have got one or two who have rung their first quarter peal of Grandsire, and perhaps some of them that can just ring rounds and call changes. Gentlemen, I hope that some of them will in future years occupy the noble position that our Master does this evening and become a Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It is the encouragement given to ringers in the country towns and villages by the clergy and churchwardens taking an interest in them, that brings about such a bond of good feeling as I see before me to-night. I thank you for the attention you have paid to me and I wish you to drink to the continued prosperity of the London Societies and of the Provincial Societies of Change Ringers. I have pleasure to couple with the toast the name of Mr. Cyril Jenkyn.

RINGERS AT THE FEAST.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the ringers of Holy Trinity, Guildford, last week, when, at the invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. C. Kirwan), they gathered round the festive board at Brett's Restaurant to celebrate the completion of the recasting and rehangings of the bells, and the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the church itself. After an excellent repast, the evening was devoted to a whist drive, and during an interval, Mr. C. Hazelden voiced the thanks of the company to the Rector and churchwardens for all they had done in connection with the restoration of the bells. When the bells were first put in the tower, he said, they were put in at a time of extreme difficulty, when people were more occupied in learning to fight than in learning to pray. It took 23 years to raise the money to build the parish church of Holy Trinity, yet they built a tower, and some worthy citizen placed in it a peal of bells, reputed in their time to be the

best the age could produce. These bells had now lately been restored. Two years ago it was found that the bells were no longer fit for ringing. There was considerable difficulty in raising the money for their restoration, but this was accomplished by the skill and patience of the Rector, and they thought all their difficulties were at an end on December 29th last, when the bells were dedicated. But that was the beginning of their anxiety, and it was found necessary to take out the whole of the work and reorganise it. The founders had been perfectly successful, and the ringers liked to think that the bells as they now hang represent the highest and best and the greatest the age can produce. They are now in perfect condition. The Rector and churchwardens had displayed the greatest interest in the carrying out of the work. They would have nothing that was second rate, and in the bells, as in other things at Holy Trinity, they had the best.

The Rector, in responding, said he and the churchwardens quite realised that they had got a famous belfry, but what they appreciated even more than the actual ringing was the fact that they had behind them a loyal band of ringers. They always thought of them as churchworkers, and appreciated the work they did. He hoped nothing more would be required in the belfry just yet, as there was a limit even to extracting money.

Mr. Churchwarden Lunn also responded, and reiterated what the Rector had said as to the loyalty of the ringers. The way in which they worked was a commendable example to some other churchworkers, and if they were all as enthusiastic in the discharge of their duties as the ringers, they would be even more successful at Holy Trinity. The Rector and churchwardens were glad the ringers were pleased with the bells, and they were glad to be able to say how pleased they were with the ringers.

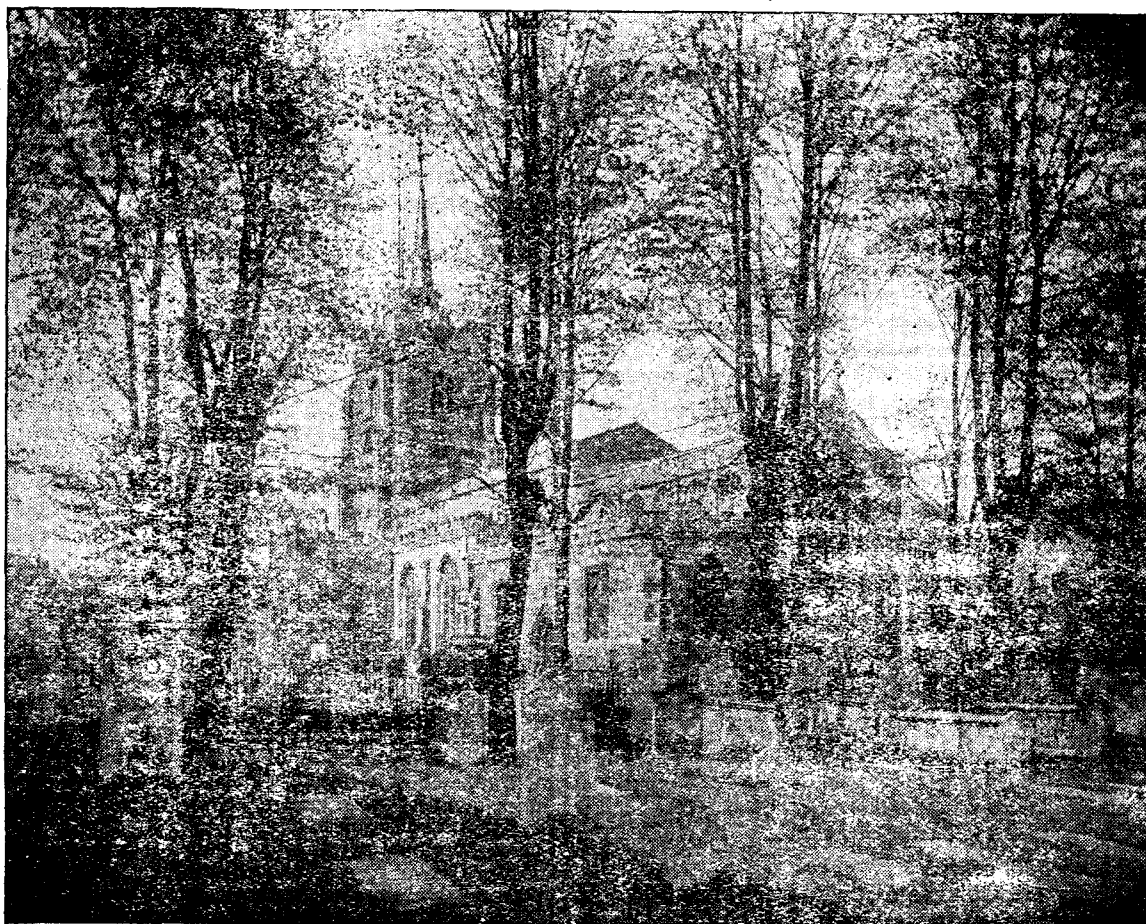
Afterwards the whist drive was continued. During the evening the handbells were brought into use, and a song was given by Mr. Ward.

ANOTHER TABLET UNVEILED.

A peal tablet has been placed in St. John's Belfry, Portmadoc, recording a peal rung to the memory of the late Mr. S. F. Percival, donor of the tower and bells. Mr. Percival was vice-president of the North Wales Association, and first president of the Portmadoc. The service of dedication which was attended by the ringers and others, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Williams). The tablet was unveiled by Mr. P. Percival, the present President of the Guild. The tablet, which is of black marble, with engraved lettering, gilded in pure gold, was the gift of Mr. W. H. Evans, a member of the Guild, and bears the following inscription: "Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire. The North Wales Association. On Thursday, December 26th, 1912, in 2 hrs. 57 mins., at the Church of St. John, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes). Parker's Twelve-part, tenor 12½ cwt.: *Jack McMillan, 1. *Harry McMillan, 2 Cadwaladr Williams 3. *Jack Parsons 4. Harry Wakefield 5. John Owen (conductor). 6. † W. H. Evans 7. *Idris P. Thomas 8. *First peal of Triples † First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late F. S. Percival, Esq., donor of the tower and bells, and first president of St. John's Guild. J. E. Williams, M.A. Vicar.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service at St. John's Church, 1064 Grandsire Triples, H. E. White, F. S. Bacon, A. G. Bennington, T. A. Easterby, F. W. Richardson, W. H. Daynes, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), C. H. Macklin.

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One more has been added to the beautiful churches of Sussex, by the consecration on Thursday, November 13th, of Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, which has been erected by a local resident, Mr. J. McAndrew, J.P., of Holly Hill. The church forms a landmark in its stately position at the top of Shepherds Hill, and has a fitting background of very fine trees. Mr. McAndrew has not only defrayed the cost of erecting the church—estimated at about £16,000, but has endowed it and thoroughly furnished it throughout with every requisite, including a full peal of beautifully-toned bells, which rang out their joyous welcome before the service.

The Church consists of a nave and north aisle, a tower and spire, and the usual arrangements of chancel and organ chamber and vestries, advantage being taken of the steep slope of the ground at this point to place the choir vestry and heating chamber under the organ and clergy vestry, both of which are at the same level as the body of the chancel.

At the west end there is a small baptistry containing a stone font. The total accommodation of the church is 300 including the choir. The exterior of the church is of Sussex stone, the interior having dressings of the same stone the walls being plastered. The fittings throughout are of oak, and include the altar, altar rail, choir stalls, pulpit and seats in nave and aisles. The church is heated by hot air.

There is a clock in the tower, which is fitted with Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity escapement and all the latest improvements, and which chimes the "Westminster" quarters and drives the hands of gilt skeleton dials.

The consecration of the new church, tower, bells and clock took place on Thursday afternoon, November 13th, in the presence of a crowded congregation, many of whom were unable to find seats.

The Bishop of Chichester, with the Rev. W. W. Youard (acting as surrogate), the Rev. W. E. Sealey (carrying the pastoral staff), the Diocesan Registrar (Mr. W. B. B. Freeland), and the apparitor, first proceeded to the Churchyard, which he consecrated. The Church was crowded, the seating for 300 being not nearly enough to accommodate all present. The clergy who attended in addition to those mentioned above were Canon Foster (Groombridge), Prebendary A. J. Swainson (Rural Dean and Vicar of Forest Row), Prebendary G. Moor (Preston), the Rev. W. A. Beckles (Hartfield), the Rev. W. W. Handford (Vicar of St. Mary's, East Grinstead), the Rev. E. H. Littlewood (East Grinstead), the Rev. C. N. Sutton (Withyham), the Rev. C. G. Bruce (curate of St. Mary's, East Grinstead), and the Rev. W. P. Evans (curate of Forest Row).

At the commencement of the service, the choir, with the clergy, officials, and the Bishops, preceded by his chaplain, proceeded to the principal entrance of the church chanting Psalm cxxii., "I was glad when they said to me," after which the Bishop repeated prayers. His lordship was then presented with the petition of consecration, and as the procession walked to the chancel, Psalm xxiv., "The earth is the Lord's," was rendered.

The Bishop next received the instruments of donation and endowment, and placed on the Holy Table. Then, turning to the people, he made the customary address, silent prayer following, and the hymn, "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire."

The Bishop, with appointed clergy, proceeded to the end of the church and said prayers, and afterwards visited the bells, font, chancel steps, prayer desk, lectern, pulpit, choir seats, and Holy Table, at each of which Prebendary Swainson read a lesson, and the Bishop offered up prayer. Later the sentence of consecration, together with the petition and deed of conveyance, was read by the Bishop. The hymn "We love the place, O God," was next sung.

The music was rendered by the choir, which was moved from the Ridge Chapel, and Mr. W. Avery presided at the organ. After the service the congregation were entertained to tea by Mr. McAndrew, the company numbering between 500 and 600.

Before and after the service the new bells were rung by the ringers from St. Peter's, Brighton, under the direction of Mr. Keith Hart, and after a hurried tea the band returned to the tower and rang an excellent peal of Stedman Triples, as recorded in last week's issue.

The tenor of the ring weighs 12 cwt., and is in the key of G., and all the bells have been hung in a steel and iron frame, and tuned on the five-tone "Simpson" principle, which soon becomes apparent to the listener.

The whole of the bell and clock work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were complimented on all sides for the manner in which their contract had been completed, and particularly for the sweet tone of the bells and the ease with which the ringers were able to handle them.

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(CREWE BRANCH).

Through the kindness of the President of the above branch (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, M.I.C.E.), the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, met at "Chester Place," on Sunday, November 16th, after morning service, to make an interesting presentation (on behalf of the Branch), to Mr. W. T. Holding, Sen., who has this year completed 21 years as instructor to the branch.

Mr. Cooke opened the proceedings with some well chosen remarks, and the presentation, which consisted of an enlarged photograph of Mr. Holding, also a purse of gold, was made by W. Langford, the oldest member of the Christ Church Tower, who spoke in high terms of the work done by Mr. Holding in connection with change ringing in the district.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake), and the churchwardens also endorsed these remarks, and said, that although Mr. Holding had not been able to get to the belfry as often as previously (owing to illness) they all hoped that he would be among them again before long.

Mr. Holding thanked them for their kind gifts and said that what he had done in the past, had not been done for any personal gain, but for the love of the art.

Mr. Cooke was thanked for the interest he had taken in the ringers in the district.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Thursday, November 13th, at St. James's Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1272 changes), in 47 mins., being 552 Kent and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Rodmell, C. Jackson (conductor), J. S. Calvert, C. T. Williams, A. E. West, L. Rodmell. On Thursday, November 20th, at St. Patrick's Church, Patrington, a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), in 45 mins., being 288 Woodbine, 101 Bob Minor, 720 Kent, and 144 Oxford Treble Bob. L. Rodmell, C. Jackson (conductor), J. S. Calvert, H. Rodmell, G. F. Williams, A. E. West. On Tuesday, November 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins. F. Dale, H. Rodmell, G. F. Williams, J. Highfield, C. Jackson (conductor), L. Rodmell, A. E. West (first quarter-peal in the method), J. Chamberlain.

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FULHAM.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 49 mins. J. W. Driver, E. A. Arthurton, R. Harvey, H. G. Owen, A. Cutmore, W. J. S. Knights, A. W. Darlington, W. J. Troughton, S. J. Collins, C. F. Edwards. Composed by A. Spittle, of Dudley, and Conducted by J. W. Driver. Rung on the 21st birthday of Mr. W. H. Worsley, who was prevented from standing in, owing to an injured hand; also the birthday of Mr. G. Edwards.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal, 1283 changes, of Kent Treble Bob, in 49 mins. W. Henley, J. A. Trollope (conductor), J. J. Pratt, G. Fardon, C. Mayne, W. Lawrence, H. H. Chandler, A. Harding.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. H. LEWIS.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. GREEN.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of the above, the dearly-beloved wife of Mr. George Green, one of the local ringers of Great Baddow, Essex. Deceased had been suffering for the last two years from consumption, and had been receiving open-air treatment in one of Dr. Lyster's shelters since April last, and had been since that period receiving the best of medical treatment. On Monday, November 17th, however, death claimed its victim. Deceased leaves a widower and three sons (the eldest of whom is ten years of age), with whom we all deeply sympathise in their great loss. The funeral took place on Friday, November 21st, in Great Baddow churchyard, when a great number of mourners assembled. Twenty-eight floral wreaths and crosses were sent. The coffin was of polished elm with brass fittings, and bore the inscription: "Alice Jane Green, died November 17th, 1913, aged 31 years." In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandstre Triples was rung on the church bells by W. J. Rice, H. R. Dawoon, A. Head, H. Richell, H. Bush, H. F. Cooper (conductor), A. Richell, and F. Newman, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, October 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins. R. Fenn, H. E. Parker, A. E. Hardy, G. W. Faulkner, G. Cottis, J. Norris, E. G. Fenn, C. Fenn (conductor). Composed by A. J. Perkins. On Sunday, November 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Worboys (first quarter-peal), G. S. Symonds, G. W. Jackson, R. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, G. Cottis (conductor), A. C. Hardy. Composed by F. Norris. On Sunday, November 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. Fenn (conductor), W. Berry (first quarter-peal of Stedman), E. Horrex, G. Cottis, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, A. C. Hardy, H. C. Parker. On Sunday, November 23rd, for morning service, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1913 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. K. Fenn, G. Cottis, G. W. Faulkner, H. E. Parker, A. C. Hardy, J. Norris, C. Fenn (conductor), E. A. Davis. Composed by J. P. Bradley.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1913.

The troubles that disturb the Essex Association seem to become more acute as time goes on, instead of being softened. At the last annual meeting there was a little dissension in connection with the gift of a treble bell to Chelmsford; then there was the trouble in the North-Western Division about the arrangements for visiting Elmdon; and now the difficulty in the North-Eastern Division, which came to a head last week in the refusal of the Master to be nominated again, with similar action on the part of the Secretary.

In both cases there was some difficulty in finding a successor, and this clearly points to some feeling of dissatisfaction, apparently with the management of the County Association. Apart from the hindrance to its well-being, which must necessarily be the result of these dissensions it is essential that the Essex Association should enter on its new era with a united front. This being so it would be well if some means were taken, either by appointing a special committee, or by holding a special general meeting to consider the causes, and devise some means of clearing them up.

It would be well if this were done at once, instead of waiting till the Annual Meeting at Whitsuntide next year, for nothing can be gained, and much may be lost by delay. Just as a snowball rolling along gathers more snow as it goes, and so becomes greater, so these outbreaks of dissension gather strength the longer they are allowed to exist. Why not get together now, discuss the matter in a friendly spirit, and get it settled up.

Surely the matter is not so difficult but that it could be settled by a meeting of a committee of the Essex Association with representatives from the divisions affected. Without pretending to know the cause, the suggestions is made with a view to put an end to what appears likely to become a serious position in the near future.

We are asked to say that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Appledore on Easter Monday last, and published in the BELL NEWS on April 19th, should be credited to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The report of the re-opening of Rickman sworth bells on Sunday last is held over.

Will someone kindly state, for the information of a correspondent, the largest number of 700s of Plain Bob Minor there are with all singles.

A correspondent asks if someone will supply him with "a set of Doubles."

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ERNEST E. GEIMES 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
ALFRED W. GEIMES 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
RICHARD N. RUMHAM 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method away from the treble, and first attempt.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED G. CRANE† Treble	WALTER SOER 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPET 6
HERBERT ARMSTRONG 3	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*First peal (aged 17.) *First peal away from the tenor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Alfege, Greenwich,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 6
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ISAAC GEORGE SHADE 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 3	WILLIAM BERRY 8
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS 4	THOMAS JAKEMAN 9
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 5	WILLIAM SHIMMANS Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, who, owing to ill-health, has resigned the living.

The Provinces.

WARFIELD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURETANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST LAMBERT Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	HARRY BUNGAY 6
JOHN RANCE 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. The five old bells have been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and augmented to a very musical eight, the work of hanging having been ably carried out by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, Kidlington.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	JOHN W. BARKER 4
MISS EORLYN STEEL 2	FRANK WHEE 5
EDMUND J. HOEBS* 3	HORACE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE SMITH.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER C. GOSLING* Treble	GEORGE BURRIDGE* 4
GEORGE FOUND 2	GEORGE HADAWAY 5
GEORGE FOSTER* 3	CHARLES H. SONE Tenor

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

This is the first peal on these bells since being rehung by Bowell, of Ipswich, the "go" now being perfect. *First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

In the Kent Variation,

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE STUBBS Treble	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5
JOHN SMITH 2	ERNEST CATTWRIGHT 6
ERNEST LESLIE* 3	JAMES HUTCHBY 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal of Major.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN MITCHAM* Treble	GEORGE FRENCH 5
ROBERT BRETT SMITH 2	GEORGE DURLING 6
HARRY DURLING† 3	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, SEN. 7
ALBERT E. NEWICK 4	JOHN NEWICK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMERIDGE.

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. PORCH* Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE 5
EDGAR GUISE* 2	GEORGE CONNICK, JUN. 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR* 7
GEORGE TOMKINS* 4	HARRY BROWNJOHN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged for Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores, with nine different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE .. Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN .. 2	WILLIAM H. BANKS .. 5
LUKE VERRALL .. 3	HARRY EDNELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Harriot (formerly organist of the above church, now organist of Isfield Parish Church) to Miss E. F. Norman, which happy event took place at Cowfold Church on the 19th inst. Also rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. G. Martin.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM K. NORTH* .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 4
HENRY WALLACE .. 2	NATHAN PATMORE .. 5
ERNEST OVERALL .. 3	BERNARD PATMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD PATMORE.

*First peal.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE .. Treble	JOHN FLOWER .. 5
HENRY LETTS .. 2	HENRY GEORGE .. 6
FRED W. HILL .. 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT .. 7
WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 4	ALEX. HUTCHISON .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES PAGITT, and Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Grandsire and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

A. R. BARKER* .. Treble	D. CRASHLAY .. 4
A. MATTOCK .. 2	F. ROWLINSON .. 5
J. ROWLINSON .. 3	A. J. ABBAMS .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. ABBAMS.

*First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in E flat.

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

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal in the method by all, and the first on the bells. First in the method in Wales.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHDIOCEANAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN DARLINGTON .. Treble	W. R. WASHBROOK .. 5
GEORGE A. SMITH .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE .. 6
JAMES E. GROVES .. 3	ARTHUR CLAY* .. 7
JOHN GODEER* .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.

*First peal of Superlative, and on the bells. This peal was rung after two of the bells had been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, Ltd., the work giving the great satisfaction to all concerned.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDK. ROOPE .. Treble	CHARLES BAKER .. 6
FREDK. BORRETT .. 2	WILLIAM ROOPE .. 6
CHARLES ROOPE .. 3	EDWIN WHITING .. 7
HENRY GARNHAM .. 4	ERNEST WHITING .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. ROOPE.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES .. Tenor	CHARLES TYLER .. 5
EDWARD HOETIN* .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6
ALBERT LITTLE .. 3	FRANK W. PERRENS .. 7
EDGAR MARLOW .. 4	JAMES ADAMS* .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

*First peal of Stedman, Messrs. Marlow and Tyler hail from Wood Green; T. Hughes from Wednesbury; A. Little from Wolverhampton; the rest belong to the local band.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius the Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5152 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM OXLEY** .. Treble	MICHAEL F. HARRISON† .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR* .. 2	ROBERT W. LOVIE .. 6
JAMES AYERS* .. 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER .. 7
CECIL O. SAYER .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON† .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

First peal of Major on the bells. *First attempt for a peal of Major. †First attempt for a peal of Double Norwich.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

EDWARD J. MALLARD .. Treble	EDWARD W. BEAY .. 5
WALTER ALCOCK .. 2	GEORGE H. HOUSE .. 6
EDGAR HANCOX .. 3	KEITH HART .. 7
JOSEPH SHARP .. 4	CHARLES LEWIS .. Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONG STANTON,
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, November 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM D. JAMES Treble	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON .. 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 2	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 6
J. HOWARD R. FREERORN .. 3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 7
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY* .. 4	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal in any method with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
JOHN BASS 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
GEORGE N. COCKIN 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DADNEY .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. 5
ERNEST G. STIRRENS .. 2	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS .. 3	JAMES R. MACEMAN .. 7
WILLIAM A. GARRARD .. 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WM. E. GARRARD.

NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK E. KEMPTON .. Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON .. 5
REGINALD LATHBURY† .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 6
GEORGE MALLION* .. 3	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. 7
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. 4	FREDK. DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

*First peal on 8 bells. †First peal away from the tenor behind. It is also believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This is the 50th tower in which W. D. James has rung a peal. The band wish to thank, through the medium of "The Bell News," the Rev. Douglas Hamilton for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Pindar, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

HORTON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and two 720s each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

WALTER P. CROSS .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY .. 4
LEONARD STILWELL .. 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 3	JAMES BLACKMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble	HARRY PEET 4
BEN W. YORK* 2	ALBERT E. YORK† .. 5
FREDERICK KILBORN .. 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

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

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, being 720 each of St. Clements, College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LOVELL RICHARDS .. Treble	GEORGE GEARY 4
EDWARD GEARY 2	VICTOR GEARY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	FRED STANFORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the Eve of St. Clement's Day.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
FREDK. RADLEY 2	ERNEST NEWMAN .. 6
WALTER SADLER 3	DAVID ELLIOTT 7
ERNEST W. BREWSTER .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method by F. Radley.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Double Stedman Slow Course, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK BARRETT .. Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 4
GEORGE M. KILBY .. 2	HARRY KILEY 5
GABRIEL CHALKLEY .. 3	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

This is the first peal in seven plain methods on the bells and by all the band.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HAROLD PEGG .. Treble	HENRY PATRIDGE .. 5
JOSEPH CADLE 2	JOHN RAWSON 6
EPHRAIM W. RANDE .. 3	GERALD GRIFFEN .. 7
PERCY HADFIELD* .. 4	WALTER FERN Tenor

Conducted by EPHRAIM RANDE.

*First peal.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. (The Maldon and District Guild).

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New
London Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

PERCY C. SAYER Treble	WALTER NICE 4
FRED CHALK 2	GEORGE H. NEVILLE 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD .. 3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Four-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES WYATT Treble	WILLIAM H. CORRETT .. 5
GEORGE COOK 2	THOMAS TUTT 6
WILLIAM COOK 3	RICHARD BRINDALL 7
JOHN HOYLE 4	DAVID ANSCOMB Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and conducted by WILLIAM H. CORRETT.

This peal is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Wyatt, Captain of the local band.

Handbell Peals.

HAGGESTON, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 129, Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT* 1-2	ERNEST PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS* 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

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

*First peal of Stedman Cinques in hand, and rung at the first time of meeting. Umpire F. Bennett.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At the Residence of A. W. Clark,

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

HERBERT LANGDON .. 1-2	CHALLIE F. WINNEY .. 3-6
WALTER S. WISE .. 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire—Walter G. Rowe. Witnesses—Sydney R. Roper, and Mrs. A. Clark. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Clark.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. W. Honeybell, Alfred Jones, Arthur Jones (conductor), J. Herbert, J. Kent, T. Bolton (first quarter-peal in the method), W. J. Elson, H. Whanslaw.

LADOCK Cornwall.—On Monday, November 17th, at the Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Chapman, W. Chapman, D. Capp, C. Rogers, S. Rogers, H. H. Scott. On Wednesday, November 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by the same band, conducted by S. Rogers. First 720 and first quarter-peal by any of the band, who are all local ringers.

NEWCASTLE TO HAVE A PEAL OF TWELVE.

Newcastle Cathedral is to have a peal of twelve bells, and the announcement will doubtless be received with enthusiasm by ringers in the two far northern dioceses. To increase the peal often at St. Nicholas, has long been the ardent desire of the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge), and the awakening of interest caused by the visit of the Central Council at Whitsun has afforded the opportunity to realise the cherished ambition.

The Cathedral Guild have taken the matter in hand, and they intend to do it "on their own"—a fact upon which they are entitled to the highest commendation. No appeal for assistance is to be made, either of a parochial or diocesan nature, neither will the Cathedral authorities, in their corporate capacity, at any rate, be called upon. Between £40 and £45 has been promised among the members of the Cathedral Guild, and it is hoped that it may be possible to get the bells in by next Easter.

This affords a splendid example of the efforts which ringers are ready to make to forward the Art while adding to the value of the church's possession.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

THE LAST TWO PEALS.

The last two peals rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, were as follows:—

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.—On Thursday, May 29th, 1884, ten members of the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Stedman Caters, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. George Newson, Treble; John Gobbett, 2; *Ackland J. Perkins, William H. Fussell, 4; Thomas Titchener, 5; Arthur Jacob, 6; William H. Doran, 7; Wingfield Meadows, 8; Arthur H. Gardom, 9; *Harry Benham, Tenor. Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by G. Newson. *First peal of Caters.

ST. LEONARD'S, SHOREDITCH.—The Royal Cumberland Youths rang the last peal on Saturday, April 3rd, 1886, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5,000 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. George Newson, Treble; Arthur Jacob, 2; Thomas Titchener, 3; *Ackland J. Perkins, 4; James Hannington, 5; Henry Swain, 6; George Harvey, 7; Henry Hopkins, 8; Henry Dains, 9; James Barrett, Tenor. Composed and Conducted by George Newson. Has 6 courses in the tittums, and 4 at home. *First peal of Royal.

Only three of those who rang in the last peal are now alive.

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RINGERS AT GUILDFORD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A very happy and jovial re-union of the ringers of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild took place on Wednesday at Guildford. During the afternoon various touches were successfully brought round in the local towers, and a service in St. Nicolas Church was well attended, an able and helping address being given by the Rev. G. Harding, of Godalming, who based his remarks upon the text—"A tale that was told."

A tea was served at "The Star" Hotel, ringers being present from Cobham, Shere, Cranleigh, Godalming, Haslemere, Chiddingfold, Witley, Womersley, Clandon, Merrow, Aldershot, Farnham, Woking, Worplesdon, Shalford and others. At the annual meeting, which followed, in the absence of the Mayor of Guildford Ald. E. Bridger (Godalming) presided, and supporting him were the Revs. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne, Berks.), W. W. S. Fleet (Woking), G. Harding (Godalming), J. B. Francis (Farncombe), and C. Compton (Haslemere), and Messrs. F. E. Dawe, G. Williams (General Secretary of the Guild, Southampton), and J. J. Jones (District Secretary).

Alderman E. Bridger said he felt highly honoured to be called upon to deputise for the Mayor of Guildford and he had still a feeling of gratitude to the ringers for the kind reception they gave him in his own Borough a few months ago.

The district report was presented by the hon. secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones, who said that during the past year meetings had been held at Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Binstead and Ranmore. They regretted the destruction by fire at Clandon Church of a fine peal of six bells. It has been pointed out to the Rector that the same amount of metal would make a fine peal of eight. Holy Trinity, Guildford, were in an excellent condition as also were those of St. Nicolas, Guildford. The strength of the district with the amalgamation of the Leatherhead district, was 30 towers, 275 ringing members and 38 hon. members. The towers of Womersley and Ranmore had been affiliated to the district and instruction was given at Ash, Bentley, and Womersley. At present there was a balance in hand of £14 (applause), but, added Mr. Jones, "you have to deduct from that the cost of your teas" (Laughter)—On the motion of Mr. Whittington (Cranleigh), and Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham), the report was adopted.

The report of the committee meeting held on November 8th was presented by the Hon. Secretary, and it was decided to hold seven quarterly meetings next year (laughter). The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. C. Willshire; District Secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones; Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. H. White (Dorking); representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. R. Whittington and C. Edwards; Ringing Master, Mr. A. H. Pulling; Auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnel, Chaplin, the Rev. G. Harding.

Mr. C. Dawe thanked the Rev. Fleet for his services as chaplain, and said he thought that it would be impossible to find a better band of officers, from one end of England to the other and as regards the ringing master it would be impossible to beat him.

The meeting approved of the following meetings: February, Aldershot; April, Shere; May, Haslemere; June, Leatherhead; August, Ranmore; September, Farnham; November, Guildford.

Some discussion took place on the question of holding

the annual meeting on a Saturday. The ringing master pointed out that they could not have Holy Trinity bells on a Saturday.

The Secretary considered that there would be no objection to Holy Trinity if they held the service there. If not, they could have St. Nicolas, because the inhabitants were not so touchy down there.

Mr. S. Radford declared that they could not have St. Peter's bells. The majority, however, were in favour of Saturday, and it was agreed to hold the meeting on that day.

It was unanimously agreed to ring four district peals next year.

The Committee also resolved that the time had now come when the Guild should have a badge. In moving that the meeting should approve of a badge, Mr. Willshire said that he would like to see a universal badge.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said the matter came before the Oxford Guild, as it was decided to ask the Central Committee if they would be good enough to adopt a badge for the ringers of England, and he was deputed to bring the question before the Council. It was agreed to bring the matter up at the next Guild meeting.

It was also decided to continue the combined practices.

Mr. A. H. Pulling presented the Ringing-Master's report, which stated that 11 peals were rung on six bells; 13 on eight; 2 on ten; and ten on handbells, making a total of 44.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Bridger for presiding, was proposed by Mr. Dawe, and carried with musical honours.

Following the meeting a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. H. Pulling, M. Smithers, G. Williams, and S. Radford. The Farncombe band—the Rev. J. B. Francis, Messrs. W. Moorey, W. Hooker, and Wood, also rang, and songs were given by the Revs. G. Hastings and J. B. Francis, and Messrs. B. Ward, S. Bennett, Nells, T. Mack, F. E. Dawe, S. W. Brion, H. Ledge, H. Mason, and E. Etheridge. The arrangements were creditably made by Mr. Wiltshire.

At the service in church a collection was taken on behalf of the Titchfield bells, Hampshire, amounting to £1 6s. 3d.

WEDDING CELEBRATION AT GEDDINGTON.

At the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Geddington, on Thursday, November 20th, 720 Grandsire Doubles were rung by W. Moore, C. Swann, C. Cooper (conductor), E. Reid, and C. Moore, as a compliment to Mr. R. G. Black, (the esteemed Captain of the local band, and well-known amongst ringers in the district), who was married that day at Kettering Parish Church to Miss S. E. Darker, of Kettering. After the ringing the bridegroom was present in the belfry, when Mr. W. Moore (the veteran of the band) presented to him, on behalf of his fellow-ringers, a handsome set of knives and forks, and in a well-chosen words wished him and his bride long life and happiness.

Afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Black, the bridegroom's father and mother, and a pleasant hour or two was spent in singing and handbell ringing. Illness near the church prevented an attempt for a peal.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, November 16th, 720 Woodbine. A. Carter, W. H. Lawrence, F. Williams, G. H. Barker, A. Phillips, A. Woolston, W. H. Lawrence (conductor),

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BROMHAM.—On Sunday, November 23rd the ringers of St. Mary's Devizes, visited Bromham and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by Mr. Sidney Hillier, of St. John's. Devizes, in 48 mins. E. Little, F. Green, S. Hillier, G. W. England, A. Little, A. Wiltshire.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Sunday evening, November 23rd, a quarter-peal of Minor, in 46 mins., in ten methods, viz.: 240 Grandsire, 60 College Single, and 120 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. H. Argent, G. A. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. M. Mitchell (conductor). On Saturday, November 22nd, after meeting too late for a peal attempt, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Argent, F. Mitchell, G. Jones, H. Holden, F. Hayes, J. Burles (conductor). First 720 in the method by H. Holden. On Sunday afternoon, November 16th, for a monthly service of the C.E.M.S., 720 Plain Bob. S. Bannister, H. Argent, H. Holden, F. Hayes, G. Collins, F. Mitchell (conductor). H. Holden came from Meopham to complete the band. On Sunday, November 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Collins, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, J. Burles, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Sunday, November 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob. S. Bannister, H. Argent,

J. Burles, G. Jones, F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). On Tuesday, October 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. G. A. Hayes, W. Lane, S. T. Jarrett (bandsman), V. A. Jarrett, R.E., F. Hayes, F. Mitchell (conductor). Messrs. G. Hayes and W. Lane hail from Swanscombe, and the brothers Jarrett from Frindsbury.

CHATHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. G. Riordan, H. Hogarth, H. Springate, E. Sills, S. Shellock, C. Norris, F. Belsey (conductor) G. Lawrence. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the local band, on the bells, and in the method by all except 5 and 7. On Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Roberts, P. Burgess, H. Springate, G. Riordan, F. Belsey, E. Sills, S. Shellock (conductor). G. Lawrence. On Sunday, November 23, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., J. Hunt, P. Burgess, H. Roberts, F. Belsey (conductor), S. Shellock, H. Hogarth, G. Lawrence. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by H. Roberts.

BENNINGTON.—On Saturday, November 15th, after an attempt for a peal, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), B. Patmore, S. Page, A. Phillips, H. Wallace, J. Warner, E. Overall, G. H. Barker.

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The Ancient Society of College Yonths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 2nd and 16th; Southwark Cathedral on 2nd and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 4th and 18th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 9th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30., the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, 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.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea at Church House, Dyott Street, at 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies). Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Milligan (Vicar). Business meeting afterwards.

66, Himley Road, Dudley. Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, November 29th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

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

The Hertfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Kings Langley (8 bells), on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute, 6d. per head. It is hoped that members will take this, the first opportunity of visiting Kings Langley since the augmentation from 6 to 8 bells.

H. Eden, Hon. Sec., Western District.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 6th. Service at 3 p.m.

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Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wellington on Saturday, December 6th. Ringing at 3 o p.m. Business meeting at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 6th. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. S. Churton, 24, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than December 3rd.

Rev. Jno Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson,

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.
32, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Cropthorne on Saturday, December 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. The meeting will

follow immediately after. The annual reports can be had at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.

W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday December 13th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bishop Stortford on Saturday, December 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Short address by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lane). Tea and business meeting will be held at The Chequers Hotel at 5.33 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea 6d. each to members giving notice not later than first post on Thursday, December 11th.

William Watts, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

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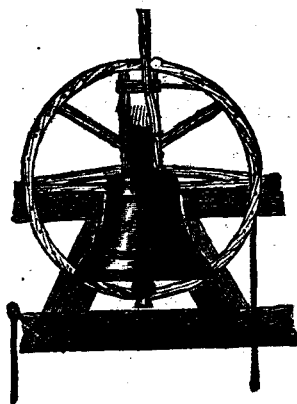
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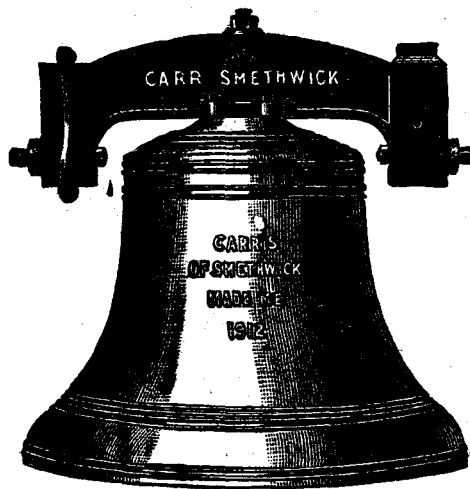
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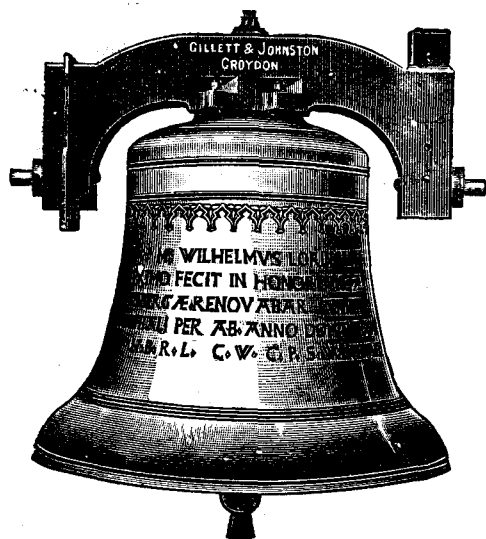
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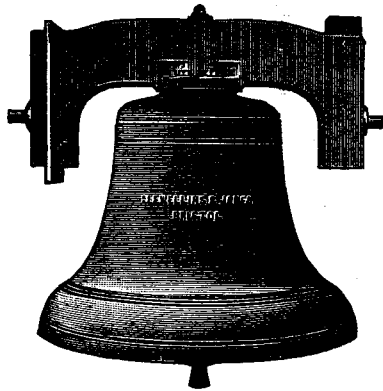
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THE CHURCH BELLS, RICKMANSWORTH.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

After a long period of silence, the bells of the Parish Church rang out merrily on Sunday, the occasion being the dedication of two, and the re-dedication of six of the peal of eight bells. This ceremony took place at morning service, and was performed by the Rev. C. M. O. Parkinson, Vicar and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. C. A. W. Pain (curate), and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S., Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who preached at the morning service. The work of re-casting and re hanging was entrusted to Messrs. Warner, the well-known bellfounders, of Spitalfields. At the Easter Vestries, 1911 and 1912, the churchwardens stated that the question of the bells gave them much concern. They had invited reports from various independent sources, as a result of which they were unanimous in their decision that ringing the bells was dangerous both to the tower and to those engaged in ringing. At the 1913 Easter Vestry it was stated that "the work of restoration would be commenced as soon as the necessary funds were available. Estimates had been obtained from recognised good firms." Writing in the Rickmansworth Parish Magazine, the May following, the Vicar congratulated the parish upon the fact that the whole of the £300 required for the renovation had been subscribed. Referring to the Church bells in the July number of the same magazine, the Vicar wrote: "We were very silent and subdued, as if some sad epidemic had fallen upon the parish, without our silver-tongued friends of the belfry, and it seems difficult to keep up to time without our chiming clock. The bells and framework were conveyed to Rickmansworth on Monday, the 17th inst., and during the rest of the week workmen were fighting strenuously against time bent upon having the peal ready for Sunday's ceremony. It is pleasing to state that the work was carried through without accident, and Messrs. John Warner and Sons have indeed made a splendid job. The new frame, constructed for ten bells, is a massive looking structure, and thoroughly deserves the name of "Dreadnought" which the Shoreditch bell frame was called by visiting ringers. The bearings are Messrs. Warner's self aligning oil bath bearings, and all the bells have been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle.

THE DEDICATION.

Morning service having been said as far as the Collect for Grace, the clergy, choir and churchwardens proceeded to the foot of the tower, singing the hymn "Hail, festal day. This finished, Col. Walters (Vicar's warden), handed the ropes to the Vicar, requesting him to dedicate the bells to the glory of God and the use of the church. The Vicar, holding the ropes in his right hand read the service of dedication authorised by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. While the procession returned to the chancel the bells were rung by a band including members of the St. Mary's Guild and a party of ringers from Oxhey. The Rev. C. D. P.

Davies preached from I Cor., xii, 18, "But now hath God set the members, every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him."

After morning service a team which included the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (Secretary of the Central Council) rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. G. N. Price, of Oxhey.

The Vicar (Rev. C. M. O. Parkinson) preached at the evening service, his text being "Their sound is gone out into all lands," Psal. xix, 3, and "Their sound went into all the earth," Rom. x, 18. Speaking of the bells he said: We are happy and fortunate in having in this parish a fine peal of church bells, with probably a long and interesting history behind them; for although two of our peal have been re-cast, and the remaining six were re-cast with them in 1765, these same bells probably hung in our 14th Century tower for many years before that date. I am unable to trace their history from the start, but I find references to them in the Vestry meeting minutes and the churchwardens' accounts from 1720 onwards, i.e., nearly 200 years ago. Let me give one or two extracts:—"1720. The churchwardens shall forthwith repair the great bell clapper staple and the fourth bell clapper." "1724. It is ordered that whereas the fifth bell is now lame, having the crown staple broken, the churchwardens do forthwith employ some skilful person to amend and put in a new staple, that she may be fit for use." "June 16, 1726. Whereas the fourth bell is cracked, so that she is not fit for use, that ye present churchwardens do forthwith employ some skilful person to new cast ye said bell, so that she may be fit to ring in peal with ye other bells." "1st September. 1728. It is agreed that the churchwardens shall repair the tenor and second bells." "1729, 7th September. Whereas the bells are very much out of order, that the churchwardens do amend and repair the same, that they may be fit for use." Well, our bells have returned from their trip to Spitalfields rejuvenated and refurbished, yet retaining their ancient history and identity, with added sweetness of tone and lingering harmony, which will steal into the hearts of all of us; henceforth they will live among us as friends up yonder in the belfry; friends who will live alike in our joys and in our sorrows; leading our thoughts to things high and holy, pure and peaceful, enduring, nay, eternal. They will have, beloved, a message for all of us:

In sorrow and sadness,
In pleasure and gladness.
Now softly stealing,
Now loudly pealing,
The bells have a message for all.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BELLS,

The notes and diameters of the bells with the inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble—D; 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lb. "Lester and Pack of London Fecit 1765. Recast by John Warner and Sons, Founders, London. 1913."

2nd—C; 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 19 lb. "Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

3rd—B; 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lb. "Musick is medicine to the mind. Lester and Pack of London Fecit 1765."

4th—A; 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lb. "Peace and good neighbourhood. Lester and Pack of London Fecit 1765."

5th—G; 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lb. "Our voices shall with joyful sound; make hills and valleys echo round. Lester and Pack of London Fecit 1765."

6th—F sharp; 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lb. "Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness; be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess. Lester and Pack of London Fecit 1765."

7th—E; 14 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lb. "In wedlock bands all ye who join, with hands your hearts unite; so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite. Lester and Pack of London Fecit 1765."

Tenor—D; 20 0 qrs. 20 lb. "Cast 1765. I was recast at the expense of Dame Gertrude Dugdale, 1913. C. M. O. Parkinson, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean; G. W. Walters, H. H. Couchman, E. A. Peters, M.D. (Churchwardens); Stephen Salter, Henry Wankford, Danl Parrot (Churchwardens 1765); Lester and Pack of London Fecit. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., Founders, 1913." Total weight of peal—86 cwts. 3 qrs. 13 lb.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

At the meeting of the Central Committee held at Tonbridge on November 22nd, the Hon. Secretary reported that the reparation of James Barham's memorial stone in Leeds churchyard had been carried out at the cost of £3 10s. The Annual Meeting was fixed for Whitsun Monday, June 1st, 1914, to be held at Maidstone. Several grants were made from the Belfry Repairs Fund, viz.: £2 2s. to Wye; £2 2s. to Hoo St. Werburgh; £1 1s. to Shorne, to be increased to £3 3s. if two trebles are added; £3 3s. to Higham, to be increased to £4 4s. if a treble is added.

The Report of the sub-committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the administration of the Benevolent Fund was carefully considered, and with one or two amendments was accepted. The sub-committee recommended that persons eligible for assistance should be (a) old and disabled members OF NOT LESS THAN TEN YEARS STANDING, and (b) widows of members. The Committee decided to strike out the words in small caps. It was also decided that applications should come through the Secretary AND REPRESENTATIVE of the District in which the applicant or applicants reside. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the parish room and for permission to ring after the meeting was passed.

On Nov. 29th a meeting was arranged at Cobham between Milton, Cobham, Meopham, Shorne, and Ash ringers. Some twenty members of these towers were present. Milton opened the ringing at 9.30 p.m. and the following Kent County members were successful in ringing the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. H. Argent, 1; G. Jones, 2; G. Ambrose, 3; J. Burles, 4; F. Hayes, 5; F. Mitchell (conductor), 6. Plain Bob was indulged in for the learners, some getting through very well. Touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Grandsire were rung up till 8.50, when the bells were lowered. Mr. Fowle having placed his room at the disposal of the ringers, and Mr. J. Wood his handbells, the rest of the evening was spent in ringing Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor, Milton had brought some of their tunes for handbells with them, but were unable to use them, owing to the bells being in different key.

THE 60TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. JAMES GEORGE, OF RUGBY.

With a view of celebrating the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, the famous bell-ringer, upwards of 150 of his fellow colleagues from London, Manchester, Coventry, Birmingham and district, and other personal friends, were invited to a sumptuous meat tea and musical evening held at the St. Martin's Hotel, Bull Ring, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 29th.

The chair was taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. During the week ending November 29th, peals were arranged by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, in honour of Mr. George's birthday at various places in the district.

Tea being over, a large number attended the very satisfactory musical function which had been arranged.

The Chairman in his opening speech, which was full of humour, stated they had gathered together to welcome and do honour to their esteemed and respected fellow-ringer, Mr. James George, of Rugby. If there was anything to be regarded in Mr. George's career it was that he did not commence change-ringing until he was 35 years of age, but when he did begin, he made up for lost time, and he rang his first peal (Stedman Triples), on February 16th, 1889, nearly 25 years ago, at St. George's, Camberwell.

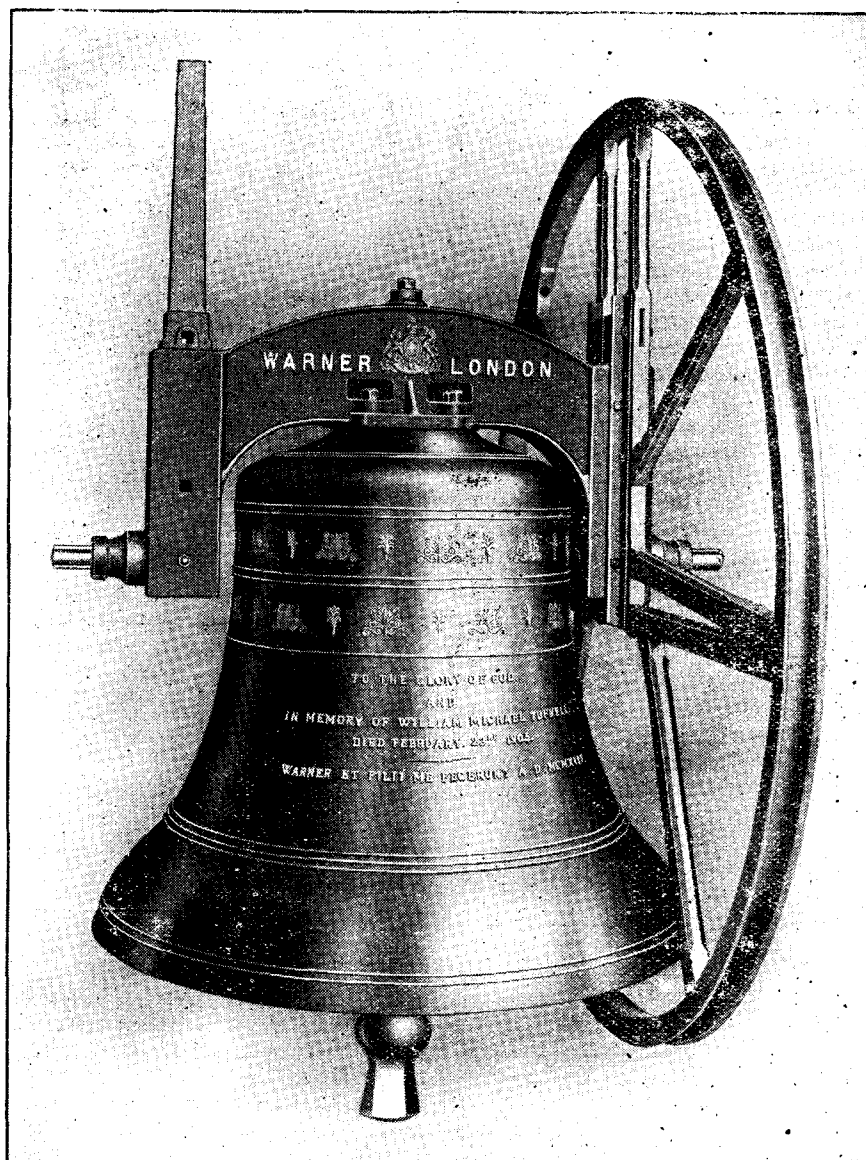
Mr. George had rung 529 peals, one a peal of Maximus, rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 changes, in 8 hrs. 39 mins. last year, in which he rang the tenor bell. He is a member of 41 Associations. It was a pleasure to speak of Mr. George's splendid career, to which every one in that room would bear testimony, and he was sure that they would all express admiration of it, and join in wishing Mr. George health, strength and prosperity for the future.

Mr. George, who was received with vociferous cheering, said how delighted he was to see so many of his fellow-ringers there that evening from all parts of the country. He felt for the moment that it was the greatest comfort of his life. He saw before him his old friends, H. Chapman (Manchester), William and Ernest Pye, Mr. Reeves, and another dear old friend—Mr. Godden. He might say that the latter gentleman was one of his oldest associates. It was at this Hotel, something like 24 years ago, that he first met Mr. Godden, who pleasurably introduced him to the late respected Mr. Henry Johnson, and they spent a happy time together. Mr. George went on to say that although he was 60, he did not feel more than 21. He wished to thank everyone present for the kindly feelings extended to him.

During the evening capital songs were rendered by T. Davis (Birmingham), Cyril Johnston (Croydon), W. M. Parsons and W. Dicken (Rugby). Several beautiful selections were played on the dulcimer by Mr. Harry Withers. A most musical touch of Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. James George; also Stedman Ciuques was rung by the members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

In conclusion, Mr. George thanked Alderman Pritchett for his presence that night in the chair, and stated that it must have caused some inconvenience to him, as they all knew what a busy man he was in Birmingham and district.

In reply, Alderman Pritchett said it had given him great pleasure to be present, as Mr. George was a man whom he greatly admired, and whom he held in high esteem.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL TENOR BELL.

The new Ring of Twelve Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lb.) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I was glad to see the admirable suggestion in your last re the above Association, and trust the same may be acted upon.

There is one point you did not refer to. It will be remembered that some years ago I called attention to the many peals rung in this part of Essex, but credited to another Association, which, so long as the Analysis existed—rightly or wrongly—was unfair to this Association. I had no feeling whatever in the matter, and only raised the question on principle. From recent issues of the "BELL NEWS" it appears that the dissatisfaction has led to the ringing of peals in the North-Western Division—the heart of the county—and publishing them under the head of another Association. Miles's boy goes so far as to hint that the result (if the dissatisfaction is not removed) will be the formation of another association in conjunction with part of some adjoining county. The fact that peals are appearing as mentioned goes to prove that the tale is not without some foundation.

At the Chelmsford opening some of my old friends referred to the unsatisfactory situation, which was attributed to the selection of the band for the opening, and that an effort had been made after the mistake had been found out to correct the same, but too late. There is, however, some mystery in the air, for, according to remarks made at the recent College Youths' dinner the selection of a band was made by an entirely different individual to the one blamed in the first instance.

Here, then, is work for an impartial committee, and the sooner it is taken in hand the better. We in Essex are on the eve of the formation of a new diocese and are looking forward to that happy time when it is hoped there will be a great uplifting of Church life in the county. It would be most unfortunate if ringers were to be the cause of an unhappy division.

May I add that I have many times been pressed to make some statement as to my withdrawal from the Association. I can only say—mismanagement.—Yours &c.,

Romford,

B. KEEBLE.

Dec. 1st, 1913.

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To the Editor.

SIR,—If your correspondent is anxious to know how many different 720s of Bob Minor can be obtained with singles only, the answer is "legion." As a comparison it may be pointed out that there are no less than 3,000 variations of the ordinary six-part 720 with 16 or 18 bobs and 2 singles. If he wishes to ring a few 720s with singles only he can start with at least 310 simple and obvious variations of the five given in Snowdon's Rope-Sight.

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GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On November 21st Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Webb, of Baldock, Herts, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Webb has attained the ripe old age of 78 years, while Mrs. Webb is six years his junior. Both are happy in the enjoyment of good health. Their family consists of four sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren. Mr. Webb is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and also of the Hertfordshire Association, the latter of which he joined at its formation. His ringing career began at Cottered, but for 48 years he has been a member of the Baldock Parish Church Band.

On the evening of Friday, Nov. 21st, the Baldock band met at the Parish Church to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of the happy couple, but it came to grief after ringing 600 changes, and the time was filled up with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Webb, to whom they tendered hearty congratulations and good wishes.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT,

A bright and enthusiastic meeting was held at Wootton on Saturday, November 29th. A variety of methods were rung, ranging from Bob Doubles to the Surprise Minor methods. On the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mr. Stapleton for successfully conducting the first peal of Surprise Minor in the county. It may be noted that the chief supporters of that resolution are members of the band who were endeavouring to obtain the coveted honour for themselves. Kempston was selected for the next meeting on Saturday Dec. 27th, when it is hoped that every member of the district will attend.

THE NEW CHURCH AT COLEMAN'S HATCH.

Mr. J. McAndrew, J.P., of Holly Hill, Coleman's Hatch, writes disclaiming the merit attributed to him last week, of having borne the whole cost of the new church at Coleman's Hatch and its fittings. Included in the £16,800 mentioned in the report of the dedication service, is the cost of a vicarage and cottage erected just below the church. The bells and clock, the organ, the service of Communion plate, the hymn-boards, and an altar service book were gifts of near relatives of Mr. McAndrew, others of whom are presenting an altar frontal for festivals, which is not yet completed. The font-ewer is the gift of a relative of the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Ogle, and he is the donor of the three stained windows in the baptistery. The two windows on the south side of the chancel will shortly be filled with stained glass, given by the Misses Hale, of Forest House, and other windows in the nave, gifts of residents in the parish, are being arranged for. A bequest of the late Mrs. Eliza Darling (widow of Colonel Augustus Darling, of about £1,500 for the erection of a church in the vicinity of the Ridge, in Coleman's Hatch parish), is likely to be devoted to the Coleman's Hatch Church, but the exact form which this contribution may take is not yet decided. Among the clergy present last Thursday was Canon Stenning, of Winchester.

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Rung at Melton Mowbray on November 29th, 1913, conducted by Charles H. Fowler.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. HATTERSLEY, Sheffield.

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First rung at Balderstone on November 29th, 1913, conducted by Harry Hampson.

5100 BOB ROYAL.

By H. PRICE.

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Composed August 1st, 1912.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1913.

In the peal of Minor rung at Groby, reported last week, the last two 720s were repeated.

Mr. E. H Lewis writes asking that his name be withdrawn from the figures of Little Albion Treble Bob Major published last week. The method is due to the Rev. E. Bankes James, being a natural corollary to Little Bob.

The suggestion made last week that the affairs of the Essex Association should be taken in hand at once, with a view to finding out the cause of the existing dissatisfaction with the management, and how to remove it, has brought forth many expressions of approval, though only one for publication. That one, however, goes to show that there is need for immediate action, if only to prevent what is hinted at very pointedly, viz., the breaking away of a portion of the county to assist in the formation of a new association. This step would be a deplorable one, more especially so at the present juncture, when Churchmen of all grades should be uniting to make the formation of the new diocese a time for securing an uplifting of Church life in the county.

Differences of opinion will exist; without them life would be dreary and monotonous. But they should never be allowed to interfere with friendships, and that appears to be what is happening in the Essex Association. When members are leaving the Association to join another and ringing peals in the area of their old love which are credited to the new one it is, to say the very least, a most regrettable circumstance. Not only does the Association lose the credit of the performances, but the individuals themselves suffer in the knowledge that they are the cause of the loss. Why not stand up for the credit of your county like men, and if anything is wrong fight it out and get it put right? What good can be done by running away and leaving others to fight the battle, their efforts weakened by lack of your support?

If the ringing of peals to his honour be the measure of a man's popularity, then Mr. James George, of Rugby should

be a happy man. That he is popular there can be no doubt, were this not the case there would not have been some 15 or 16 bands ready to do him honour. Popularity and happiness should go hand in hand since the qualities which make for the one naturally tend to the other. Mr. George has carried these qualities well, and his comrades and friends have united to celebrate his 60th birthday by ringing a series of peals, winding up with a tea at the "St. Martin's" Hotel, Birmingham. Some 150 were present to show their goodwill, and appreciation of the efforts Mr. George has made to further the advancement of Change-ringing during his 25 years connection with it.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Established 1637).

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 53 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS 8
ERNEST G. FENN 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 9
THOMAS FAULKNER 4	JOHN W. GOLDING 10
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11
HENRY R. NEWTON 6	REV. GEO. F. COLERIDGE..Tenor

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

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 6
SAMUEL JOYCE 2	HENRY TOREBLE 7
EDWIN GIBBS 3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE BARRELL.. .. Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAONARD, SHOREDITCH, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	FRANK SMITH.. .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 2	JAMES PARKER 8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	GEORGE CABD* 9
MISS EDITH K. PARKER .. 4	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 20
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor

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*First peal on twelve, and the first on the bells since the restoration

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BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDK. ROOPE Treble	EDWARD DUFFIELD 5
CHARLES BAKER.. .. 2	GEORGE BAXTER 6
CLAYTON PAENELL 3	FREDK. SMITH 7
ERNEST LINCOLN.. .. 4	HENRY LING Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by F. BOBRETT.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

HOBERT E. SMITH Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.. .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	PETER LAFLIN 6
WILLIAM GRIMES 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
WILLIAM GROOM 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. BART., and
Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by the 2nd ringer.

NOTTINGHAM.-THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY* Treble	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON .. 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2	FRANK JOHNSON* 7
JOHN C. DICKEN.. .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBBY 8
EDGAR VALLANCE 4	WILLIAM WILSON 9
FRED S. PRICE* 5	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARVEY WATSON* Treble	ROBERT H. BOWEN 4
ALFRED BACON 2	OLIVER STAINES 5
HARRY PORTER, JUN. .. 3	EDWARD BARKER Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

Quickest peal on the bells (and first by the Association. H. Watson and R. H. Bowen were proposed members of the Association before starting. Alfred Bacon and Oliver Staines belong to Fincham; the rest to the local company. *First peal.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's No. 6 as a Five-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED DALTON.. .. Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5
WILLIAM H. BARBER.. .. 2	JOHN FOREMAN 6
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR .. 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	JOHN STUART.. .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

W. Smith hails from Loughborough, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sunday, November 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE R.C. ABBEY, EDDINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Odd Bob 20-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5
JAMES GEORGE 2	GEORGE PARSONS 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
THOMAS J. BRATTON 4	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby. The band was kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Witchell.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	JOHN CARTER 5
HARRY MASON 2	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6
JAMES JONES 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JAMES E. GROVES 4	JOHN T. PERRY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the same peal rung by the same band on these bells, standing in the same order, and is the only peal of Treble Bob rung on these bells. There was only one minute difference in the time occupied in the ringing. The ringers were very kindly entertained after the peal by Mr. B. Gough. A peal tablet is to be erected to record both peals. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. James George, of Rugby.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Romney Marsh and District Guild.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEWS' 12-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED W. DAWES .. Treble	ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON .. 5
CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 2	GEORGE JOHNSON 6
GEORGE E. KENNETH .. 3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY .. 7
PERCY PAGE 4	GEORGE B. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Conducted by H. S. HUMPHREY.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Miss F. H. South, third daughter of the Rev. R. M. and Mrs. South, and sister to the Rev. H. G. South, curate-in-charge, whose remains were interred in the parish churchyard during the afternoon.

WEDDING PEAL.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, (Western Branch).

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE* .. Treble	FREDK. STANTON† 5
FREDK. BRYAN 2	EDGAR MANNING 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 7
CHARLES CAMM 4	CHARLES YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal of Triples. Rung in honor of the marriage of Miss C. A. Grieve-Hutchinson to Mr. J. E. Ward, and was rung immediately after the ceremony.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Darley Dale Society.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUN .. Treble	JOHN H. PAULSON 5
HENRY GREGORY 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR 3	JOHN W. DEBBYSHIRE .. 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	ALFRED C. WRIGHT .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES,

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN NEAL Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 7
ALF PADDON SMITH .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE 8
THOMAS H. REEVES .. 3	JAMES GEORGE 9
JAMES E. GROVES 4	JESSE SCREEN* 10
SAMUEL REEVES 5	HERBERT KNIGHT 11
WILLIAM FISHER 6	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE TOMKINS .. Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	WILLIAM STOWELL 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN .. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
ALBERT E. STOWELL .. 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

The High Wycombe and Hughenden Societies.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hayes' Variation of Rev. C. D. P. Davies's Ten-Part No. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G. sharp.

ARTHUR J. HOING* .. Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS 5
WILLIAM GOODCHILD .. 2	JOHN EVANS 6
RALPH COLES 3	FRED HAYES 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 4	P.C. CECIL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by RALPH COLES.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble and 4th ringers.

THRANDESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Rose, C. Chenery, A. Bailey, G. Bailey, W. Clover, L. E. Last (conductor), W. Rose. First 720 Cambridge on the bells. After service 360 Double Court. W. Rose, E. Yonngs, J. Bailey, G. Bailey, L. Last (conductor), W. Clover. A new treble bell was added to the old 5 bells last October by Warner, and the peal rehung by F. Day and Sons, Eye, Suffolk.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5248 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDE. BORRETT Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
FRANK COPEMAN 2	WILLIAM ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM SIBBEL 7
FREDE. ROOPE 4	CHARLES ROOPE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 39), and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES:

VICARS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALBON E. SLATTER 2	WILLIAM B. BISS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
BENJAMIN THORP 4	WILLIAM KATHRO Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal on the bells which are a new ring of eight recently fixed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Sykes, wife of the treble ringer, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Rngby, a much-esteemed Life Member of the Association.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four 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 Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George, of Rngby.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

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

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt. in C. sharp.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	ALBERT LITTLE* 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
WILLIAM FISHER 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH* 9
JOHN NEAL 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
HERBERT KNIGHT 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 6	BENJAMIN CLARK* Tenor

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

*First peal on twelve bells. This number was especially composed to be rung on this occasion (Mr. J. George's birthday), and is the only peal of Stedman Cinques of this number ever rung. It was the conductor's 400th peal, 60 of them being rung in this tower.

FOR SALE.—Set of 57 handbells (E flat scale) by Mears and Stainbank, in perfect condition; complete in strong travelling box, collapsible table, padding, plush cover, music books. Accept £18 for quick sale. Cost £40.—CLIFTON, 18, Charles Street, Newport, Mon.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, November 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMDND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR* 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
WALTER WALLACE 2	FRED W. HILL* 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT* 3	HENRY LETTS 7
GEORGE DAWSON 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY* Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

*First peal in the method.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

(Bolton Branch).

On Friday, November 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

J. Aspinwall's Six-Part. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

BENJAMIN ALLRED* Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
DAVID LL. REES 2	THOMAS WORSLEY 6
PETER NUTTALL 3	ROBERT ALLRED 7
JOHN NUTTALL 4	HERBERT ALLRED Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

*First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who was elected a member previous to starting, and who hails from Cadoxton, Neath, South Wales. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th hail from Bolton; the rest are of the local company.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST LONDON* Treble	ALFRED BOWERS* 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 2	JOHN MORLEY 6
WILLIAM ALLMAN* 3	WILLIAM FITCHFORD 7
WALTER R. WASHBROOK .. 4	HARRY ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal in the method. Quickest peal by the Association.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Sonning Dea nery Branch).

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES PITHER* Treble	SIDNEY GEARING 4
HAROLD J. HALE† 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
JOHN RANCE 3	HARRY BUNGAY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
FREDERICK J. OXENBURY .. 2	WILFRED ANDREWS 6
WILLIAM H. CRUTE 3	CHARLES H. RUSSELL 7
WILLIAM C. LAMPARD 4	JAMES ELCOMBE Tenor

Conducted by C. H. RUSSELL.

First peal as conductor.

BALDERSTONE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION, Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH OGDEN Treble	HARRY HAMPSON 5
SAMUEL STOTT 2	EDWIN B. SHAW 6
FRANK WILD 3	HERBERT BARLOW 7
SAMUEL BUTTERWORTH .. 4	CHARLES E. PLATT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON

This composition (the figures of which appear elsewhere), is now rung for the first time. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the 4th.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Leicester Branch.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	T. LEONARD ALLEN 6
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM 7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER .. 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8
ARTHUR S. PETRIT 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

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

This peal (the figures of which appear elsewhere) is now rung for the first time, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, and the band take this opportunity of wishing him many happy returns.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE 4
SIDNEY PROCTOR 2	ARTHUR MACEBAES 5
REV. C. J. STURRON 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the conductor's 150th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Harborne,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
ERNEST PYE 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
JAMES HOUGHTON 3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 7
ALFRED DAVIES 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday celebration of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

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WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Albert Sparks Treble	John A. Webster* 4
Eric A. Webster 2	Thomas A. Rogers 5
James R. Griffin 3	George R. Newton Tenor

Conducted by James R. Griffin.

First peal in more than one method by the ringers of the first five. First peal as conductor. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the church and bells.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

Albert D. Stone Treble	Edward C. Merritt 5
John Capp 2	Bert Challen 6
Richard Holden 3	Keith Hart 7
George Howse 4	Herbert Tomsett Tenor

Conducted by Keith Hart.

Rung on the Eve of St. Andrew.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Tenor 23½ cwt.

William Ranford Treble	Gordon Checketts 4
William C. Jones 2	Robert G. Knowles 5
George Hinton, Jun. .. 3	William Page Tenor

Conducted by W. Page.

This is the Western Branch quarterly peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 29, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Five-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Harry Middleton Treble	Edwin H. Stoneleigh 5
Morris J. Morris 2	William H. George 6
Thomas J. Bratton 3	Thomas H. Reeves 7
Fred Wilford 4	Harry Gossage Tenor

Conducted by Thomas H. Reeves.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday celebration of Mr. Jas. George, of Rugby.

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MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch).

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies's Five-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Robert Buckley	...Treble	Herbert Davenport	... 5
Hugh Reynolds	... 2	Joseph Greenwood	... 6
John Fitton	... 3	John H. C. Massey	... 7
William Crabtree	... 4	Harry Buckley	... Tenor

Conducted by Hugh Reynolds.

CORNWOOD, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

Rev. Everard S. Powell	Treble	Walter H. Marsh	... 4
Reginald A. H. Dobson	2	Frank Hockaday	... 5
Warren Hornbrook	3	Ernest W. Marsh	... Tenor

Conducted by Ernest W. Marsh.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 6048 CHANGES;

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 12 cwt 9 lb.

Harry Hall	...Treble	Leslie C. Wightman	... 5
Edward Jenkins	... 2	William Burgess	... 6
Horace Bedingfield	... 3	David G. Wightman	... 7
George A. Wightman	... 4	Alfred S. Wightman	... Tenor

Composed by William Harrison, and

Conducted by David G. Wightman.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Longest peal on the bells and by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th. Messrs. Hall and Burgess hail from Earl Sobam; 2nd, 3rd and 7th from Brandeston; the rest from Cretingham.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Walter Sadler	...Treble	John Sadler	... 5
Andrew Shuffelebotham	2	William Keeble	... 6
Ernest Newman	... 3	Ernest W. Beckwith	... 7
Frank Claydon	... 4	David Elliott	... Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton, and

Conducted by William Keeble.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Alfred W. Grimes	...Treble	William Hewett	... 5
Rev. William C. Pearson	2	Alfred B. Peck	... 6
Edwin F. Pike	... 3	James Motts	... 7
William J. Nevard	... 4	Charles A. Ward	... Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

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

Herbert Turner*	... Treble	Arthur Freeman	... 4
William Halford	... 2	Edward C. Gobey	... 5
Joseph Hall	... 3	William Thornley	... Tenor

Conducted by Edward C. Gobey.

*First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. Rung on the Eve of St. Andrew's Day. The band wish to thank the Rev. F. S. Boissier for the use of the bells, and for entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1st, 1913, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp

James Motts	...Treble	William J. Nevard	... 5
Rev. William C. Pearson	2	William Hewett	... 6
Edwin F. Pike	... 3	William C. Rumsey	... 7
Alfred W. Grimes	... 4	Alfred B. Peck	... Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and

Conducted by James Motts.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1913, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

Charles Smith	...Treble	George D. Coleman	... 4
Clifford Rollings	... 2	Sydney J. Coleman	... 5
Sidney J. Peck	... 3	Edmund C. Chasty	... Tenor

Conducted by Geo. D. Coleman.

First peal by C. Smith.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 2, 1913, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

Harry Withers...	...Treble	Thomas J. Bratton	... 7
Bernard W. Witchell	2	James H. Shepherd	... 8
Albert Walker...	3	Alf Paddon Smith	... 9
Arthur Chambers	... 4	Samuel Grove	... 10
Ernest T. Allaway	... 5	James E. Groves	... 11
James George...	... 6	John Neal	... Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and

Conducted by James E. Groves.

Rung in connection with the birthday celebrations of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

OLDHAM.—On Sunday afternoon, November 29th, at St. Mary's Church, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. F. Wild, H. Hampson, J. Ogden, J. Schofield, E. B. Shaw, S. Stott (conductor), C. Marsland, H. Fielding, S. M. Butterworth, H. Barlow. At the service Dean Weldon, of Manchester, occupied the pulpit and gave an excellent address on the text—"The Christ that is to be," to a congregation of nearly 800 men.

Handbell Peals.**HAGGERSTON.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, November 28, 1913, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5256 CHANGES.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1-2	Frank Bennett	...	5-6
Frank I. Hairs	...	Alfred W. Grimes	...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.

Messrs. T. King and E. F. Pike heard the greater part of the peal.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Thursday, November 27th, at the Parish Church, with the bells muffled, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1913 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. T. Sholicar, R. H. Coombes, J. H. Sholicar, (conductor), P. H. Harvey, J. R. Park, J. W. Pilkington, A. Halton, T. Martland. Rung as a mark of respect to the late Canon Woodrow, Vicar of the parish, and a life member of the Guild, who was buried that day.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

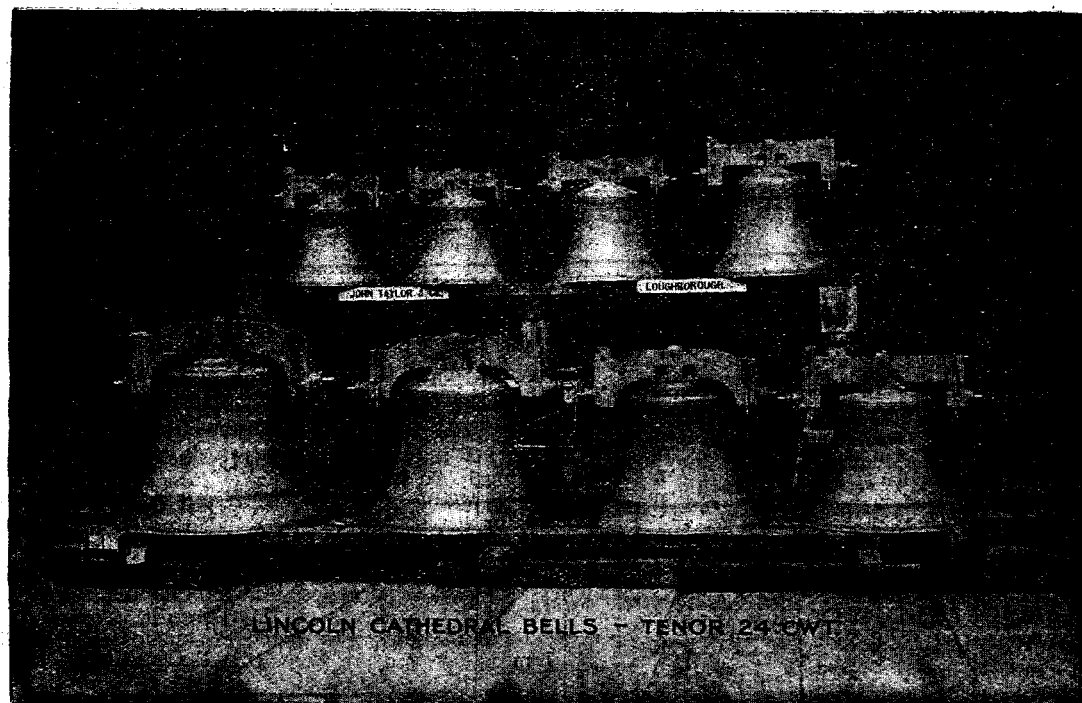
WEDDING:—PORTER-SHIRLEY.

On Wednesday, November 26th, at the church of All Saints, a marriage was solemnised between Mr. Arthur Edward Porter and Miss Florence Mary Shirley (both of Shouldham). Mr. Porter is one of the ringers at the church, and has been a great help to the local company. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Price. The ringers met at the bellry in the evening and fired the bells and rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Porter, H. Watson, H. Porter, R. Watson, R. H. Bowen, E. Barker. Conducted by E. Barker. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Porter every happiness in their married life.

On Sunday evening, before Divine Service, 360 Bob Minor. H. Watson, A. E. Porter, H. Porter, J. Porter, R. Bowen, E. Barker (conductor).

We have been compelled to hold over the continuation of the College Youths Dinner report, the report of the Annual Meeting of the Devonshire Guild, and a number of peal reports. These will appear next week.

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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 December 16th: Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 9th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30., the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, 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 Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks. Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 6th. Service at 3 p.m.

Bletchley.

Thos. Best, Jun.

Guild for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wellington on Saturday, December 6th. Ringing at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at 5.0 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec. Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, December 6th.

Rev. Jno Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson,

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

32, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Cropthorne on Saturday, December 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. The meeting will follow immediately after. The annual reports can be had at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.

W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday December 13th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frlndsburry, Rochester.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bishop Stortford on Saturday, December 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Short address by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lane). Tea and business meeting will be held at The Chequers Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea 6d. each to members giving notice not later than first post on Thursday, December 11th.

William Watte, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells

ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present, please send word to

Walter Hughes, Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden, Branch Sec.

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

County Offices, Chelmsford.

H. F. Cooper.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, November 27th, for practice at the Parish Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise. W. Watts, H. Little, T. J. Watts, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan. W. T. Prior, G. Jordan (conductor). Also 401 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, A. Jordan, W. Prior, F. M. Butler (conductor), T. Jordan. H. Little, W. Watts, F. Potter. On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise (1281 changes). H. Little, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, F. M. Butler, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts (conductor).

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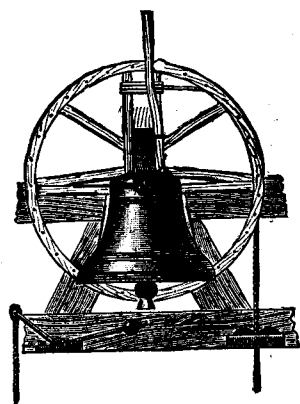
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ANNUAL DINNER.

(Continued).

Inresponding to the toast of the "London and Provincial Ringers Societies," Mr. Young deputized for Mr. R. A. Daniell and said that they were very sorry not to see Mr. Daniell with them that night; he had been however, at St. Leonards, Shoreditch, and it appeared to him that the clergy had taken the mantle of oratory which was once held by Parliament of which they had had a very good specimen that night. As they were anxious to get to the 'osses, he merely thanked them for the way the toast had been received.

The Rev. Cyril O. Jenkyn, also responded to the toast and said that he was glad a substitute had been found for their good friend Mr. Daniel, otherwise they would have been on tenter-hooks lest he should have thought it was his duty to respond twice the length than he would otherwise have done. Continuing Mr. Jenkyn said: I think first of all I should ask you to think of those members of the College Youths who are scattered in various parts of the country, who would be gladly here this evening but are prevented, and are so prevented year after year. If we do not drink their health in an open way, we do perhaps drink it silently by ourselves and wish that by some means or other we may see more of those faces, who are such well-wishers and good friends of the College Youths and of the Exercise in general, here on some future occasion. From my experience of going about in various districts, provincial ringers are endeavouring to do the good work that some of us heard at Shoreditch this afternoon and in the right manner. A little instance came in my experience—a friend of mine has just had a peal of six bells re-hung; they had been re-hung last 113 years ago, and they were re-hung the other day on the same frame. I went to look at it and it looked as good as ever. He asked me if I would go and preach at the morning service when the bells were rung, but I told him if he liked to take a sporting chance I didn't mind, but my service ended at twenty minutes past eleven and his began at twelve, and there were eleven miles between and there is always the chance of a motor car breaking down; he didn't mind if I didn't—I got at the church when he was finishing the Litany. The parish clerk was busy with the clock, and I asked him what he was doing and he said the Vicar and I put our heads together and we put the old clock back. I am going to put it right again now before the people come in the afternoon or they might keep wrong all the week. That clerk has been steeplekeeper for that tower for 30 or 40 years and it showed that he must have been doing his work nobly. Some speakers this evening have touched on the state of belfries especially with regard to the towns; it is not only in the towns, it is also in the country, we think that a belfry should be kept in the same state as the church, and it is part of the sacred building. In some instances we find that the belfries and the bells are in a filthy condition—I found it so in my own district not

very long ago. A little village with a peal of six bells. I went to the belfry and there was enough wood there to make a very decent bonfire for the 5th of November. We started to ring and the things all came down falling upon our heads. I went up and saw a quantity of sticks and stones, and the bells were in a filthy condition. I suggested to the Vicar that he did not know the state of the belfry and the bells, and perhaps he would put wire to keep the birds out and clear the rubbish out—I informed him that the birds were jackdaws, and he said that he would not keep them out for anything. I do not mind so long as they do not come into my garden." These are the things we have to contend with. We have to combat that sort of thing and we are combating it, we are getting throughout the length and breadth of the country, recognising our duty as church workers. I often wish that some really talented ringer and artist would write something for the Christmas numbers of the papers, really more truly illustrative of ringing and ringers than we sometimes see. There are extraordinary pictures even in modern times of ringers ringing in the belfry. I commend the Ancient Society of College Youths to take the educational work of the British public into their serious consideration and see if the public can not be taught something about the art of change ringing. There is a great field now that ladies are taking up bell-ringing, because I believe that ladies do a great deal of talking in a quiet sort of way. He reiterated his suggestion to the Society to take up educational work, and not to forget that they were church workers. He ended a very interesting speech, with the sentence: having in our hands these great and historical peals of bells throughout the country we are really trustees of a very great and a very noble heritage.

Mr. A. Hughes proposed the visitors and in doing so said they were proud to number among their visitors the clergy of some of their principal churches, at which they ring. The Archdeacon of London, the Rev. A. A. Ellison, the Rev. R. Peek, the Rev. D. Mackinnon. They were glad to see the familiar faces of visitors accustomed to attend their meetings year after year. It showed that not only was their presence appreciated, but that they appreciated coming. At a country church a vicar was preaching and strange to say he gave them an exceedingly short sermon, it only lasted 10 minutes; when he had finished he apologized and said he had a very destructive dog which had eaten more than half the sermon that he was going to preach to them that evening. As he was going out of the church a man at the door said: "I am not accustomed to come to this church, I generally go to the neighbouring parish, I would like to ask you if that dog of yours has got any pups and if you could send one to our parson." They had a record attendance of visitors that evening. It was interesting to note that the Master occupying the chair and the vice-chairman both came from Barking.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell in responding to the toast said: "It is not the first time by several that I have had the honour of responding to this toast at this room and at

this gathering but I have never done it with such infinite pleasure as to-night because it is a very proud thing for the vicar of that very ancient parish of Barking to have as Master of this very ancient society, one of his very best parishioners and although Brother Thomas Faulkner has blamed the parsons, I hope he did not include me in it because I have done him one of the best turns that ever a parson did a man, during his year of office, only a very few months ago, and if he doesn't look out, if he threatens me, I shall want the certificate to tear it up, I suppose that would not have very much effect, but, quite seriously, I hope our belfry is in fairly decent order. It is one of my favourite haunts on a Sunday morning, although, alas, I have never found time to qualify to be a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. I promise it to myself perhaps later on if I am transferred some day into a lighter sphere of work, I don't see why I shouldn't take up ringing then, because it is evidently a science and art which governs a man, I was going to say, body and soul and spirit, and makes him an enthusiast in this branch of church work. It is in every sense of the word a most valuable church work and I, as one of your visitors appreciate my band of ringers as much as any other workers that I have in the whole of my parish. I wondered whether I could possibly work in any little anecdotes, but with such speakers as we have had to-night—the Archdeacon and Mr. Coleridge, any little feeble talk that I might make would absolutely pale. They roll them off in magnificent style. I was reminded of one little yarn when I heard a few ringing terms come from the last speaker but one. Of course we people do not understand all the ringing terms, and some of us hardly know which is the tail and which is the clapper. An Inspector went to a school the other day, and wanted to test the boys general knowledge, so he took a two-shilling piece out of his pocket, and he said to one boy, "My boy, take this two-shilling piece home with you, and bring me this afternoon as many threepenny pieces as you can get for it." The afternoon came; the boy was not quite used to the expression threepenny pieces in that sense, but knew it in another sense, an East London sense. The boy arrived in the afternoon with a large brown paper parcel. The Inspector said "What on earth have you got there?" The boy replied, "Please sir, Mr. Brown, the fishmonger, says he is very sorry he hasn't got any threepenny pieces, so he has sent you 24 penny pieces." That is how some of us feel with regard to the mystic art of change-ringing; we hardly know how to speak about it, and so probably the less we say about it the better. This we can say that when we are entertained by the Ancient Society of College Youths, we go away with a feeling of intense satisfaction with ourselves, and the world in general, and the only regret that a clergyman has is that duty calls him out of bed at a very early hour in the morning, and he is likely to wake up with a feeling of having dined not wisely, perhaps, but too well. He thanked the Society for their kind reception of their visitors.

The Sheffield Parish Church Handbell band gave some excellent selections, including "Ring the bell, Watchman," and "Bluebells of Scotland" with variations. The ringers were:—Mr. G. Holmes (conductor), Messrs. W. Bugar, J. Evinson, J. Thorpe, S. Charlesworth, and S. Palmer.

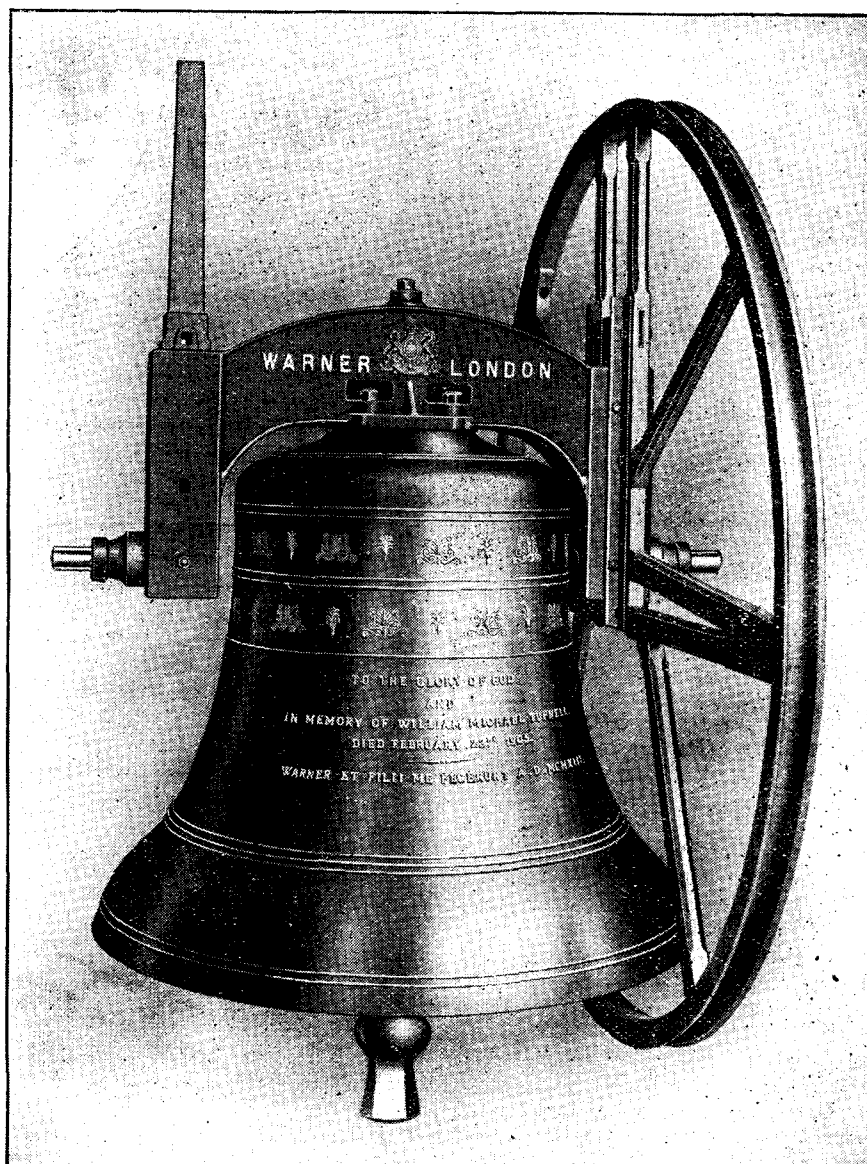
Mr. Blackmore sang in a clear tenor voice, "Thora," and "My Dreams." Mr. G. H. Boorer effectively recited, and Mr. J. Cubitt Smith gave a handbell solo. The

accompanist was Mr. H. C. Pennington. At the conclusion "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the King" were sung by the company.

The Dinner Committee consisted of—Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davis, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, G. W. Wild, C. F. Winney.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Blakenhall, Staffs., on Saturday, November 29th, when a good number of members attended from Bilston, Blakenhall, Bradley, Dudley, Sedgley, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Willenhall, West Bromwich, &c. The Guild service was said in church at five o'clock, conducted by the Vicar the Rev. W. P. Milligan, who gave a very interesting address from the words of St. Paul "I magnify my office." At the commencement of his address the rev. gentleman said how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Guild there again, and stated that it would be the last time that he would have the pleasure of welcoming them there as Vicar of Blakenhall, as he was shortly leaving to take up the Vicariate of Tong; he also said how very sorry he was that the members could not ring the beautiful peal of bells owing to serious illness opposite the church, which was no doubt a great disappointment to all present. After service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful knife and fork tea awaited those present, provided by the Vicar and his ringers. After tea the business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Ringing Master. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, several new members, including one life member, were elected, and Dudley was the place selected at which to hold the annual meeting. Several peals were arranged to be attempted during the next quarter. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed by the Master and seconded by the Secretary, and was unanimously passed, to the Vicar for conducting the service in church and presiding at the meeting, to the donors of the tea, to the organist for assisting to make the service bright, to the ladies who prepared the tea and so kindly served it, also to Messrs. A. Fallow and D. Jones, for so successfully making the necessary arrangements for a very happy meeting. The Vicar, on behalf of all included in the vote, suitably responded. The best wishes of the meeting were offered the Vicar for success in his new sphere of labour and a hope expressed that God may bless his labours and grant unto him peace and happiness to the end of his days. After the business of the meeting was concluded the company were delightfully entertained by the handbell ringers from St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, under the conductorship of Mr. Herbert Knight. It was a very happy thought of Mr. Knight to bring his band and fill up a gap caused by not being able to ring the tower bells; their performance was a surprise and a great treat. At the close of the programme the Master of the Guild Mr. S. Spittle proposed and Mr. D. Jones, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to them for their consideration in coming to entertain them which was enthusiastically carried.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL TENOR BELL.

The new Ring of Twelve Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lb) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the North and East District of the above Association was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on November 29th between 50 and 60 members attending from all parts of the county, including the towers of Barnet, Clerkenwell, Edmonton, Finchley, Hendon, Southgate, South Tottenham, Upper Clapton, Walthamstow, Heston, Isleworth, etc., with members of the local band. A service was held in the fine old Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. P. E. Prince, who gave a few details of the ancient Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, one of the most interesting features of which is the splendid old organ, older even than the church itself.

After the service the ringers adjourned to the Church House, in Dyott Street, where by the kindness of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), tea was provided, the arrangements being admirably carried out by Mrs. Prince and friends.

At the meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. E. Prince, supported by Messrs. A. T. King (President), F. A. Miine (Hon. Treasurer), J. Armstrong (Master), C. T. Coles (Hon. Secretary), etc. Fifteen new members were admitted to the Association.

Mr. A. T. King proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindly thought for the members in providing tea for them that day, and for the use of the bells: to the Rev. P. E. Prince for his interesting address at the service; to Mrs. Prince and her friends, whose presence at tea was much appreciated; to the organist and others who had helped at the service; and to Mr. H. Boxall for having got the bells in readiness. He also wished to thank the Rev. C. J. Parker, who had so kindly placed the bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, at the disposal of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the vote was carried with great enthusiasm.

The Rev. P. E. Prince, in reply, welcomed the Association to St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on behalf of the Rector, who was unfortunately prevented from attending the meeting. He was glad, he said, to see so many present, and especially some of his old friends from Heston. He wished the Association every success, and hoped that they would soon pay another visit to St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Ringling in many methods took place during the afternoon and evening, and in the evening a party visited Clerkenwell, where the local ringers gave them a hearty welcome, and joined in several touches.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire) —On Tuesday evening, December 2nd, the following touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Bird, late tower-keeper and a member of the St. Thomas's Chapel Youths an Association of bellringers be longing to the above church many years ago: 672 Bob Major. W. Cooper, W. A. Pugh, F. Caldwell, W. Meredith, G. H. Pagett (conductor), J. Newman, J. Smith, A. W. Dodd. And 504 Stedman Triples. T. Heathcock, R. Moor, F. Caldwell, J. Bass, R. Mathews (conductor), J. Smith, G. H. Pagett, C. T. Richards.

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NARROW ESCAPE OF LONDON RINGERS.

Whilst ringing a peal of Bristol at Spitalfields recently, a band of Middlesex Association ringers had a narrow escape from what might have been a tragedy. The peal was in full swing, when there was a terrible crash, and a mass of wood, mortar and rubbish came down into the ringing room, upon the ringers of the treble and second. The former was struck on the head, and both were smothered in dust and dirt. On looking up, a big hole was seen in the ceiling, and some of the band went upstairs to investigate. It was then found that one of the clockweights, weighing some 4 cwt. or so, had fallen and smashed the floor and ceiling beneath, but by a miracle, had itself lodged upon a projection. But for this it would have gone into the ringing chamber, and in all probability would have killed the ringer of the second, for it was found just over the spot where he was standing: The mishap occurred through the link connecting the weight with the chain having snapped. Whatever the cause, the ringers had a lucky escape. When it was over they were able to laugh, but one shudders to think what might have happened but for the projection which stopped the weight,

CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above district was held at Higham Ferrers, ringers being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Northampton, Earl's Barton, Burton Latimer, Isham, and Raunds, together with the local men. From a ringing point of view the meeting was very successful, some very good touches being rung, and not a single one lost.

Tea and the business meeting were held in the Church Room, at which, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Peppercorn (curate), presided, among those present being Miss E. Steele (Bedford), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), Messrs. W. Perkins (District Secretary), F. Wilford (General Secretary), etc. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wilby.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ringers and their wives for providing such a splendid tea.

The Chairman replied on behalf of the Vicar, and also expressed his personal pleasure at being with them. Mr. Randall responded on behalf of the ringers.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Forward Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative.

The Vicar of Upton Snodsbury is appealing to lovers of bells for the sum of £120 to complete the rehanging of the six bells at the Parish Church, which have not been rung for 30 years. The population numbers 270, nearly all poor. If any of our readers are able to help, any contributions sent to the Vicar, Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire, will be gratefully acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Will Mr Frank E Pervin please send us his address.

MR. PENNING.—Yours shall appear in due course.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 55 mins. H. R. Dawson, F. W. Edwards, A. Whight, G. R. Crush, H. Allen, H. Richell, H. Head, H. F. Cooper (conductor), A. Head G. Green. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells.

DEVON RINGERS AT EXETER.

DOUBLE PRESENTATION.

The autumn meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, at Exeter, on Saturday, November 13th, attracted a larger attendance than at any previous gathering in the same period. The bells of the Cathedral and of the parish churches of St. Sidwell, St. David, St. Petrock, St. Thomas, and Heavitree were placed at the disposal of the visiting bands, who were busily employed on them during the afternoon and evening. Tea was held by kind permission of the Rector of St. Sidwell's (Prebendary Bird), at St. Sidwell's Institute, where catering for about 160 was undertaken by Messrs. Hoskins and Son. The President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) presided, and among those supporting him were the Archdeacon of Exeter (the Ven. G. A. Saunder), the Revs. H. L. Pigot, G. E. F. Molineux, W. H. Millett, and E. S. Powell (honorary secretary), and Mr. H. B. Kindersley. Apologies for absence were announced from the Lord Bishop of Crediton, the Revs. Prebendary Ponsonby, T. J. Ponting, A. E. Ponting, and Mr. W. Bannister. Several new members were admitted, and bands were requested to consider and prepare to give a vote at the annual meeting on the question of allowing the Ladies' Guild of Ringers to be represented on the Central Council.

The chief event of the meeting was the presentation to the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux (Vicar of Colyton) of a Chippendale study clock, with Westminster chimes, and an illuminated address, in recognition of his services as honorary secretary and treasurer of the Guild, and a silver-plated lamp, with Corinthian column, for Mrs. Molineux. The ceremony was carried out at the tea by the President, who said the presentation movement sprang from the performing members of the Guild themselves, and that allowed a debt of gratitude to Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth) for having undertaken the labour of communicating with the different bands and collecting the funds. The recognition had been thoroughly deserved by Mr. Molineux. He had been secretary for longer than anyone else who had held the office. When he came into it there were only 18 bands in union with the Guild; now this year, when he resigned the reins of office, there were 37. There were, 14 years ago, 192 performing and associate members; now there were 380. Those figures, which were apart from hon. members, spoke for themselves, and proved the energy and zeal with which Mr. Molineux had carried out his duties. He hoped the clock and address would remind Mr. Molineux of the many pleasant associations he had had with the bands and of the good fellowship which had existed between him and the members, and which would continue, for, although the Guild had lost him as honorary secretary, it retained him as holder of the money bags, which he had guarded so carefully hitherto, as indicated by the fact that the balance in hand when he took office was £23, and at the last annual meeting £57. The President then formally handed the clock and address to Mr. Molineux, and at the request of Mr. Marsh (who said the Guild appreciated the fact that Mrs. Molineux had helped Mr. Molineux considerably in the work of the honorary secretary), entrusted him with the lamp for her, as a gift from the Guild. The address, beautifully and appropriately illuminated by a member of the Guild, read as follows:

"Presented to the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, M.A., by the following members of the Devonshire Guild, on his resignation of the office of Hon. Secretary, in token of the

untiring energy and devoted zeal with which, for the past 24 years, he has carried out the duties of the office, during which time the number of honorary and performing members has been increased from 289 to 427, the funds placed in a favourable position, and the general interests of the Guild greatly furthered.—Nov. 15, 1913."

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, who was cordially received, said he felt it difficult to adequately thank the Guild for the presents to himself, and especially to his wife, who had been of invaluable assistance to him, not only in the work of the office, but also in the matter of instruction in change-ringing. Personally, ringing had been a source of the greatest delight to him, he had had infinite pleasure in doing the work of the Hon. Secretary, and recognition of his services therein was the last thing he expected. He had the greatest admiration for the older members of the Guild, who had done much to promote change-ringing and belfry reform, and urged young bands to come forward and qualify themselves to take their places in furthering the work of the Guild.

Votes of thanks to the Archdeacon for his presence and interest in the work of the Guild, and the promotion of bell restoration; and to the Dean and Chapter and parish incumbents for the use of the bells, closed the proceedings.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT PUDSEY.

The Earlsheaton Society (Yorks), recently visited Pudsey, at the invitation of Mr. T. Maude, and spent a very enjoyable time. Ringing at the Parish Church, included a date touch (1913) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 minutes, by A. Goodall, W. Idle, W. Senior, Hemingway Dransfield, Herbert Dransfield, G. H. Hardy (composer and conductor), W. Byram, G. Taylor. Subsequently at the White Cross Inn, kept by Mr. W. Birks, one of the local ringers, friends from Pudsey, Halifax and Tong, met the visitors and the party sat down to a meat tea. Then the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Royal was rung by G. H. Hardy, 1-2, A. Goodall, 3-4, G. Taylor 5-6, W. Idle 7-8, W. Byram 9-10. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major were afterwards rung, and a fine course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by two sets of ringers at the same time, the bells in one case being an octave higher than in the other. Judging from remarks passed, there is a likelihood of two peals being attempted in the near future. Before the evening drew to a close, Mr. Hardy, on behalf of the Earlsheaton Society, thanked Mr. Maude for the way he had entertained them and for having arranged for the use of the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH.

FYLDE.—On November 23rd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob (42 singles). C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. Conducted by J. Tipping. Rung in honour of J. Fells' birthday. On November 26th, for practice, 720 Violet, non-conducted. C. Kerr, T. Allanson, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. And 720 Imperial Treble Bob. J. Fell, D. McLellan, E. Tipping, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On December 3rd, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Fell, C. Kerr, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. Conducted by J. Tipping. On December 5th, for Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. C. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, J. Hardman, J. Tipping (conductor).

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1913

DEDICATION AT LAPFORD, DEVON.

The dedication and re-opening of the peal of six bells in the Parish Church tower, after restoration, took place on Monday, December 1st. The bells were cast and hung by the Penningtons in 1797, and for the last few years they had become almost unringable. The work of restoration was entrusted to the well known firm of Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, Devon, and they have carried it out in a highly satisfactory manner. They have put in new beams and floor, and frame of English oak, quarter turned all the bells, and hung them with all new fittings complete, and fixed the Ellacombe chiming apparatus. There was a luncheon in the schoolroom at one o'clock, presided over by the Rector, and a service at three o'clock, when an excellent address was given to a crowded congregation by the Rev. J. T. Trelawney Ross, D.D., proctor in Convocation for the Diocese of Exeter. A tea was held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. which was well patronised. The bells were rung throughout the day by bands of ringers from Exeter (Devon Guild), Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Coleridge, Teal Monachorum, Lapford, East and West Worlington, and all expressed their entire satisfaction with the go of the bells, and the way that Messrs. Stokes had carried out the work.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at the Church of St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., 1248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 47 mins. T. H. Hawkins, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, A. Jones, G. H. Daynes, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. D. Barker. On Thursday, November 20th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins. F. V. Martin, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, B. Morris, A. Jones, A. D. Barker, C. W. R. Grimwood, F. J. Hardy. On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 37 mins. F. V. Martin, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, A. J. Neale, W. G. Matthews, A. A. Hughes, A. D. Barker, C. T. Clarke.

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The Metropolis.**LONDON.****THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)***On Tuesday, December 2 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****H. W. HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.**

FREDERICK V. MARTIN .. Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY .. 7
ARTHUR JONES .. 4	RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the 16th anniversary of the birth of the ringer of the treble whose second peal it was, and first away from the tenor.

LONDON.—THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.**

JOHN H. B. HESSE .. Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 5
EDWIN PIKE .. 2	FRANK BENNETT .. 6
ALFRED GRIMES .. 3	FRANK HALES .. 7
ROBERT W. GREEN* .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS .. Tenor

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

*First peal in the method

STEPNEY, E.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.***On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 31 cwt.**

HENRY SPRINGALL .. Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN* .. 6
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. 2	WILLIAM LANGDON .. 7
WILLIAM TRUSS .. 3	THOMAS LANGDON .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON .. 4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 9
JAMES SCHOLES .. 5	EMANUEL HALL .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

*First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall.

HOLBORN, E.C.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPOLCHRE,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lbs.**

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

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

*First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WOOLWICH, S.E.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 9, 1913, in Three Hours,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.**

CHARLES T. COLES .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS .. 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS* .. 2	WILLIAM PYE .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 7
JOHN W. CORNFORD* .. 4	ERNEST PYE .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.**GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Elloe Deaneries Branch).

*On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, a new treble having been added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.**

CHARLES T. COLES .. Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEW .. 3	GEORGE SPENCE .. 7
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

*On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.**

WALTER MALINS .. Treble	HARRY O. WHITE .. 5
BERTIE W. HAYWOOD* .. 2	CHARLES W. WHEELER* .. 6
WILLIAM TAYLER† .. 3	JOHN W. CHANDLER .. 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON .. 4	ROBERT W. JESSON* .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells, also the quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Andrew, and to commemorate the 60th birthday of Mr. J. George, Master of the above-Guild.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, November 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Brook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT BROOKS .. Treble	FREDERICK WEBB .. 5
JOHN MONK .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6
GEO. HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 3	THOMAS BULL .. 7
NOBLE SPINDLOW .. 4	RICHARD KEEN .. Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On Tuesday, December 2nd, for practice at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins. A. Holden, M. Mitchell, G. A. Jones, F. Hayes, J. Burles (conductor), G. Hayes. First 720 of Surprise as conductor, and first 720 of Surprise by the treble ringer.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD <i>Treble</i>	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6
EDGAR HUMFREY 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 7
RICHARD G. RICE 4	WILLIAM WARWICK Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

SUTTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT <i>Treble</i>	FRANK HOLDEN 5
ALFRED CLAYTON 2	SIDNEY R. ROPER 6
BENJAMIN MORRIS 3	DAVID WRIGHT 7
CHARLES DEAN 4	JOHN WEBB Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lb.

WILFRED ANDREWS <i>Treble</i>	LIONEL H. PAGE 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George, of Rugby.

NUNEATON.—THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN <i>Treble</i>	WALTER HORTON 5
ROLAND O. POLLARD 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. .. 6
WALTER MARTIN 3	HARRY ARGYLE 7
ERNEST STONE 4	HARRY E. STONLEY Tenor

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George (Master of the above Guild) on his 60th birthday.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARBEE'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED R. ELKINS 5
WILLIAM HAYES 2	MICHAEL BROWN 6
THOMAS MACK 3	CORPORAL G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 4	HUBERT CHAFFEY Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

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On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours Twenty-five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt

FRANK SMITH <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES CHASTY 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HORACE SMITH 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	HARRY TYSON 7
JOSEPH CHURCH 4	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Rung after meeting one short for Cambridge Surprise.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, London Scho'ars' Pleasure, Woodbins, Kent and Oxford.

ARTHUR CATTEBMOLE <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE KEMP 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	LEONARD E. LAST 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD E. LAST.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	WILLIAM HEWETT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	ALFRED B. PRICK 7
WILLIAM GRIMES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN., and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

BERNARD MOODY* <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS M. BARKER 5
WILLIAM PEARSON 2	JAMES JACKSON 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
HARRY WALTERS 4	JOHN H. LENTON* Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

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

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY).

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

CHAS. BOWER <i>Treble</i>	SAMUEL WOOD 5
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	TOM WILDE 6
JONATHAN BROADBENT 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
CHAS. BROADBENT 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a compliment for the 60th birthday of Mr. James George.

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DAVID J. CHAPLIN Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	GEORGE W. PLAYLE 5
ALFRED A. PLAYLE, R.N. .. 3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS Tenor

*Conducted by GEORGE W. PLAYLE.**Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday, and also to commemorate the re-opening of the church after being closed for six months for repairs.***FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.****THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)**On Monday, December 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Six-Part No. II. Tenor 12½ cwt.*

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	WILLIAM J. BATEMAN* .. 5
ALFRED BATEMAN 2	JAMES ELDERFIELD 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	GEORGE BASDEN 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 4	WILLIAM CLARK Tenor

*Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.***First peal on eight bells away from the tenor. Rung to celebrate Queen Alexandra's 69th birthday.***STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,***A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR. 5056 CHANGES.***Tenor 13 cwt.*

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

*Composed by FREDK. DENCE, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.**First peal in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. It is also W. Watts' rooth peal as conductor. Great credit is due to J. Luckey for the way in which he rang the treble, he being in his 72nd year. It was also rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday, and also in honour of Mr. Butler's birthday.***HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.***(Northern Branch.)**On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**At the Church of St. Andrew,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Cleal's Variation of Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.*

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble	ARTHUR DIXON* 5
CHRISTOPHER WARD* .. 2	THOMAS HUMBERSTONE* .. 6
WALTER H. WOOD* 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
HARVEY BOWCOCK* 4	JOHN H. CLARK Tenor

*Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.***First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.***BRISTOL.****GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints (City),***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;***In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.*

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

*Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.**This peal was arranged and rang in honour of the 80th birthday of the Lord Bishop of Bristol.***MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***(Rochdale Branch.)**On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.***Tenor 12½ cwt.*

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	THOMAS OLDHAM 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
FRANK BERRY 3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, SEN. .. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	TOM WELLENS Tenor

*Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.**First peal in any method by the conductor and the ringer of the 3rd, also at the first attempt. Rung on the birthday of Annie Wellens daughter of the ringer of the tenor.***PENTRE RHONDDA.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb. in E flat.*

GEORGE CROSS Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
HARRY PAGE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
BENJAMIN THORPE 3	TOM PAGE 7
JAMES CROSS 4	JOSEPH SYKES Tenor

*Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.**First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, Secretary of the Diocesan Guild. The band tender him the usual birthday greetings.***NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**At the Church of All Saints,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.*

JOHN GODDARD* Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES .. 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	FREDK. ATWELL 6
VICTOR A. MORGAN 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ARTHUR E. MORGAN Tenor

*Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.***First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. A. E. Morgan has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Arranged specially as a birthday peal for J. W. Jones and W. B. Biss, the both of them being 48 years of age this day.***KINETON, WARWICKSHIRE.****THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.***On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,**At the Church of St. Peter,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.***Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.*

BERT KILBORN Treble	GEORGE H. KETTLE 4
WILLIAM COLLETT 2	REV. C. CAREW COX 5
ROBERT GREEN 3	FREDK. C. NYE Tenor

*Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.***First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells which have been re-rung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They were re-opened on Sunday, November 30th, by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and the "go" is all that can be desired. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.***THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***WITNEY (Oxon).—On Monday, December 1st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Stedman. A. Brooks, F. Webb, sen., J. Monk, N. Spindlow, J. Brooks, G. Holifield, sen. (conductor), G. Holifield, jun., G. Brooks.*

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty 6-scores of Grand-sire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WOOD† Treble	WILLIAM R. WOOD† 4
GEORGE KENWARD† 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS† 5
CHARLES TRIBE 3	REGINALD LARKIN* Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

First peal on the bells. *First peal and first attempt, and elected a member prior to starting. †First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Bob Minor. The bells were rehung in February 1911, by Bowell, of Ipswich, and the "go" is excellent.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

ALBERT LITTLE Treble	REV. E. V. COX 5
DANIEL JONES 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	ARTHUR E. READ* Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Milligan), who is leaving Wolverhampton for Tong. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Romney Marsh and District Guild.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. E. BAMES' 5-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYRIL WENHAM... .. Treble	GEORGE E. KENNETT 5
PERCY PAGE 2	GEORGE JOHNSON 6
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	ALBERT NOAKES Tenor

Conducted by H. S. HUMPHERY.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGENT*... .. Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4
FREDK. HAYES 2	JOHN BURLES† 5
GEORGE A. JONES 3	FREDK. M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George A. Jones, the band wishing him the usual greeting. First peal in four methods with a bob bell by Herbert A. Holden.

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On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES E. GROVES .. Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ALFRED J. HESSIAN .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 4	THOMAS MILLER 9
JOHN NEAL 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 8 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR 5
CHARLES BOWER... .. 2	BENJAMIN GILL 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN .. 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
CHARLES BROADBENT .. 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Oxford for the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th 7th. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GORDON CAUDWELL* .. Treble	THOMAS EAST 5
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4	FRANK HANKS Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Angels.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL* .. Treble	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN .. 5
WILLIAM HORNE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A complimentary peal in honour of the appointment of the Archdeacon of Bucks., the Rev. E. D. Shaw, who resides at Beaconsfield, as Suffragan Bishop of the county. The consecration of the new Bishop will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on January 1st, 1914. *50th peal during the current year.

SUTTON COURTNEY.—On Wednesday, December 3rd, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss K. Holifield, A. E. Lock, J. Allen, A. Castle, G. Holifield, jun. (conductor), F. Hanks. Longest touch in the method by ringers of 3, 4 and 6. First touch in the method as conductor.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTH MPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Robert G. Black	... Treble	Horace W. Sharman	4
Fredk. Kilborn	... 2	Fredk. W. Sawfoot	5
Percy J. Lenton	... 3	David J. Nicholls	... Tenor

Conducted by D. J. Nicholls.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES,

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Arthur R. Aldham	... Treble	Geoffrey J. Stoneley	5
Walter J. Horton	... 2	Charles H. Belton*	6
William A. Needham	3	George P. Garner*	7
Rowland O. Pollard	4	E. Harry Stoneley	... Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. R. Titley, of the rectory, who is patron of the living. *First peal in the method

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION,

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

George Woodhall	... Treble	Thomas Jennion	5
John Allen	... 2	John Gardner	6
George R. Newton	3	Edward Counce	7
James Marsh	4	John Turner	... Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by George R. Newton.

Rung in honour of the attainment of the golden wedding day of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the much esteemed Master of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7th, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Reverse Canterbury, Reverse College Single, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single, St. Clements Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

George Fuller	... Treble	Frederick Butcher	4
Jim Beach	... 2	Frederick J. Lambert	5
Andrew Marshall	3	Edwin Lambert	... Tenor

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, November 30th, at St. John's Church, (for morning service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 44 mins. W. Truss, A. A. Scambler, F. Newman, J. Scholes, W. Theobald, G. Hayden, R. Sanders, H. Torble (conductor). Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

RINGERS OUTING.

On Saturday, November 29th, the Beccles company of change-ringers, members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, had a very enjoyable outing to Loddon. A start was made shortly before 2 p.m. by brake from the White Lion Hotel, and Loddon was reached at 2.30. The bells of Holy Trinity Church (through the kindness of the vicar who had previously granted permission), a nice handy ring of eight tenor 11 cwt., were soon set going to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, several fine touches being brought round. At 5.30 a very substantial knife and fork tea was provided at The Cafe, through the kindness of Messrs. Hobbs and Goate, printers, Beccles and Loddon. After justice had been done to the inner man, tracks were made once more to the tower, and several more touches were brought round, after which the handbells were brought into operation to the tune of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major. A start for home was made between 9 and 10 p.m., Beccles being reached about 10.30, after a very nice and enjoyable outing.

EALING.—On Sunday, December 7th, for morning service at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the late Harvey Reeves. Miss E. Jones, J. J. Pratt, H. Chandler, V. Holloway, W. Honor, J. A. Trollope, C. Edwards. For the evening service a 500 was rung. S. J. Wood, G. Harbour, J. Hunnisett, J. Crocker, the rest as before. Conducted by J. A. Trollope.

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PRACTICE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The second monthly practice was held on Saturday, November 29th, about 30 members attending. The bells were rung half muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Dennis who for many years was Rector's Warden, and whose funeral took place that afternoon, just nine weeks after the deceased gentleman had handed the ropes of the new bells to the Bishop of St. Alban's asking him to dedicate the bells. During the evening a 396 Grandsire Cinques was rung by G. Sorrell, A. Edwards, H. W. Kirton, F. W. Edwards, T. Lincoln, H. Richell, H. Allan, A. Head, H. F. Cooper (conductor), H. Head, W. Lincoln, J. Wood, also the whole pull and stand 76 times (the age of the deceased gentleman), G. Sorrell, A. Edwards, H. W. Kirton, F. W. Edwards, T. Lincoln, Rev. J. H. Barron, H. Allen, H. Richell, J. Wood, W. Lincoln, W. Wiles, H. F. Cooper.

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To the Editor.

SIR,—Does Mr. Powell mean that 3,000 different 720s can be got by variations in the calling of the two-six-part originals that he speaks of. It sounds incredible. I know a large number can be obtained, but 3,000 seems to be a very tall order, and will Mr. Powell be kind enough to publish just a dozen, out of 310 simple 720s with singles only.—Yours &c.,

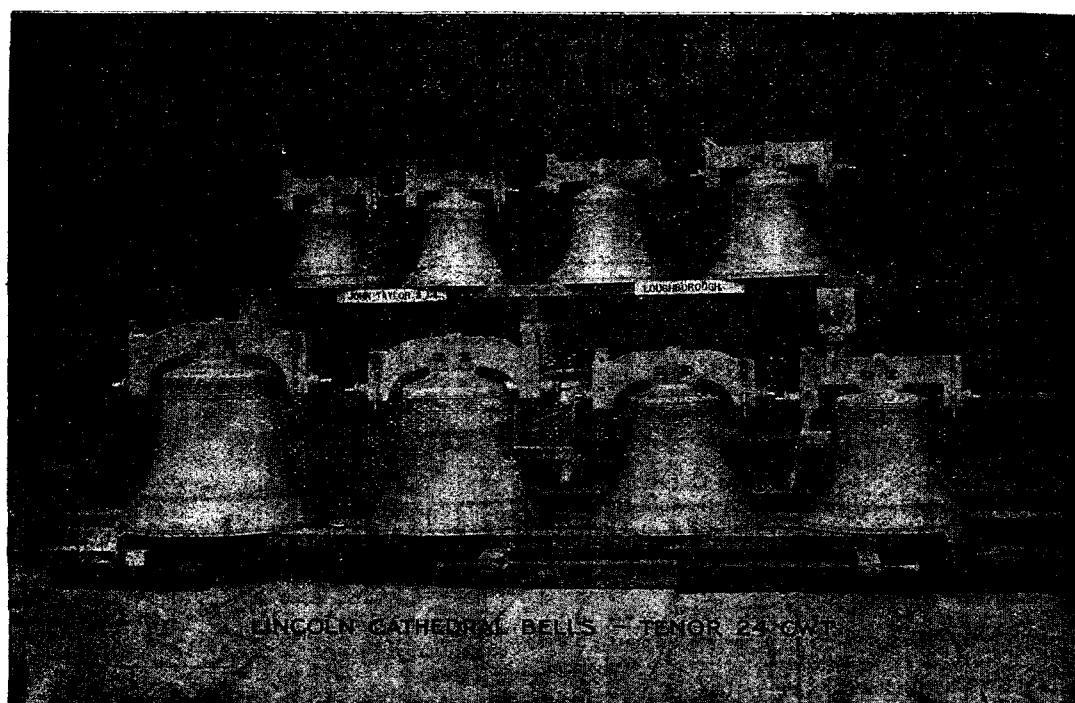
Horsmonden.

EDWIN LAMBERT.

Dec. 7th, 1913

The Rev. E. S. Powell writes:—With reference to my letter of last week, on working out the figures I make the correct number of variations of the ordinary six-part of Bob Minor 696.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 16th: Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30., the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, 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 Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. 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, Albert Square, on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m. The meeting will follow immediately after. The annual reports can be had at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.

W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday December 13th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Essex Association.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bishop Stortford on Saturday, December 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Short address by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lane). Tea and business meeting will be held at The Chequers Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening.

William Watts, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present, please send word to
Walter Hughes, Sec.
3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.
Joseph Ogden Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, December 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Angel Hotel Flax Bourton, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.
Taunton. E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will take place at Barming on Saturday, January 10th, 1914. The belfry will be open at 3 p.m.
Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon Dis Sec
22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.
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REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY'S 150 PEALS.

	Tower	Handbells
Bob Maximus	—	1
Stedman Cinques... ..	2	—
Bob Royal... ..	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	—	2
Little Bob Royal	1a	1a
Stedman Caters	1	8
Grandsire Caters	1	6
Bob Major	5	16
Kent Treble Bob Major	10	9a
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	1
Double Norwich Major	10	6a
Superlative Surprise Major	2	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	—
Little Bob Major	1a	1
Grandsire Triples... ..	6	—
Stedman Triples	36	9
Bob Triples	—	1
Minor	2	—
	83	67

a First ever rung; b including 6149 and 7104.

ST. STEPHEN'S, WEST EALING,

On the occasion of a visit to St. Stephen's by the Lord Bishop of London, who preached at the morning service on December 7th, taking for his text St. John xvi., 18, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (5260 changes), was rung by members of the local band, assisted by visitors from Hillingdon and Acton. This quarter-peal, the composition of the late Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," contains very musical properties, was conducted by the leader of St. Stephen's band. Miss Edith Jones, whose first quarter it was, rang the 4th, and she is to be congratulated upon her performance. It is hoped that further records of a greater importance will shortly be accomplished by this enthusiastic young lady.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt will be made at the Bell Tower, Evesham, on Saturday, December 27th, 1915, for a record peal of Treble Bob Royal by ten members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Starting time 8.0 a.m. The figures are as follows:

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23456	M	5th	W	H
32654	2			2
34256		x	1	1
45236			2	
56234	1			2
23564			1	1
64235		x	2	

Four times repeated. Carter's variation of Reeves'.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, November 25th, at St. Nicholas Church. 1080 Bob Royal. F. Pestell, G. W. Harwood, G. Clayton, C. Harding, G. Orford, R. Christian, H. Wright, D. Hayward (conductor), W. Lee, G. Hammonds.

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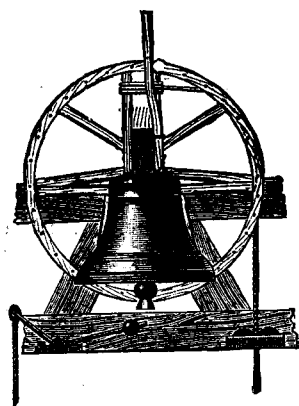
The 12 Bells at Southwark Cathedral were Rehung by us September, 1911. Since then 2 peals of Cambridge Maximus, 3 of Treble Bob Maximus, 9 of Stedman Cinques and 1 of Stedman C. ters have been rung on them by various Societies.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.—A RECORD GATHERING.

The annual meeting of the North-Western Division, was held at Bishop Stortford, on Saturday, December 13th, 1913., by kind permission of the Vicar, ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. A short service was held at 4.45 p.m. The Vicar, Rev. H. T. Lane gave a short and interesting address: he said how pleased he was to welcome the members of the Association to Bishop Stortford to hold their annual ringing meeting, 47 members being present from Bishop Stortford, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Harlow Common, Harlow St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, Rickling, Wenden, Elsenham, Cambridge, Braintree, Hoddesdon, Little Munden, St. John's (Deptford), Roydon, and Ware.

Tea and business meeting was held at the Chequers Hotel. Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master), presided, supported by Mr. W. Watts (District Secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard, (Master of the Association), and the Rev. A. M. Winter, Vicar of Stansted, unfortunately the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard was unable to stay to the business meeting as the last train left at 6.30 p.m. Mr. Howard said he was pleased to meet the members. In the North-Western Division he always got a hearty welcome, he was glad to see such a good number present and hoped they would have a good meeting. The Rev. A. M. Winter, Vicar of Stansted, was elected an honorary member, Mr. Charles Smith of Hunsdon, a ringing member, and Mr. T. W. Newman, of Hoddesdon, a non-resident life member. Mr. F. Pitstow was unanimously elected District Master. Mr. Pitstow said he should be very pleased to accept it for another year; he was glad to see so many members present, it made one feel proud to be in the chair, and preside over such a good gathering.

Mr. W. Watts was also re-elected District Secretary. Mr. Watts said he was only too pleased to take it on again for another year. Waltham Abbey was selected for the next meeting to be held in February next, and this closed the business. Mr. G. Dent proposed, and Mr. W. Lawrence, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for holding the service, and for the use of the bells. Votes of thanks were accorded to the officers for past services and also to Mr. Springhan, steeple keeper. Mr. H. J. Tucker proposed, and Mr. G. Dent seconded, that a vote of sympathy from this meeting be accorded to Mr. N. J. Pitstow.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches of Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, London and Cambridge Surprise.

INDUCTION OF NEW RECTOR AT RICKINGHALL.

The Bishop of Norwich has inducted the Rev. H. K. Brown into the Rectories of Rickingham Inferior with Rickingham. Superior, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. C. F. Blyth. There was a large congregation.

The preliminary service, conducted by the Rev. G. A. Bell, curate-in-charge, was a shortened form of Evening Prayer. After the hymn, "O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace," the Rev. H. K. Brown took the oaths of allegiance to the King, canonical obedience to the Bishop, and made the usual declarations. Three prayers followed, after which the Bishop read the letters of institution, subsequently laying his hand on the head of the new incumbent. The hymn, "Lord pour Thy Spirit from on high," was then sung, and the Bishop sitting at the entrance of the chancel, gave an earnest and inspiring address. His lordship said this was a great and important day for them and for him. It was his first visit to the parish, and would probably be his last, for in a few months they would be separated from his See and form part of the Diocese of Suffolk. The church to which they belonged had a history of many centuries, and stood for a continuous line of sainted lives who had carried out her teaching. Whatever might have been the failings of those who had been in charge, however opposite there lives might have been to the truths of the faith they preached, they did not lower the high standards of the Church. He trusted that though there were two parishes, their aims would be one, and that love, power, unity, concord, and sacrifice might be felt by the parishioners of both parishes. The congregation then joined in silent prayer, after which the Mandate of Induction was read by the Registrar, Mr. R. G. Bolingbroke.

The combined choirs of Upper and Lower Rickingham, followed by the churchwardens, Messrs. S. Warren, W. S. Reeve, A. C. Pepper, and W. Palmer, the patron of the living, Mr. G. H. Wilson, the Rector, and the inductor, the Rev. L. H. Wilson, of Redgrave, proceeded to the church door, where the Rev. H. K. Brown, laid his hand on the church key and afterwards tolled the bell. After a prayer offered by the new Rector an impressive service was brought to a close by the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

On Saturday last the members of the above branch held their usual monthly meeting at the Town Hall, Manchester. Ringers turned up in good numbers from various towers, viz.: Ashton-under-Lyne, Stockport, Worsley, Eccles, Whitefield, Prestwich, Pendleton, Birch, Didsbury, etc. Mr. Sam Wood occupied the chair at the business meeting, when the Cathedral was chosen as the next meeting place. A vote of thanks was accorded the authorities and the local ringers for placing the tower and bells at the disposal of the members.

STEPNEY. E.—On Sunday, December 15th, for evening service at the church of St. Dunstan, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes) in 52 mins. F. V. Martin, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, E. Gibbs, J. Scholes, R. N. Runham, S. Parmenter, W. Truss, A. D. Barker, E. Hall.

WHAT IS A METHOD? WHAT'S IN A NAME!

What is a method? Thus was silence broken—
 What's in a name? Thus bad Shakespeare spoken—
 What is a Principle? What is a "Surprise"?
 What's Treble Bob? What's Plain, what's Enterprise?

For many years there has been controversy
 And ringing bodies have assailed with little mercy
 Some of the quaintly figured permutations;
 And smiled at places or their situations

Some of our greatest guns would have exploded,
 Yes, would have burst, if they had been but loaded—
 But strange to say, when they had made the plot,
 They went off just before they touched the spot
 One starts with what shall be legitimate—
 But he too shared the common fate!

Instead of showing that, he took the other way,
 And used his energy explaining it away.

Now in the first place I would ask the question,
 So that the matter may be easy of digestion,
 What is a method for and why composed?
 Then we may find the secret half disclosed.

We may suppose the following figures showing
 The first attempt to set the changes going;
 And though of course we scarce suppress a smile
 Place-making is extant in every style.

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Here is a fine example of contiguous places—
 Here, note the treble in its regular paces,—
 See how the tenors are together found—
 Observe the lead-ends, too, familiar sound!

But this of course could not go on for ever:
 And then arose some wight, exceeding clever;
 Who cried, "This rounding style quite worries me
 So let us see if any better way there be."

"Suppose we make a law that in all ringing,
 Each bell should change where possible, thus bringing
 To an end this tedious tiresome mode
 So that each bell shall take a different road."

These later styles were almost as amusing,
 Some intricate and others quite confusing—
 But to one standard they alike conformed,
 That every change should differ as performed.

And soon "Bob Major" reigned in every steeple,
 And "Grandsire" came and pleased the ringing people—
 These methods then were thought to be correct—
 Which, if allowed, we may our course direct.

A "Method" we may take as but expressing
 A certain way laid down, so that no guessing,
 Occurs, but in a stated way
 Each bell must course, nor from that manner stray.

When bells were first arranged for ringing changes
 A vast field opened with its endless ranges,
 And systems were invented—some were good,
 And these for generations now have stood.

But there are some which are abominations
 Or such appear to me upon examinations!
 Contiguous fifth-sixths, these I would banish
 And the treble stuck in the middle too should vanish.

With five-full dodging I am not in favour
 It means hard labour and of call-change savour—
 And methods made uneven should not even ring
 And even rung uneven—worse than anything.

When noted Stedman put forth his invention
 It would appear he dreamed not of extension
 To higher numbers, he was quite content
 To ring on five the number that he meant.

It may be well for nine or for eleven
 But with continuous calls when ringing seven
 We ring but then the Stedman peal of five
 While bells behind can scarcely keep alive.

With Stedman came this first great innovation—
 To depose the treble from its proper station—
 But he designed for five, just for a change—
 And did not thus intend to disarrange.

But now we find some would be imitations
 Which put the bells through several quaint gyrations
 And call it Stedman's Principle, without the cause
 And thus desire to break old ringing laws.

What of Surprise? When many varied places
 With dodging, laying still, in such cramped spaces;
 Yet with one straight run through we may surmise
 It caused the ancients quite a great surprise.

And thus it came about, 'twas not surprising
 That someone to the great occasion rising
 Should call it marvellous, as then he cries
 Its name I've found! It shall be called "Surprise"!

Now many methods are wrong in the naming
 If on this standard they "Surprise" are claiming—
 The two Collegiate cities claim their own;
 And with Superlative would stand alone.

In later years the term was much extended
 Far more than at the first appears intended—
 And so at random—with no settled laws,
 Were called "Surprise," with or without a cause.

And yet it seems somewhat a marvellous story
 That "London" was dismissed the category:
 And ringers marvelled and with doubting eyes
 Found it was "Marvel," marvellous surprise.

And what a pity! here we have a science
 Our paper, figures, bells and all appliance
 And yet we go on day by day and year by year
 And no solution to the themes appear.

One might pursue the subject much, much further
 But I suppose the editor would rather
 Not use his space in such a wild palaver
 Just for a time—but wait, for something farther.

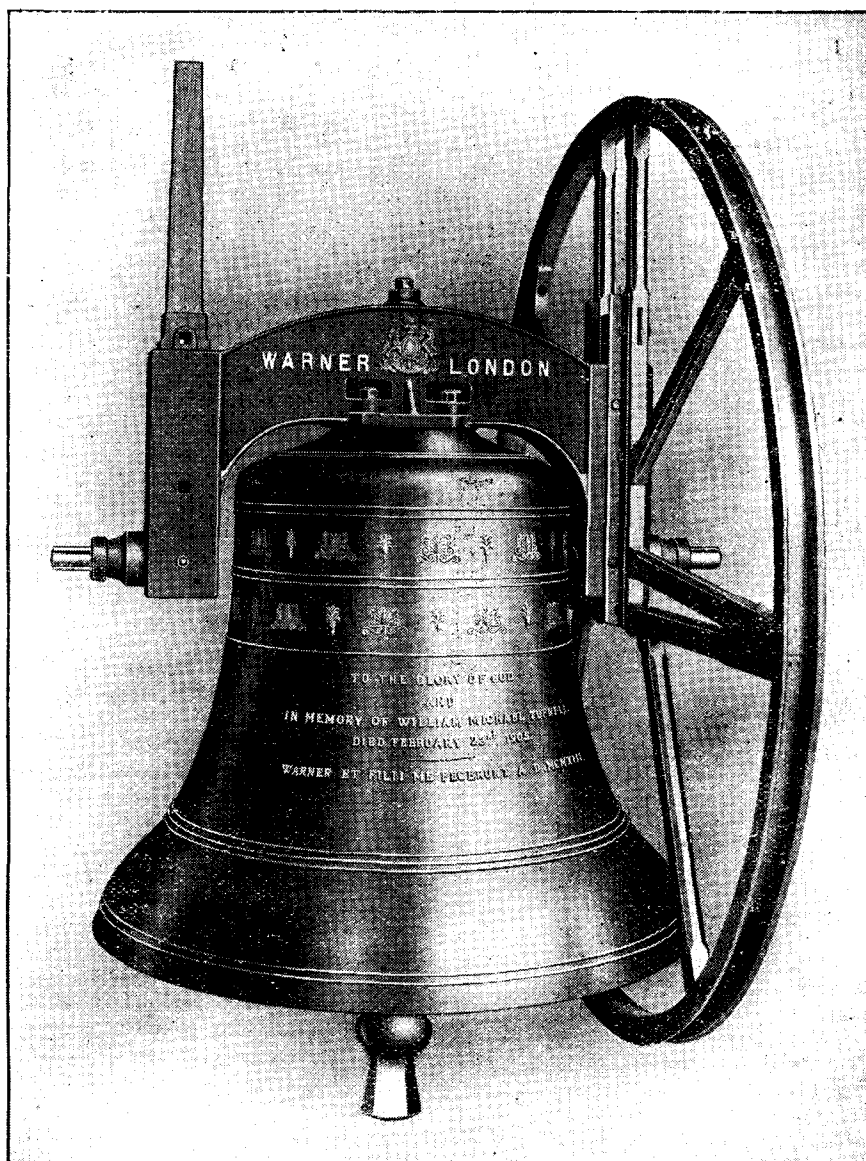
Let ringers ring, let bells their sounds go pealing
 Let Christmas carols sing, let kindly friendly feeling
 Go with the bells, what method, everywhere—
 A Merry Christmas; and good wishes share!

J. F. PENNING.—Dec. 1913.

"DIAMOND JUBILEE" AS RINGER.

Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, has just reached his "diamond jubilee" as a ringer. He first handled a rope at Cottesbrooke Church sixty years ago, and ever since Mr. Slarke has kept up his association with one belfry or another. He is one of the best known ringers in the district, and for 28 years has been a member of the Easton Neston company, and a short time ago presented a new treble, and shared with his family the provision of a second bell to complete the octave at that church in memory of his brother. He was one of the founders of the Towcester and District Association in 1894, and his hospitality is well known to Northant ringers. Mr. Slarke has seen five generations of ringers in his family, viz.: grandfather, father, himself, son, grandson. Mr. Slarke was 64 years of age before he rang his first peal, but he has now nine to his credit. Although he is in his 73rd year, we hope he will live to ring many more.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

SIR,—I am sorry to think that from the information you have received, and from the tone of your leading article, the impression should go forth that the affairs of our Association were in such a deplorable condition and daily growing worse, on account of the action of the Master and myself. Our Association has had a long and successful career up till now, with few if any intestine jars or dissensions, but no institution can always expect to meet with no reverses, however wisely it may be managed. I am not writing now with the purpose to justify my own action in refusing to sanction the expense of a brake last summer in the North-West Division, the responsibility for which had been laid upon me by the Association, and which is, I believe, the only cause of complaint brought against me after twenty-three years service: but rather to clear our capable and much esteemed Master from the unjust and causeless charges which are made against him. When Canon Papillon resigned the Mastership in 1909, Mr. Howard was elected in his place at a preliminary meeting, by the unanimous votes of his brother officers, barring one: and this choice was ratified at the ensuing general meeting. The one who stood out has opposed him ever since: and at the recent meeting at Coggeshall, voiced the old complaint which was brought against Moses and Aaron: "Ye take too much upon you." Yes, the Master has spared no pains, trouble or expense to make the Association progress, and has always been a constitutional ruler. The second cause of complaint is the carrying to a successful issue the scheme for placing the magnificent ring of bells in our future Cathedral, and more especially in influencing our members to give the treble (a suggestion that it should be paid for out of the Reserve Fund, did not emanate from him). Now in doing this he did no more or less than the Bishop of St. Albans, when he laboured for the division of the diocese. He went round to different centres and urged the matter, simply by persuasion and his efforts were crowned with success. The other cause of complaint was the selection of a band of ringers for the opening of the bells. To whom else than the Master could this unthankful task be given, and those selected fulfilled their duties admirably.

They were all members of the Association, although three or four of them were non-residentiaries. Can it be wondered at, human nature being what it is, if jealousy or pique was kindled in the breasts of some who were not invited: but that one who had such a high opinion of his own merit, has to voice his old complaint, instead of leaving it to others, if they thought well, and who had an invitation, and declined it seems incredible!

The complaint that was made at Coggeshall, that district officers were resigning, and that others could with difficulty be found, because of the increasing distrust and dissatisfaction with the Master and myself; the charge is ludicrous to those who know the Master and Secretary of the North-Eastern Division both wished to resign last year, but were persuaded to stay on. In the three other divisions there were no grounds whatever for such a suggestion. Yours truly,

HENRY T. W. EYRE.

720's OF BOB MINOR.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Here are a few for Mr. Lambert. In the first 720 on page 72 of Rope Sight the extra single can be called either at the 10th, 20th or 30th, lead end. In the second one the same page a single can be omitted at either one of these places. The variation published is in each case the last of these three. In none of these are the tenors reversed. In the first 720 call the second half first, but in this on the tenors are mixed up in both variations. In the 720 on page 75, the calling may be started from the 17th lead end without reversing the tenors at lead ends, and the same is true of the 720 on page 78 if the calling be started from the 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th or 15th, lead end. These sixteen will, perhaps, keep him going for a little while, but if he wants a few more without caring what happens to the tenors, he can begin the calling of 720 on page 78 from any of the 60 lead ends, and work backwards or forwards, that is he may reckon the single leads either upwards or downwards, 120 in all. The same is true of the other 720s, but the number of distinct variations on these lines is of course less in the other cases.

I trust my note in this week's issue did not give him an additional shock, but if he desires further information I shall be pleased to send it privately if he will write to me.

Yours etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The December meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hilper-ton, but as the day was a pouring wet one, and the church is some two miles or more from a railway station, a large company could hardly be expected. However, 17 turned up, some of them walking in the rain from villages four miles distant, which speaks well for their enthusiasm. Ringing commenced at three o'clock on the beautiful peal of six, and was kept up briskly until an adjournment was made to the "Crown" Inn for tea, which was very much enjoyed. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the branch, the Rev. W. K. Sylvester (Rector of Hilper-ton) kindly occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes; and Mr. J. Poyton Haden, churchwarden of Hilper-ton, together with ringing members from Bath, Devizes (St. John's), Potterne, Hilper-ton, Southbroom, Trow-bridge, Keevil and Bradford-on-Avon. There being no business to transact beyond the notification by the secretary that the next meeting would be the annual one at Devizes in the early part of January, at which he hoped they would all attend, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the church bells, and also for the kindness he displayed in attending the meeting, and taking the chair. Pleasure was also expressed at the attendance of the church-warden, which showed the sympathy and kind feeling entertained by the clergy and churchwardens towards the Guild.

Some of the members then returned to the church for more ringing, whilst others proceeded to St. James', at Trowbridge to join in the usual Saturday evening ringing at that church.

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The calling of the second part to be three times repeated. First rung at Eccleston, Cheshire, on December 13th, 1913, conducted by the composer.

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The chancel screen which has been placed in Longhirst Church, Morpeth, as a memorial of the late Lady Joicey, was dedicated on Wednesday night by Bishop Neligan. The screen was designed by Messrs. Hicks and Charlewood, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and has been executed by members of a wood-carving class at Longhirst, a branch of the Northumberland Handicrafts Guild.

TAMWORTH TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

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It will be seen, from the above lead, that the method is a double one, and that all places are made right. The 7th place may be omitted if desired, but of course if this be done it will add to its intricacy. I think the method has very musical qualities, and is now published for the first time.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Wednesday, December 10th, for Confirmation Service at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Knott (first quarter-peal away from the tenor), G. Durling (conductor), I. Emery, F. Herbert (first quarter-peal), A. James, sen., A. Bygrave, S. Marshall, T. Jones.

At the Chester Consistory Court last week, the Vicar and wardens of St. Stephen's-in-the-Banks, North Meols, applied for permission to take down the present church, and to build in lieu thereof a new and larger church upon the same site. The ornaments and furniture of the present church are to be preserved and placed in the new church. Application adjourned to the next court, in order that the accommodation of the new church be considered by the Bishop.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1913

ONCE again we have arrived at that period of the year when is celebrated the anniversary of one of the most important events in Christendom—THE NATIVITY of our REDEEMER. Through countless years, almost through all ages, has the festival held its position, through calil and doubt. Despite the attacks and snarls of the cynic and mouthy unbeliever, Christmas is still a great force in the world, and the well-known customs in connection with it show not the least sign of decay or abatement. And the belief in the divine origin of the festival is as strong now as in the time when at Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

It is our privilege as ringers of the bells of the Christian Church in the lands coming under the denomination of the words BRITAIN, to herald and announce the glorious festival. Long, very long, may this be so—our bells the harbingers of the Nativity on the Christmas morn. Many of us feel a great sense of inward delight in the ringing in of Christmas. Those who from one cause or another have not attended the belfry so regularly as they would have liked throughout the year, generally regard it as a bounden duty to ring at Christmas. May this desire prevail.

We wish that all our brethren throughout the world may enjoy "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

The dedication of the new bells at St. Molos, Newport, Mon, will take place on December 22nd, at 2.30.

It is a pleasure to publish the explanation of the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the esteemed Secretary of the Essex Association, as to the dissatisfaction which has been manifested in some parts of the county with the management of its affairs. The letter of the rev. gentleman will, it is to be hoped, clear up some of the doubts which have existed as to the causes which have led up to so much misunderstanding.

As he points out, and rightly so, no society can expect to be always free from dissensions, though the Essex Association has been exceptionally free, with the result that it has had a most successful career. For something like twenty-three years Mr. Eyre has rendered most loyal service to the Association, during the whole of which time there seems to have been no cause of complaint with his actions. Now, because something happens with which a section of the members do not agree, they are refusing to accept office and resigning, or threatening to resign, their membership in the Association.

Mr. Howard, the Master of the Association, has come in for a share of the grumble, which, however, does not seem to have disturbed his equanimity. The grumble in his case has taken rather a wider scope than that with the Secretary, but, it seems, with very little more reason.

The note which appeared in this column a week or two since, in which a conference was suggested as a means of clearing up the difficulty, was not intended to convey the idea that things were desperately bad with the Association, and were daily getting worse, though, being anxious for a settlement words may have been used which did not clearly express what was meant. The hint was thrown out in the hope that some such step as was suggested would stop the leakage from the Essex Association into a neighbouring one, a leakage which must weaken the one, while the other could not gain much.

Those who are disaffected would do well to read and study carefully Mr. Eyre's letter, as it puts what has occurred in quite a new light; and should clear the air. Officials must take definite action at times, and they would be more than human did they always manage to please the members. Much as this is to be desired it cannot be, and it should be the duty of the membership to stick loyally to the officials elected by the majority of them, so long as they conscientiously do their duty.

We hear that the Misses Webster have placed an order with Mr. A. Bowell of Ipswich, to add two trebles to the ring of six at Sible Hedingham Parish Church. The same ladies had the old ring of five restored and a treble added, and hung in a steel frame in 1912.

Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, writes:—"I regret to say the peal of Stedman Caters published by me October 11th, 1913, is false."

RICKINGHALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 7th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Bailey, E. Youngs, C. Bailey, W. Morley, C. Chenery, A. Bailey (conductor). Also after service several touches of Oxford, Kent, and Double Court were rung. A Bailey (conductor), E. Youngs, C. Bailey, W. Morley, H. Morley, C. Chenery.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, SOUTH TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob,

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED HOWELL Treble	RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	THOMAS KING 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. This is the 100th peal on tower bells this year by A. W. Grimes.

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL .. 6
JAMES E. DAVIS 3	HARRY WARNETT 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Blackwell.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH .. Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM FYE 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Smith, with the good wishes of the rest of the band.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qrs. in C.

CHARLES LEE* Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL 6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT† .. 7
THOMAS KING 3	FRANK SMITH 8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4	JAMES HUNT 9
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. The above ringers are all in the employ of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, and the peal was rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the firm. This is believed to be the first peal of Caters rung by employees of a bell foundry.

WANTED.—Fitter and Turner with good experience of fixing turret clocks, carillons, etc. State qualifications. Change-ringer preferred.—Apply FITTER, "Bell News," Walthamstow.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1913 in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY Treble	REUBEN SENDERS 5
THOMAS FAULKNER 2	CALEB FENN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The Provences.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

F. PITSTOW Treble	G. R. SPARROW 5
R. A. STRONG 2	F. W. HOUSDEN* 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW* 3	F. J. PITSTOW 7
A. E. PITSTOW 4	A. F. JAMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Pitstow and R. A. Strong. The ringer of the 3rd is 15 years of age.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

WALTER S. INWOOD Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2	HUBERT EDEN 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
HENRY HODGETTS 4	FREDK. W. BEINKLOW Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSWAY, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HUBERT SHEPPARD Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY 6
SAMUEL BAKER 2	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 5	BENJAMIN FELLWOOD Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

The above peal was especially arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., and Hon. Secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, who received the hearty congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal. It was also H. Sheppard's 50th peal, and his first attempt for a peal after his serious accident.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

ERNEST PULKER* Treble	ERNEST LAMBERT 5
AMEPOSE W. OSBORNE 2	WILLIAM PRICE 6
JOHN RANCE 3	FRANK GIFFIN† 7
HARRY BUNGAY 4	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BATEMAN Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	JAMES BLACKMORE Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First peal in seven methods by all, and on the bells. Rung on the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES CAMM Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	JAMES R. NEWMAN 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal, he having rung and conducted his first peal (Doubles) on December 8th, 1888.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAXLEY Treble	GEOFFREY STONELEY 5
CHARLES SANDERS 2	HERBERT HURDMAN 6
ALBERT P. WAXLEY 3	JOHN H. SWINFELD 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4	ALGERNON P. G. STONE Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and Conducted by WILLIAM C. WAXLEY.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 2nd, and first peal of Major as conductor, and first attempt.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5008 CHANGES; Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 3 lbs. in D.

SAMUEL JONES* Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
REV. A. T. BEESEON* 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS* 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
GEORGE JONES 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDR.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells; also first in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. This is the first 5008 ever rung in a Treble Bob method. The figures of this peal will be found elsewhere.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 14th, for Divine Service at the church of SS, Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes). A. J. Lambert, J. D. Drewett, A. J. Perkins (conductor), B. Morris, C. R. Grimwood, T. Steers, C. Bance, W. S. Smith. This quarter-peal has the 6th eight courses in 5th place; has 2-3-4-5 two courses in relative order in 6th place; and the 5th at home at the last three course-ends.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lbs.

ERNEST DUMFER Treble	ALBERT MAPES 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
CHARLES J. FRAY 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Three Hours Thirty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lbs. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES* Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM† 7
RALPH COLES 2	JOHN EVANS 8
FRANK BOREHAM† 3	JOHN GRANSBURY 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JOSEPH J. PRATT† 10
RICHARD BUCKLAND 5	JOHN C. TRUSS 11
SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 6	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

*First peal on 12 as conductor. †First peal on 12 bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	THOMAS JAREMAN 5
CHAS. BOWER 2	BENJAMIN GILL 6
JONATHAN BROADBENT* 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
JOSEPH MELLOR 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal in the method. Rung on the first eight of the twelve bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
RICHARD DARLOW 3	BERTRAM PREWETT 7
WILLIAM SEELEY 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Smith, and also to Master Fred Grimes, son of the conductor.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Monday, December 8th, at the church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 1280 changes. O. J. Hunt, W. J. Smith, W. H. Brunsdon, F. E. Pervin, J. H. White, W. T. Cox, C. Freeman, A. Roberts. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and first quarter-peal in the method by the Warwickshire Guild.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for Sale, with Music specially arranged, 6 Stands, Stick and Tin Trunk.—CHARLES BARBER, Littletown, Liversedge, Yorks.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lbs.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY .. Treble	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON .. 5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY .. 2	GEORGE DENT 6
WILLIAM B. KEMPTON .. 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 7
REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING, and Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

This is the first peal on the bells since their re-dedication, after having been recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

OLDHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Oldham Society.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 34 cwt.

FRANK WILD Treble	SAMUEL STOTT 6
ALBERT CLEGG 2	CHARLES MANSLAND 7
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	CHARLES E. PLATT 8
EDWIN B. SHAW 4	SAMUEL M. BUTTNEWORTH .. 9
HARRY HAMPSON 5	HERBERT BARLOW Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

First peal on ten bells by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN GEORGE HALL .. Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY 5
FREDK. LAVEBCK 2	JOHN HENRY JONES 6
ALEXANDER MACFARLANE .. 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM T. HOLMES 4	LUCIAN VENUS* Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

*First peal in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alexander Macfarlane, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

SURFLEET.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble	GEORGE LADD 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON .. 2	R. HUGH RICHARDSON* .. 7
ARTHUR I. HOLMES* .. 3	WALTER H. WOOD* 8
JOHN W. LAKE* 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON 9
JAMES OSBOEN* 5	WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM STANAWAY, JUN.* Treble	JOHN W. JONES 4
FRED MARSHALL 2	MISS ETHEL PACEY* 5
ALFRED H. COSSOM 3	HENRY PACEY Tenor

Conducted by FRED MARSHALL

*First peal. First peal in South Wales. First peal by the Association in which a lady has taken part.

**NORTH CURRY, SOMEKSETSHIRE,
THE BATH AED WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lb.

JOSEPH MADDOCK	2	FREDK. G. CASE	5
THOMAS DOBLE	2	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ..	6
DAVID G. TAYLOR	3	WALTER FARLEY	7
GEORGE SIBLEY	4	JOSEPH CHURCHILL* ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Duman on her attaining her 21st birthday, the band wishing her many happy returns. It is 17 years ago since a peal was rung on these bells.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Leicester Branch.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5152 CHANGES.** Tenor 14½ cwt.

DICK ILIFFE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
FRED H. DEXTER	2	FRED STANFORTH	6
LOUIS E. ALLEN	3	JOHNS MORRIS	7
P.C. HAROLD JENNEY ..	4	CHARLES H. FOWLER ..	Tenor

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

This peal (the figures of which appear elsewhere) is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Norwich on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.** Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	EDWARD REYNOLDS* ..	5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ..	2	EDWARD J. HARDING ..	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ..	7
HENRY REYNOLDS	4	JAMES GEORGE	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

LONDON.—THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, GOSPEL OAK,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, London, Wells, York, and Durham. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ..	4
GEORGE A. BLACK	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
JOHN MOULE	3	HARRY TORRE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for giving permission to ring, and Mr A. E. Brightman for having everything in readiness. These methods are all Class IV.

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S 12-PART.** Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE	2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	5
MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH	2	ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE ..	6
HERBERT COX	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
CHRISTOPHER R. WATERS ..	4	JOHN BOST	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, the band wishing him many happy returns.

**SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch).**

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WORMAN	2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ..	4
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
JOHN HOWELLS	3	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Conducted by W. RANFORD.

This was attempted at Leigh (but unsuccessfully), on November 6th. in honour of Mr. J. R. Newman's wedding. It is W. Ranford's 30th peal, and the first conducted by him.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKS.

**THE YORKSHIRE AND THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT
ASSOCIATIONS.**

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.** Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY ..	2	ALBERT JAGGER	5
JOHN LAWSON	2	GEORGE NAYLOR	6
JESSE RUSHWORTH	3	THOMAS H. GRILDEE ..	7
ERNEST LAWSON*	4	ELI BAPPER	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN LAWSON.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been fixed in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the tone and the going of the bells giving every satisfaction.

LEICESTER.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, THURMASTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL	2	FREDERICK KILBORN ..	4
ALBERT E. FOUNT	2	WALTER T. WILSON ..	5
WILLIAM C. LEWIS	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first peal containing seven methods to be rung on these bells.

Handbell Peals.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the George the Fourth, Haggerston,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.**

Alfred W. Grimes ..	1-2	Walter S. Wise ..	5-6
Challis F. Winney ..	3-4	Ernest G. Stibbons ..	7-8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.

Umpires—Joseph Barry and Arthur D. Barker.

LEE, S.E.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service at the church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 43 mins. F. V. Martin, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes, R. N. Runham, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, C. W. R. Grimwood, A. B. Peck A. D. Barker. First quarter-peal of Surprise upon the bells.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At the Residence of E. W. Beckwith,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Andrew Shuffelbotham	1-2	David Elliott	...	5-6
William Keeble	...	Ernest W. Beckwith	...	7-8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and
Conducted by William Keeble.

Witnesses—Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, and Miss G. Beckwith.
First handbell peal rung in the district by all except the conductor, and first attempt.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in 2 Hours,

At the Residence of Mr. Narborough,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

James H. Phillips	...	1	Stanley E. Andrews	...	3-4
Arthur W. Wenlock	...	2	Ralph Narborough	...	5-6

Conducted by Ralph Narborough.

This was Mr. Phillips' first peal, and was rung as a farewell peal, he having obtained a position in a solicitor's office at Seven Oaks, much to the regret of all the ringers of the Parish Church, who feel they have lost a true friend. We wish him every success in his new abode.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 5, 1913, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the George the Fourth, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstane's Four-Part.

Walter S. Wise	...	1-2	Fredk. J. Hardy	...	5-6
Challis F. Winney	...	3-4	Alfred W. Grimes	...	7-8

Conducted by Walter S. Wise.

Umpire—Joseph Barry. The conductor's 150th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths).

On Friday, December 5, 1913, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

J. Bruce Williamson	1-2	William D. James	...	5-6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	3-4	T. Reginald Dennis*	...	7-8

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by William D. James.

Umpire—J. Butler. *First peal on handbells. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's 100th peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At 49, Wood Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES:

George R. Pye	...	1-2	Arthur F. Shepherd	...	7-8
William Shepherd	...	3-4	Ernest Pye	...	9-10
William Pye	...	5-6	Alfred W. Grimes	...	11-12

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—C. T. Coles,

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

David J. Nichols	...	1-2	J. Edward Chapman	...	5-6
E. Maurice Atkins	...	3-4	Frank H. Talbutt	...	7-8

Arranged by E. M. Atkins, and Conducted by D. J. Nichols.

First peal other than Minor, and first in hand by the ringer of 7-8, who belongs to the Isham band.

The Bishop of Winchester has dedicated new choir stalls and pulpit at St. Mark's Church, Woolston, Southampton. The stalls and pulpit are of oak, and 15th Century in style. The choir fronts are panelled, traceried, and moulded. The pulpit is octagonal in plan. The cornice is enriched with foliated carvings, and the panels below are sunk and traceried. The additions are from the designs of Mr. B. D. Cancellor, architect, of Winchester, and have been executed in the studios of Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, of Exeter.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Thursday, December 4th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. A. Bygrave, A. James, sen., A. James, jun., G. Durling, I. Emery, J. Lyddiard, G. Huxley (conductor), A. E. Newick. On Sunday, December 7th, for a Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. A. James, sen., G. Durling, E. G. Fitness, F. H. Herbert, A. E. Newick, G. Huxley, I. Emery (conductor), A. Bygrave. First quarter-peal with a bob bell by A. James, jun.; first away from the tenor by J. Lyddiard; and first quarter-peal of Stedman by F. H. Herbert. On Wednesday, December 10th, at St. Luke's Church for Confirmation Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. Knott (first quarter-peal away from the tenor) G. Durling (conductor), I. Emery, F. Herbert (first quarter-peal), A. James, sen., A. Bygrave, S. Marshall, T. Jones.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, December 11th, for practice at the Parish Church, 576 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, T. J. Watts, F. J. Pitstow, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. T. Prior, W. Watts (conductor). On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise. G. Gray, H. Little, G. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Wat's, T. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor). Also 300 Stedman Triples. T. Jordan, 1; W. Watts (conductor) 7; F. Potter, 8 Tenor 13 cwt.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLINGTON.—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins. C. H. Hughes, H. J. Ranzetta, A. D. Barker (conductor), T. H. Taffender, R. N. Runham, C. W. R. Grimwood, J. Bullock, A. Riley.

HACKNEY.—On Sunday, December 7th, at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. C. H. Hughes, J. Barry, A. D. Barker (conductor), A. Burn, C. E. Grimes, T. King, W. Powell, A. Riley.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.—On December 3rd, 840 Grandsire Triples. H. R. Berresford, T. Foster, E. Foster, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), H. F. Clulow. Longest length by the ringer of the 4th. On Sunday, December 7th, 700 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Chamberlain, T. Foster, A. H. Wilson, H. R. Berresford, G. Beckett, H. F. Clulow (conductor), C. H. Chamberlain, E. Foster. On Wednesday, December 10th, for practice, 360 and 120 Bob Minor. E. Foster, A. H. Wilson, H. R. Berresford, A. J. Chamberlain, G. Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain, H. F. Clulow.

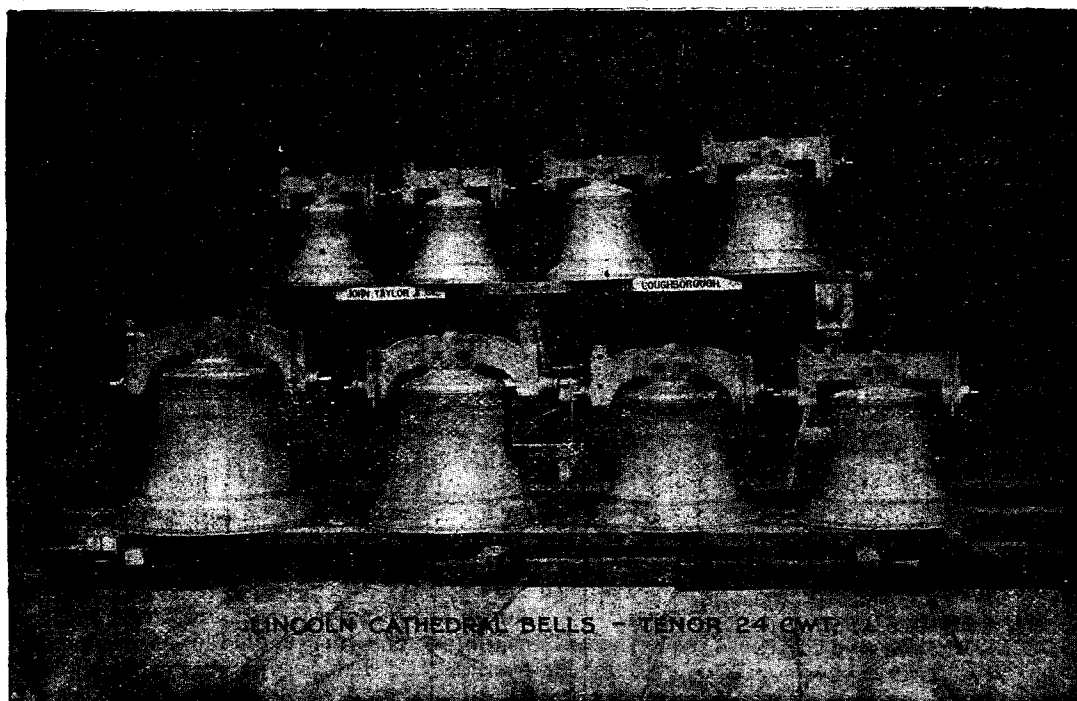
HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 44 mins. C. Ottley, J. Hurrell, H. Brooks, A. Turner, A. Hart, E. Brett, C. Charge, J. Cornford (conductor). First quarter-peal in the method by the rings of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; and St Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30., the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of rs. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, 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 Society.—Established 1824.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m.

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

Joseph Ogden Branch Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, December 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Angel Hotel Flax Bourton, at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.

Taunton.

F. F. Burgess, Hon. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport, Mon., on December 26th, to commence with a short service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Bells (8) available; also the new ten bells at St. Woolos available excepting between 3.15 and 6.30.

Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A. } Hon. Secs.
John W. Jones.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, December 27th. Will members please endeavour to be present at this important meeting.

John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will take place at Barming on Saturday January 10th, 1914. The bellry will be open at 3 p.m.

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon Dis Sec

22, Tonbridge Road Maidstone

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

County Offices, Chelmsford

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Will secretaries and others please note that the present address of Mr. James George is 4, Kimberley Road, Rugby.

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After dinner, a most jovial evening was spent in songs and toast, amongst those contributing to the harmony, being Dr. Harwood, Messrs. C. E. Edwards, T. Upshall, Kimber, Hunt, Chaffey, Ridgers, Croucher, and F. A. Barnett.

ESSEX BELLS.**PEAL OF TWELVE FOR SAFFRON WALDEN.**

At the annual meeting of the N.W. District of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, held on Saturday at Stortford, The District Master, Mr. Fred Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, presiding, Mr. J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden), said when they made the appeal at Walden for funds for enlarging the ring of ten bells they did not think the money would be forthcoming so quickly. They had now decided to follow Chelmsford and have a peal of twelve, which would be an accomplished fact in a few month's time.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt will be made at the Bell Tower, Evesham, on Saturday, December 27th, 1913, for a record peal of Treble Bob Royal, by ten members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Starting time 8 o a.m. The figures are as follows:

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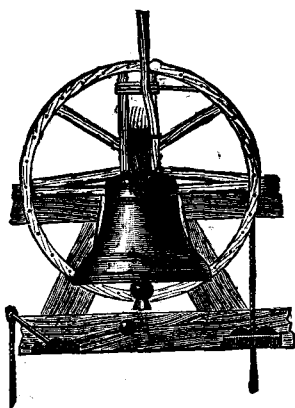
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RESTORATION AT COOKHAM.

After a long period of silence the bells at Holy Trinity, Cookham, have been retuned and rehung, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields Foundry, and the rededication ceremony was performed by the Archdeacon of Berks. The Archdeacon, in an appropriate address based upon the words, "Praise God in His Holiness," spoke of the uses of church bells, and said the bells were made to be rung as a peal, in a way that only skilled ringers could ring them and in a way in which they put into practice the highest exercise of their art of change-ringing, which was acquired as the result of long training and practice. Bell ringing was no mere feat of endurance—it was, indeed, that, for the method of change-ringing was intricate—but it was a religious act, begun, continued and ended in a religious spirit. Thus, the bells became instruments of praise. In their own degree they were like the organ which gave expression to the thoughts and feelings of the human heart, in their efforts to praise God. That fact was brought home to some of them, not very long ago, when a memorial was dedicated to the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers—the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton. He was one of England's greatest bell ringers, and he did much to put bell ringing on a proper footing as a religious art. The late Rev. Robinson had himself rung more than a thousand peals, and some the most intricate and longest that were known. It was rather a remarkable fact that wherever Mr. Robinson went, prayer was always offered in the belfry before and after the bells were pealed. On the tablet placed in the wall of the parish church at Drayton, which records some of the wonderful peals which Mr. Robinson helped to ring, were inscribed two Latin words, which mean "Praise be to God," and also on the screen which separates the church from the belfry, and which was placed in that church to the memory of the late Mr. Robinson, was inscribed in Latin the text which he had chosen for his sermon that morning, "O Praise God in His Holiness." He mentioned that fact because there were undoubtedly some who had not entered into the religious aspect of church bells—that bell ringing was really a religious act. The Archdeacon referred to the fact that the first use of the bells was to call people to worship, and that they also voiced the feeling of happiness and sorrow that were associated with individual, parochial and national life.

Messrs. Warner's work has included the provision of a new steel frame upon the same principle as that adopted at Chelmsford. The bells are hung with iron headstocks and the new patent self-aligning bearings. The frame is carried on four main girders, and provision has been made for two new bells to complete the octave. The treble and 4th have been recast, and the whole tuned on Canon Simpson's five-toned principle.

The weights and inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble (5 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lb.): The Rev. Dr. George Berkeley, Minister, John Aldridge and Richard Poulton, Ch. Wardens. "I mean to make it understood that

tho' I am little yet I am good." Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit, 1777. Recast by John Warner and Sons, 1913.

Second (6 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lb.): "Feare God, 1638."

Third (7 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lb.): "Hope in God, 1638."

Fourth (8 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lb.): Rl. Rs. Bryanus Eldridge me fecit 1650. Recast by John Warner and Sons, 1913.

Fifth (11 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lb.): "Love God, 1639."

Tenor (14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.): John Baly, M.A., Vicar, Richd. Broune, Gyles Ree, Church Wardens. Richard Phelps made me 1717.

The Sanctus Bell upon which the clock strikes, and which is in a cot upon the roof, bears the date 1669.

The local men rang the bells during the day, and on the following Tuesday a visit was paid to the church by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and several members of the Oxford Guild, who expressed full satisfaction with the way in which the work has been carried out. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung.

THE BELLS OF MILDENHALL.

THEIR RE-DEDICATION.

For something like three years the bells of the Parish Church of Mildenhall have been silent owing to the oak frame in which they were hung having got into a bad condition; but a new frame has now been provided, and on Thursday, Dec. 11th, their melodious sounds were once more heard, proclaiming to the district the fact that they were once more in ringing order, and ready to fulfil the duty of calling people to worship. The task of re-hanging the bells was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, who have replaced the old frame by a modern one, constructed of steel, with additional hanging space for two extra bells, to be added later. The bells were also re-cast by the same firm, and when, on the 12th inst., a band of Ely Diocesan Association members scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the work was pronounced to be most satisfactory, the tone and "go" being second to none in the county of Suffolk.

The Dedication Service was conducted by the Bishop of Norwich, assisted by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Wood), Rev. W. S. A. Granger, Rev. C. J. Leighton, Rev. E. I. S. Kendall, Rev. E. R. Soaper, Rev. J. D. Toolis and Rev. H. B. Woolley. The service was fully choral. After the dedicatory prayers were pronounced a few rounds were rung by members of the local band, and at the conclusion of the service the first touch was brought round by a mixed band. In the evening touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by R. Lathbury, P. Fordham, T. Fitzjohn, Rev. H. B. Woolley, J. B. Williamson, W. D. James (conductor), A. A. Hughes, and S. Laurence. Those present represented Cambridge, Ely, Lavenham, London, Long Stanton, Milverton, Newmarket and Thetford.

THE FATE OF THE BAND.

There was a band of accomplished ringers,
Whose fame was the talk of the town;
They'd the method, 'twas said, at the tips of their fingers,
And "THE BELL NEWS" had heard their renown.

How they got this renown 'twould be hard to say—
But they boasted so much of their power,
That everyone listened—and day by day
They thought themselves greater each hour.

When each to his shop or his work went by day,
He'd astonish his friends and his master
By the language he'd use, and the things he would say,
When asked to get on rather faster.

"Now please Sir," said one, "I'll purchase a gown,
And what is the price of that hood?"
"The price?" said the ringer: "Why, 4-5 down,"
And the striking is sure to be good

Another was "checked" by a very small child—
Said the ringer: "I'll catch you! Just wait!
You'll have 'handstrokes' and 'backstrokes' but not too
mild,
And 'into the hunt' you'll go straight."

Now one of these men was a doctor, you know;
And a patient of his one day
Had a fall from his horse, and a violent blow
On his head, while his steed ran away.

"Ah!" said the doctor, when called in to help—
"You must 'come out of the hunt,' Sir, indeed;
I'll soon put you 'right' for I myself
Have 'taken' the head doctor 'from lead.'"

"Your horse, Sir, has 'changed his course,' too, he said,
And I think he must have gone 'home';
But he's 'made' I see, his 'two blows' on your head,
And he's 'dodging' I think, with your groom."

The parson, too, was an elegant ringer—
Said he from the pulpit one day,
While with serious mien he held up his finger—
"My friends, it grieves me to say—

That lately I've noticed you're not going 'right'—
I'm 'dodging up,' and you 'down'—
If you'd keep, as it were, my 'rope in sight,'
And 'course' me all over the town—

You can't go far 'wrong'—the word 'home' I shall sound,
And then 'up behind' me you'll go;
With a very 'short touch' I shall bring you all 'round,'
And you'll all make your first good 'blow.'"

At first the people admired this talk,
But after a time they waxed cross—
"We'll stand it no longer," they said, "but will walk
These great men right away—and no loss!"

So up to the belfry a party went straight—
"We'll have this no more," they said—
"If you can't talk sense, you'll just have to wait,
Till the brains have grown in your head."

But out of this town you'll quickly go—
"Stand!" cried the captain, loud—
"Not stand! but march!" said the deputy—"So,
Good-bye to you gentlemen, proud."

Without a word they turned and ran,
And never were seen there again;
And where they are now, 'tis not known to man,
It is said they are all turned insane.

MORAL.

However fond of a thing you may be,
You never should overdo it—
For if you do, you soon will see,
That you may have cause to rue it.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The above subject, re introduced by Mr. Atwell, appears to be a subject ripe for action. When Mr. Godden originally introduced it, he, doubtless, had in mind, after a long experience as the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, many capable aspirants, outside his own society, for a peal of Stedman Cinques, who could not afford to pay the necessary fee for life membership, and his (Mr. Godden's) large heartedness and experience may have prompted the suggestion. Mr. Atwell, too, may have had a similar experience, and appears determined to give the ball a push.

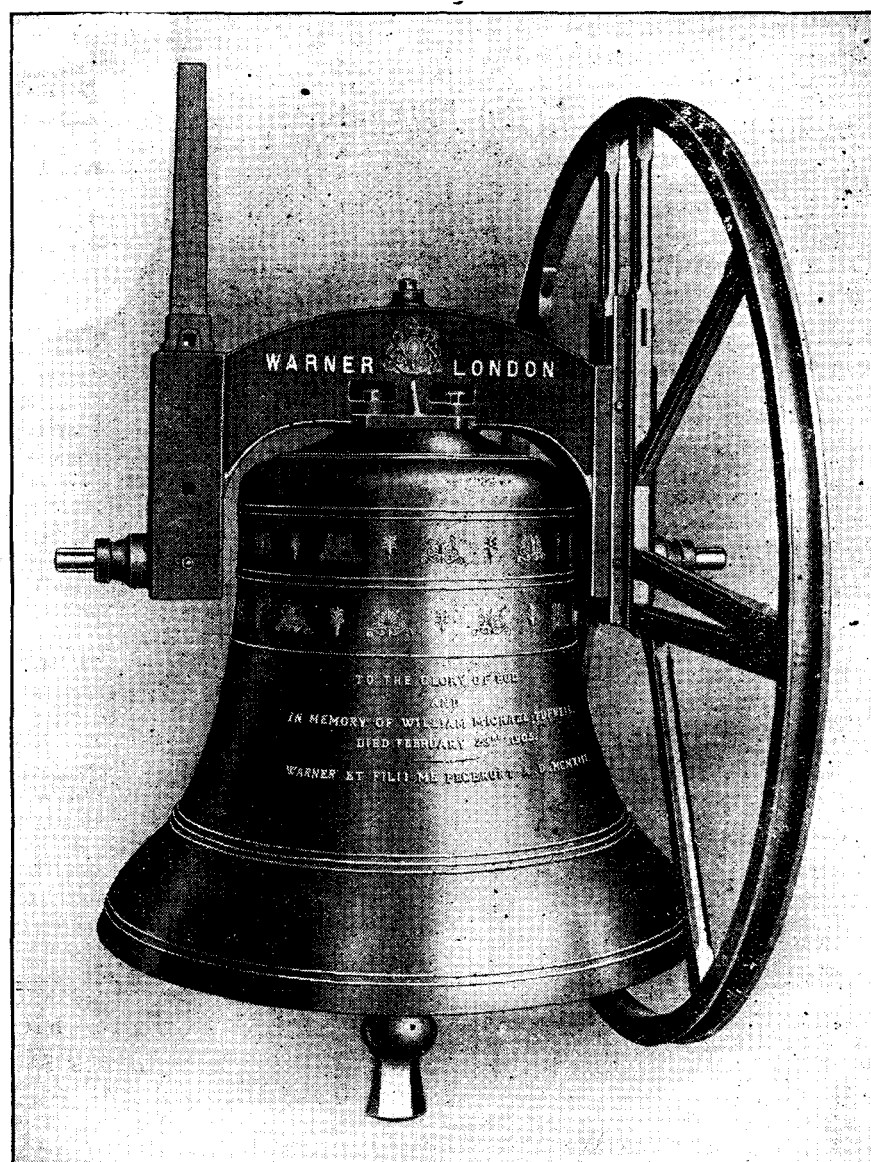
Is it, however, advisable, or practicable, to recommend the subject for discussion by the Central Council, whose agendas are already overlaid, and subjects, generally, insufficiently discussed? Why not let societies deal with the subject separately, seeing each society thoroughly understands its own constitution and financial resources.

There is no need for extensive detail, to give secretaries already hard-worked unnecessary labour in dividing and subdividing, a nominal fee. All that appears necessary is, when societies find as far as possible how far the step would affect their finance, to issue a card for visiting and peal ringing purposes for one nominal fee deposited in the hands of local secretaries who would supply applicants on the spot.

Supposing a ringer spending his annual holiday at a seaside town steps into the belfry of the Parish Church to ring for a service, and a peal is afterwards suggested in the week, the local men would naturally like the peal rung under their own society's name. The visitor could present his home credentials, have a card handed to him for a fee of, say one shilling after his belfry election, and the peal scored, the business would be finished. What a pleasure, too, the visitor would have in returning the compliment to his friends, should he get the opportunity.—Yours truly,
Old Hill, Staffs. A. E. PARSONS.

A beautiful memorial to Florence Nightingale was unveiled on Saturday in the Church of Santa Croce, Florence. The memorial takes the form of a symbolical marble statue, a figure of "Watchfulness" holding aloft a lamp. It is the work of an English sculptor, Mr. P. M. Sargent.

At St. Albans, under Abbot Roger Norton (1260-90), there were cast "a great bell truly and a most sonorous one called by the name of St. Amphibalus for tolling curfew daily," and others in honour of St. Alban and St. Katherine, under the superintendence of the Prior St. John de Marius; a bell named Mary had been previously consecrated some fifty years earlier.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL TENOR BELL.

The new Ring of Twelve Bells (Tenor 34cwt. 2qrs. 22lb) for Chelmsford Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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UPTON SNODSBURY BELLS.

A SECOND APPEAL.

A week or two since an appeal was made in these columns for contributions to the fund being raised to put these bells in order. A further appeal is now made as follows:—

May we, the Vicar and Parishioners of Upton Snodsbury, Worcester, bring to the notice of your readers the effort we are making to rehang our church bells, which have not been rung for 30 years. We have repaired the 15th century tower, which had been considerably damaged by the faulty construction of the old and worn-out bell cage, and now we are devoting our energies to collecting funds for the bells. The parish is small, very poor, and purely agricultural, containing only 270 inhabitants. Four of the largest farmers are non-church people, and there are no resident gentry. Hence the task of raising money is a very difficult one. We have managed to collect £300 for the repair of tower and bells, but £120 more is needed to complete the work. Will the bell ringers of England kindly extend to us the help they have so generously accorded to other parishes in similar difficulties.

The Church of Upton Snodsbury has a peal of six, the tenor weighing about 18 cwt. (note F). The peal was originally cast by R. Saunders, of Bromsgrove, in 1703. Four bells have been recast, the treble, 4th, 5th and tenor, and at the present time the treble and second bell are being recast by Messrs. Carr, the second having been cracked for a great many years, and the treble being hopelessly flat. The old inscriptions and dates will be preserved, and the date of recasting added.

The inscriptions are:—

Treble: Armell Green, John Green, C.W. 1738, R.S.

Second: Richard Saunders, Bromsgrove, made us all six, 1703.

Third: God save Queen Anne, R.S. 1703.

Fourth: John Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect. 1793.

Fifth: John Rudhall, Gloucester, Fect. 1805.

Sixth: Consider man when you here me, that I ear long may ring for thee, 1719.

The peal is rich and musical in tone, and quite the finest peal in the neighbourhood. The rehanging is being done by Messrs. Carr, of Birmingham, who will put in a new bell frame of English oak with two iron girders to strengthen and steady the original beams which carry the framing. Mr. Gerald Cogswell, architect of Worcester and London, is superintending the work.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The members of this district met in social intercourse at the Collingwood Restaurant, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and thoroughly enjoyed a delightful evening. Visitors from Newcastle Cathedral, and St. Johns; Benwell, Gosforth, Whitley Bay, Gateshead, and Darlington, to the number of 31, partook of an excellent supper, presided over by Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, the esteemed vice-president for the district.

After the tables had been cleared, an enjoyable musical programme was given by members and friends of the Association, and special mention must be made of the beautiful rendering of various part-songs by a quartette comprising Messrs. Routledge, Bigglestone, Liddell, and Bone—Glees, when well rendered, as these were, rank amongst the most enchanting forms of music, and their

performance roused the audience to great enthusiasm. Touches were also rung on the handbells, and the well-known and popular pianist, Mr. Shield, of Newcastle, acted as a capable accompanist, and played a brilliant descriptive piece of music entitled "The Forge."

In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Exercise," Mr. Todd, of Darlington, referred in appreciative terms to the efficiency of the ringers in the Northern District, and also to their "sociability," and coupled the names of Mr. Ernest E. Ferry and Mr. Arthur Payne (district secretary) with the toast.—In responding Mr. Payne pointed out that the Northern District was by far the largest of the four districts in the Association, in fact it was larger in area than the remaining three districts placed together. He also said that the Northern District had rung more peals in the past year than all the remaining districts, a total of 16 out of 25 peals, and he pleaded for this record to be thoroughly well beaten in the coming year. He intimated that it was the intention of Mr. Ferry and himself to visit every tower in the Northern District at least once in the year, and hoped that on the occasion of these official visits as many members would accompany them as could find it convenient to attend. He referred to the arrangements that were being made for giving assistance and instruction to backward towers, and also to the arrangements of peals for the encouragement of those members who were just entering the field of peal ringing, requesting all members in their district who were anxious to try their skill in a peal to communicate either with Mr. Ferry or himself, when suitable arrangements would be made at an early date.

In the latter part of the evening, the meeting was honoured by the presence of the esteemed President of the Association, Mr. C. L. Routledge, who, much to the delight of the members, sang an excellent song, stood in the handbell band, and entertained them in other ways.

Mr. Falconer proposed the health of "The Visitors," to which Mr. Little, of the Glee and Madrigal Society, responded. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a delightful evening to a close.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The December meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on Saturday week at Staveley, and proved very successful. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield, Staveley, and Treeton. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going till 7 p.m., with short intervals, some good striking being heard. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol, Yorkshire, and London Surprise Major. Messrs. T. Whitworth (Treeton) and W. Jacquer (Staveley), were elected members of the society. A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Molineux for granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting, closed the proceedings.

STREATHAM (Surrey)—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 42 mins. H. Pates, J. C. Mitchell, C. Lee, I. Attwater, C. Lee, jun., B. Marris, T. King, L. Attwater (conductor).

BOB MAXIMUS.

By B. FRANCIS, Clare, Suffolk.

5016.

23456	W	M	H
64235	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
52436	-	-	-
35426	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
34256	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-
43256	-	-	-
24356	-	-	-
23456	-	-	S

Contains all the 5-6.

5024 BOB MAJOR.

By H. PRICE.

23456	W	B	H
23645	-	2	-
6234	-	-	-
3624	-	-	-
2436	-	-	-
3246	-	-	-
4326	-	-	-
2643	-	-	-
4263	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
45236	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-
5324	-	-	-
2534	-	-	-
3254	-	-	-
5432	-	-	-
3542	-	-	-
4352	-	-	-
5243	-	-	-
4325	S	-	-
2435	-	-	-
32456	-	-	-

Repeated.

The tenth course is a twin course of fifteen leads, called thus:—1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 3.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By SAMUEL WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

5040.

23456	M	5ths in and	W	H
46532	2	X	2	2
34625	2		2	2
42356	2		2	
36524	1		1	2
23645	2		2	2
34256	2		2	

Last three courses repeated.

Rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on December 20th, 1913.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

The peal at Ashtread was rung on the 40th anniversary of the bell. The old six were recast and increased to eight by Mersrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1873, and excepting for an occasional screwing up of bolts nothing has been required. Mr. A. Hughes of the above firm kindly accepted an invitation to stand in the peal and was very pleased with the "go" of the bells. Mr. John Wyatt and Mr. E. Hall of Leatherhead, who stood in the peal took part in the opening 40 years ago. Mr. W. Cook has rung his 50 peals at this tower only. No account of the number of peals rung on the bells has been kept, except that during the last sixteen years 136 peals have been rung. This is surely a record for a Surrey tower. After the peal, the Rector Rev. R. A. W. Waddilove entertained the ringers to supper. Mr. John Wyatt proposed a hearty vote of thanks and the Rector in reply, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to entertain them that evening and he always liked to hear the bells rung well.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

SIR.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre confirms the idea that the selection of a band for Chelmsford opening was in the hands of the Master of the Association. As I previously pointed out at the College Youths' dinner it was stated that the Master of the Society was entrusted with the unthankful office of selecting a band. Will the rev. gentleman say which is correct, and so clear the air on one point. I know one twelve bell ringer invited five months previously, to be one of the band, but at the last ignored.

Those of us who have taken part in public life know full well that there are times when officials must act, but when one official gives instructions in one direction and another—I am not referring to the brake question—official disputes the thing having been done, there cannot be good management. Yours etc.,

H. KEEBLE.

Romford, Dec. 22nd, 1913.

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Meetings such as that at Salehurst, on Saturday, December 6th, cannot fail to be of inestimable benefit to all concerned, since they give scope for more extended practice than is afforded by the ordinary meeting of local bands, especially in country villages. Methods which cannot be attempted by the limited number available at single band practice, are made possible by these friendly combined meeting, and thus encouragement is given to members to go in for the better methods. It is a good sign that this sort of thing seems to be on the increase.

It must be extremely satisfactory to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to find that after 40 years the bells at Ashted are going well. It speaks well for the work done at the time, and is a glowing testimony to the skill and thoroughness which characterises all that this firm takes in hand.

Irrespective of the number of peals rung in the first 24 years after the bells were recast and increased to eight, the fact that during the last 16 years no less than 136 peals have been rung on them shows that they have not been idle.

The weights and dimensions of the new peal at Mildenhall are as follows:—Treble, 28½ inches; 5 cwts. 1 qr. 21 lb. Second, 30 ins.; 5 cwts. 1 qrs. 27 lb. Third, 31½ ins.; 5 cwts. 3 qrs. 21 lb. Fourth, 34½ ins.; 6 cwts. 3 qrs. 0 lb. Fifth, 37½ ins.; 8 cwts. 0 qr. 20 lb. Sixth, 39 ins.; 9 cwts. 0 qrs. 18 lb. Seventh, 42½ ins.; 12 cwts. 0 qr. 7 lb. Tenor, 48½ ins.; 16 cwts. 3 qrs. 23 lb. in E flat.

Ere another number of the "BELL NEWS" appears, the year which is hastening to its close will have given place to another, which will have come in amid the usual variety of circumstances. How many of the good resolutions formed at its beginning have been broken; how many hopes have not been realised; how many fears have been met and tackled courageously, and overcome. Like its predecessors it has brought round many changes, some for good, others which have brought sadness and sorrow in

their train. Many who were with us at the beginning of 1913, some of them veterans in the fight for better things in connection with the Exercise, have passed over the border to the Great Beyond, and are lost to us for ever, though the memory of them will remain as long as one of present generation of ringers is alive to tell the tale, whilst the story of their achievements will be passed on to generations yet unborn. On the other hand many new aspirants to honour have arisen, to whom a hearty welcome has been accorded. These have yet to win their laurels, which time and perseverance will ultimately bring to them.

The year which is going out has seen many changes in belfries throughout the land, and has been a time of much business for bell founders and bell hangers. North, south, east and west restorations have been going on, to say nothing about the installation of at least one entirely new peal. These have in nearly every case meant an advance—six-bell peals have become eight, eights have grown to ten, tens have been augmented to twelve. Thus the advance goes on, and no sign of abatement as yet appears.

In this, the last number for the closing year we wish all connected with the Exercise

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,

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

ROBERT H. HAYWARD Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS 2	ROBERT W. GREEN* 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method.

SPITALFIELDS, N. E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 33½ cwt.

THOMAS KING Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
BERTHAM PREWETT 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is the author's number 101. The above peal is the heaviest in the method ever rung.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, December 14th, for Divine Service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins. C. Faulks, H. Faulks, W. Peart, S. Spittle, J. Mills, H. Sheppard, A. Mills, John Goodman, sen. (conductor), John Goodman, jun., W. Meek. Composed by W. Micklewright. This quarter-peal was arranged for Messrs. A. Mills and W. Peart, who belong to All Saints, West Bromwich, and this is their longest length on ten bells.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alphege,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS* 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM BERRY 7
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR ENIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5013 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM DORAN Treble	JAMES HUNT 6
ARTHUR N. HADBY 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM H. THOBALD 8
HAROLD BURTON 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Kojal, Mr. Doran kindly taking the vacant rope. Mr. F. Hairs' 150th peal.

BATTERSEA, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 2	CORNELIUS CHARGE* 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

The Provinces.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN PEDDLE Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	WILLIAM HONOR 6
HENRY WAITE 3	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7
ARTHUR HARDING 4	KENNETH HAWKINS* Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

*First peal on eight bells; elected a member before starting.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

GEORGE COOPER Treble	JAMES STARLING 4
DAVID LEGGETT 2	HENRY PUTTOCK 5
GEORGE ABLITT 3	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

HOLT, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being forty-two 6-scores called ten different ways. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BAXTER† Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE* 5
CHARLES RAISON 3	SIDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by T. DYKE.

*Elected a member before starting. †First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. T. Roberts; and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the treble ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY).

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
CHAS. BOWER 2	TOM WILDE 7
THOMAS JAEEMAN 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 8
CHARLES BROADBENT 4	SAMUEL BOOTH 9
JOSEPH MELLOR 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Oxford Royal in Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal of Oxford Royal by all except the ringers of the treble and tenor. The figures of this peal will be found elsewhere.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY REDDICK* Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
GEORGE COOK 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
ARTHUR HUGHES 3	EDWARD HULL 7
JOHN WYATT 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

*First peal. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the bells being recast. Messrs Hughes and Reddick were elected members previous to starting. W. Cook's 50th peal.

A "THOMAS" PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913 in 3 Hours 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

Thomas J. Salter .. Treble	Thomas Bloore .. 6
Thomas Collinson .. 2	Thomas Hughes .. 7
Thomas Russam .. 3	Thomas Miller .. 8
Thomas Hill .. 4	Thomas J. Elton .. 9
Thomas J. Bratton .. 5	Thomas H. Reeves .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Thos. J. Elton.

Rung on the Eve of St. Thomas's Day, also as a birthday compliment to Thomas H. Reeves.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, December 18th, for practice at the Parish Church, 576 Cambridge Surprise. A. Jordan, H. Little, G. Jordan, F. M. Butler, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts (conductor). And on Sunday, December 21st, for morning service, 168 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, A. Jordan, T. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, H. Little, W. Watts, (conductor), F. Potter.

THIRSK YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20th, 1913, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Henry Brown* .. Treble	Robert Hornby* .. 5
John Stott .. 2	James Metcalfe .. 6
Robert Brown .. 3	Thomas Metcalfe .. 7
James William Neesam .. 4	Ernest Robert Neesam .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Metcalfe.

*First peal and first attempt for a peal in any method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

Owen H. Giles .. Treble	Henry W. Wilkes .. 5
Arthur Stubington .. 2	Charles H. Russell .. 6
Charles J. Fray .. 3	William T. Tucker .. 7
William G. Edwards .. 4	George Williams .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and

Conducted by George Williams.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Isham Society.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Being 720 each of Primrose, Norwich, Netherseale, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

George A. Blaxley .. Treble	J. Edward Chapman .. 4
William C. Lewis .. 2	Walter T. Wilson .. 5
Frank H. Talbutt .. 3	E. Maurice Atkins .. Tenor

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

This is the first peal containing seven Treble Bob and Surprise methods to be rung by a Northamptonshire hand, on the bells, and by all except the conductor. It was rung in celebration of the Eve of St. Thomas's Day.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Charles J. Sedgley .. Treble	William P. Garrett .. 5
Rev. William C. Pearson .. 2	Charles A. Catchpole .. 6
William Motts .. 3	James Motts .. 7
Robert H. Brundle .. 4	Charles A. Catchpole .. Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

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

BRAINTREE (Essex).—For Matins on St. Thomas's Day at the Parish Church, 882 Grandsire Triples. And for evening service 657 in the same method. H. Coots, C. H. Howard (conductor), F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, W. H. Dyson, F. Ely, G. Lindridge, W. H. Hammond.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble	F. STEDMAN WHITE 5
CUTBERT G. WHITE .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. .. 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

All are members of the local band.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' 4-Part. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN BREEZE Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
JAMES W. BELL 2	HERBERT H. BARKER 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CADNCE 7
HENRY FYLES 4	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

*First peal of Stedman.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DIXON* Treble	WALTER H. WOOD† 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2	THOMAS HUMBERSTONE .. 6
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 7
CHRISTOPHER WARD† .. 4	RUFERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. †First peal of Oxford. This is the first peal of Oxford on the bells.

COOKHAM.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4
CHARLES EDWARDS* 2	WILLIAM HORNE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

The first peal on the bells since being restored by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London. Dr. Batchelor, the Rector, kindly entertained the visitors to supper after the peal, and foreman Tegg with the local men congratulated the band on its success, a vote of thanks being accorded Mr. H. Fowler for making the arrangements. *25th peal for 1913.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	SIDNEY DAWK 6
FREDK. ATWELL 2	FREDK. VILES* 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS .. 3	BENJAMIN THOAP 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
FRED CHAMBERLAIN .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT, and Conducted by BENJAMIN THOAP.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Seymour R. Barker.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

P.C. WILLIAM FLOYD .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON .. 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 2	REGINALD BRIDGH 6
GEORGE POVEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	ALFRED BROCKMAN* Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER .. Treble	WILLIAM BILLENNESS 5
WILLIAM A. PYE 2	ALFRED PYE 6
EDWARD HAWKINS 3	JOHN DALE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

*First peal in the method. This was G. R. Pye's 600th peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Bob and Single. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LANCE-SERGEANT J. HOLDEN Treble	CHARLES WINNER 5
VICTOR ROWLANDS* 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
ALFRED HONE 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
LANCE-SERGEANT JAMES BENNETT 4	EDWARD FRIEND Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH,

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells after being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. They run splendidly, and leave nothing to be desired.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

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

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

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.
5056 CHANGES.

Joseph A. Lambert .. Treble	Lewis Attwater 5
Alfred Clayton 2	Charles W. R. Grimwood .. 6
Douglas W. Drewett .. 3	Frank Holden 7
Benjamin A. Morris .. 4	Wm. S. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton, and Conducted by W. S. Smith.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	ALFRED LING 4
JAMES WARDLEY 2	HENRY PUTTOCK 5
ALDERMAN LING 3	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY Treble	EDWARD J. HOAD* 5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH 6
GEORGE B. SELBY 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
JOHN W. STEDDY 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major, and first attempt. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmora, Hon. Secretary of the above Association. It is also the first peal on the bells since being overhauled and the tenor rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qrs.

GEORGE PARSONS* Treble	ROBERT FRANKUM 5
WILLIAM CLARK 2	WILLIAM J. PAICE 6
MISS EVA BELCHER 3	CHARLES GILES 7
MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH* 4	GEORGE ABBEY Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by W. J. PAICE.

The thanks of the band are due to Mr. C. E. Keyser, who kindly provided tea after the peal. *First peal in the method.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, December 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being sixteen 6-score of Stedman Doubles, sixteen 6-score of Plain Bob, and ten 6-score of Grandsire Doubles.

ALFRED SECKOE Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE .. 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	ALFRED E. FULLICK 5
WILLIAM WEATHEREY .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST* .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. First peal upon the bells. Specially arranged for E. V. Rodenburst, who afterwards entertained the band at tea. The ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 belong to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 3 to Market Drayton.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. ERNEST MEFFEN Treble	JOHN W. SEAMER 5
HERBERT I. MINGAY* 2	FRED BLOOD 6
PERCY C. LONG 3	CHARLES TAYLOR 7
ALONZO W. LONG 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by JOHN W. SEAMER.
*First peal in the method.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Halesworth Society).

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor, and two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	JAMES HOWARD 5
CHARLES MOSS 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

First peal in five Minor methods on the bells. Rung to celebrate the Advent season.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Ten for the above Association; first in Bristol, and by all the band. Eight of the above ringers took part in the first peal of Oxford Treble Eight in Bristol on December 4th, 1913.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
GEORGE HUGHES 2	THOMAS HUGHES 7
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL .. 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 8
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 5	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. Tenor

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

This is W. A. Cooper's 50th peal.

ASH BY WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire Minor (Woodbine Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN .. Treble	GUY R. AMBROSE 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDK. HAYES 5
JOHN BUELES 3	FREDK. M. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. M. MITCHELL.

First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Hayes, a member of the Swanscombe band, and nephew of the ringers of the 5th. The band wish to tender their sincere thanks to the Rector of Ash, the Rev. H. B. Hennell, for the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality after the peal. H. Holden came from Meopham; the remainder from Milton-next-Gravesend.

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EWERBY.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,
On Saturday, December 20, 1913. in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 5004 CHANGES.

Tenos 15 cwt in D.

Rev. H. Law James ... Treble	Frederick W. Stokes ...	6
Christopher Ward* ... 2	R. Hugh Richardson ...	7
Trthur Andrews ... 3	George H. Smith† ...	8
John T. Holmes ... 4	Rupert Richardson ...	9
Walter H. Wood ... 5	William Dickinson ... Tenor	

Composed by H. Johnson, and
Conducted by the Rev. H. Law James.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913. in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

Matthias Hobbs ... Treble	Charles Cooper ...	3
Frederick Kilborn ... 2	George Henry Patrick ...	4

*Robert G. Black ... Tenor.

Conducted by Robert G. Black

*First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

Handbell Peals.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 17, 1913. in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1-2	Frank Bennett ...	5-6
Frank I. Hairs ... 3-4	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

Umpire—Mr. T. King First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by the Association. and by the ringers of 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 21, 1913, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the George the Fourth, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

Frederick J. Hardy 1-2	Alfred W. Grimes ...	5-6
Challis F. Winney... 3-4	Joseph Barry ...	7-8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.

Umpire—Mr. A. D. Barker.

In the reign of Richard I. the Guild of Saddlers in London were granted the right of ringing the bells of the neighbouring conventual church of St. Martin le Grand, on certain conditions. In 1254 the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster "who are appointed to ring the great bells," received an annual grant of 100s. from Henry III., with other privileges. This king had lately had new bells of great size made for the Abbey Church.

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RESTORATION OF BELLS AT BROOKTHORPE GLOUCESTER.

Meers. Llewellyns and James have just completed the refitting and rehanging of the bells at the Parish Church, Brookthorpe, in a highly satisfactory manner. The work consisted of taking down the bells and framework, fitting entirely new framework of rolled steel joists braced with steel bars, strong cast iron sections of their own A pattern, with massive rails, sills, and struts. The bells prior to being hung in this framework had been fitted with new cast iron headstocks, with coned steel gudgeons to work in deep gunmetal brasses. They had also been fitted with new oak wheels, stays, pulleys, sliders, clappers, and best quality ropes. Beside this the bells were turned so as to strike at a different place.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James have since received the following testimonial:—

Brookthorpe Vicarage,
Gloucester.

Dec. 18th, 1913.

Dear Sirs,—I write to tell you that we are very pleased with the way in which your men have done the work here of rehanging our Bells.

Your foreman was most obliging and also clever in the way he fitted in the framing without having to cut the walls.

Yours truly,

E. H. BLAKE.

Messrs. Llewellyns and James,
Bristol.

RINGERS MEETING.

SUSSEX AND KENT AT SALEHURST.

On Saturday, December 6th, a meeting was held by the Battle and Salehurst ringers, at Salehurst. The visitors arrived about 4 o'clock, being met by the local band; also by Mr. W. H. Perry, of Alton, Hants., who has taken up his abode in Salehurst. His presence is most welcome to the local men to whom his assistance is invaluable. Ringing commenced about 4.30, when a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was tapped off in 44 minutes. J. Thomas, P. Carter. W. H. Perry, W. Robinson, T. Booth, J. Sinden, W. Franks (conductor), W. Thomas. Tea was the next order, at "Ye Old Eight Bells," and judging by the provision made host Kirby knew the men he had to cater for. Tea over the tower was again visited when touches were brought round including two 210s, 350, 518, also 120 Stedman Doubles. It was regretted that the company were one short for Stedman Triples. Other ringers than those already named taking part were W. Hoad, J. Goodsell, H. Edwards, C. Dennis. Ringing ceased at 8.30 and a pleasant hour or so was spent at "Ye Old Eight Bells." Mr. Franks suggests that more meetings of a similar kind should be held at various towns to encourage local bands to take up change-ringing in a more enthusiastic spirit. It was proposed that the Salehurst band should visit Battle early in the new year, of which due notice will be given, when it is hoped that members of other bands will be able to take part.

A customer writes re Peal Cards supplied:—"Many thanks for peal cards, which I received to-day; they are easily the best I have ever seen."

OBITUARY.

MR. C. H. CLARKE, IPSWICH.

The Norwich Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, have lost a promising young member by the death at the early age of 27 years, of Mr. Charles Henry Clarke, son of the late P.C. Henry Clarke, of 41, Nottidge Road, Ipswich. On Monday week, as a last tribute of respect to the deceased, who leaves a widow, with whom the utmost sympathy is felt, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang various touches of Stedman Caters with the bells half muffled, followed by the whole pull and stand, and concluding with the tolling of the age of the deceased.

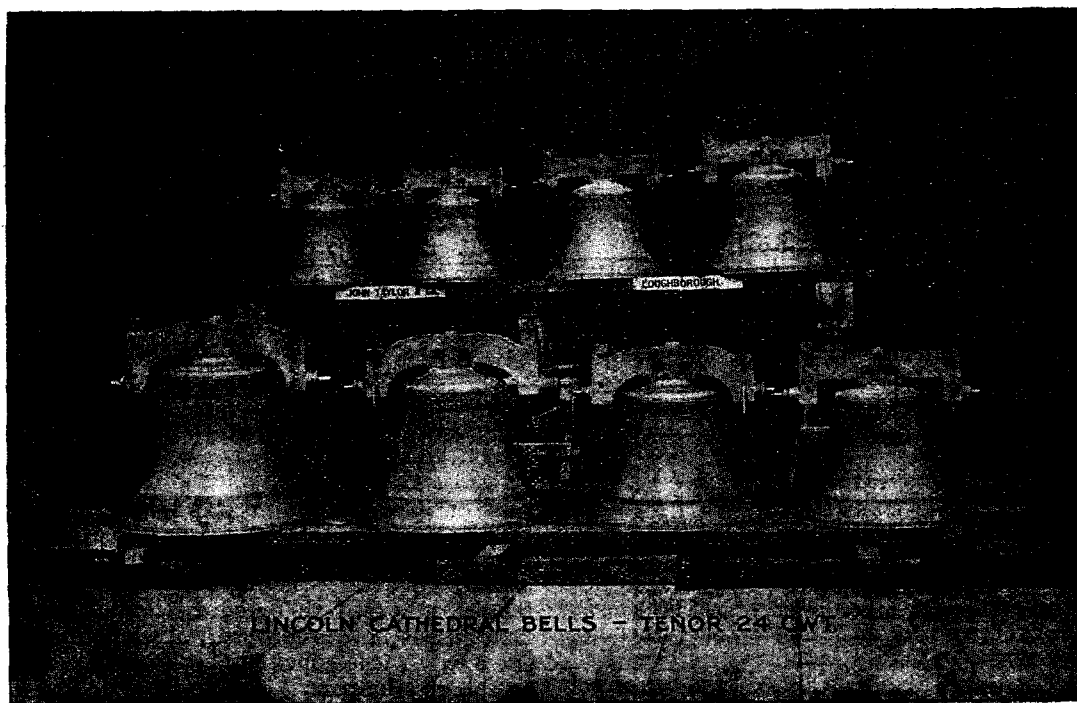
The late Mr. C. H. Clarke joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society in January, 1906, and had rung 15 peals, made up of Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 1; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Double Norwich, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Maximus, 1; Bob Maximus, 1. In July, 1910, deceased went to reside at Colchester, but recently returned to his native town, and succumbed to that dread malady, consumption.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 168 Grandsire Triples. *J. Pegden, A. Livermore, J. Newmau, H. Stevens, C. Hurrell, J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., E. Bristow. *First 168. Also 168 for evening service. †E. Bristow, A. Livermore, J. Newman, H. Stevens, C. Hurrell, J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., J. Pegden. *First away from the tenor. For practice on Wednesday, December 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Rose, H. Good, J. Newmau, H. Stevens, C. Hurrell, J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen. (conductor), J. Pegden. Longest length by the ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5, and tenor. On Sunday, December 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Rose, A. Livermore, J. Newman, H. Stevens, C. Hurrell, J. Livermore, jun., J. Livermore, sen., J. Pegden. Tenor 20½ cwt.

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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 January 1st, 15th, and 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30., the others at 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 28th.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints, Newport, Mon., on December 26th, to commence with a short service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Bells (8) available; also the new ten bells at St. Woolos available excepting between 3.15 and 6.30.

Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A. } Hon. Secs.
John W. Jones.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, December 27th. Will members please endeavour to be present at this important meeting.

John W. Barker, Dis. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting of this district will take place at Barming on Saturday January 10th, 1914. The belfry will be open at 3 p.m.

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon Dis Sec.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone

Chelmsford (Essex).—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursday at 7.30, and on the last Saturday in each month, also at 7.30 p.m. Ringing on Sundays will be for Morning Service 10 to 11 a.m., and Evening Service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.

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Grandsire Triples	21	6
Grandsire Caters	15	
Grandsire Cinques	5	
Stedman Triples	21	
Stedman Caters	8	1
Stedman Cinques	1	
Bob Minor	1	
Bob Major	7	1
Bob Royal	4	1
Bob Maximus	1	
Double Norwich Major	4	
Double Norwich Caters	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	

Total—100: conducted 12.

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt will be made at the Bell Tower, Evesham, on Saturday, December 27th, 1913, for a record peal of Treble Bob Royal, by ten members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Starting time 8.0 a.m. The figures are as follows:

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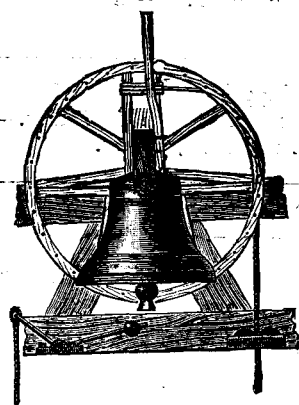
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