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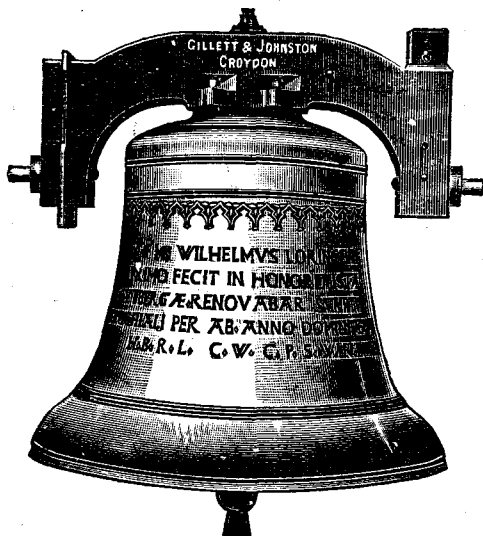
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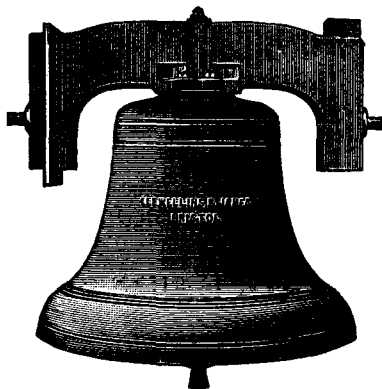
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DEDICATION AND OPENING, NEWPORT, MON.

NEW RING OF TEN.

There was a large congregation at St. Woolos' Church, Newport, on the afternoon of Monday, December 22nd, the occasion of the dedication, by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, of the new ring of ten bells of this remarkable edifice, which dates back to the 6th century. The old eight bells have been recast at a cost of £400, borne by an anonymous donor, and two members of the congregation have generously given one bell each, so as to make it a ring of ten bells. The new bells and recasting of the old ones is part of the general scheme of restoration which the Vicar (the Rev. D. H. Griffiths) and churchwardens Mr. J. E. Davies and Mr. F. W. Raikes have with a committee taken in hand, and which is estimated to cost about £600.

The service commenced with the processional hymn 166, and the proper Psalms were lxxxiv and cl, which were read by the Rev. A. A. Matthews, Vicar of St. Paul's, and by the Rev. J. F. Summers, Vicar of St. John's. At the conclusion of the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes.

In the course of his address the Bishop alluded to the fact that some of the eight older bells had been in St. Woolos for at least 200 years, and had probably been recast from the metal of still older bells. At the conclusion of the service the bells were immediately rung as the congregation dispersed, and were kept going until 5.30. An adjournment was then made for tea, which was in readiness in the Mission Room. Several speeches were made and every one expressed himself as delighted with the fine peal of bells it is now. Undoubtedly it is one of the finest rings in the county, Mr. O'Meara, of London, stating that for their weight he had never heard anything finer. The tenor weighs 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lb. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and has been admirably carried out, everyone being delighted with the great improvement of the old peal and the excellence of the tone and go. Ringing was kept up until 9.30, after which a pleasant hour was spent. Ringers attended from various places, including London, Loughborough, Lydney, Swindon, Cardiff and Caerleon.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members that attended the annual meeting at Newport, Mon., on December 26th, had the pleasure of being able to use the new ring of ten bells placed in St. Woolos' tower practically all day, and were much struck with their excellent go and tone. All Saints bells, too, the members made good use of during the day. At 4 o'clock a short service, conducted by the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Chas. Bennett, was held in the church of All Saints. At the conclusion the business meeting took place in All Saints' Mission Room, the Vicar presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of officers for the ensuing year was

proceeded with. Mr. Fred Chamberlain, of St. John's, Cardiff, was unanimously elected Master, and the Hon. Secs. (the Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones) were re-elected. It was arranged that the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting be held at Caldicott, and the annual meeting at Llandaff. The Hon. Sec. then announced what proposed restorations were taking place in the diocese, and grants were made to the following towers: Michaelstone, Caldicot, Usk and Penarth. The question of inter-affiliation was then discussed, and it was decided to request the Central Council, at their next annual meeting, to discuss and to endeavour to deal with the matter. Subscriptions were then taken, bringing to a close the meeting. The Vicar then very kindly invited all to tea, at the conclusion of which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness. The meeting was most successful.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.

DEDICATION OF THE BELLS.

On December 21st (St. Thomas's Day) the dedication service took place in connection with the church bells. The work just completed was both needful and urgent. The defective condition of the old wood framing, the bearings, and the bells themselves, had prevented their being rung for several months, and repairs were also required to the tower, roof, walls, and floors. The old peal of six bells has been taken down, entirely refitted, and rehung on a new steel framework carried on girders, and two new treble bells have been added so as to complete the octave. A new floor for the ringers has been inserted above the top of the tower arch, whereby the ground floor of the tower (formerly used for ringing) is thrown open to the church, and affords space for thirty additional seats, a much-needed increase. The work in connection with the bells and framework has been carried out in a highly satisfactory and expeditious manner by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the well-known bellfounders of Loughborough, and the work to the tower floors, roof, etc., has been in the competent hands of Mr. F. W. Peer, of Gloucester. The cost of the undertaking is just under £400.

The Archdeacon of Gloucester (Canon Scobeli), performed the service of dedication. The clergy and choir, preceded by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. H. Buchanan and W. B. Wood), marched to the tower, the processional hymn being 105. The Archdeacon at once pronounced the words of dedication, and the Vicar read the special prayers sanctioned by the Bishop of the diocese. An electric bell connected with the ringing-chamber above, gave the signal, and rounds were rung, the bells having been raised before the commencement of the service. The recessional hymn was "Hark on high the joyful music," sung to A & M 274. Shortened evensong followed, the Rev. C. Davis reading the lesson from Hebrews xii., 18. The Archdeacon gave a most interesting and impressive address, which was followed with the closest attention by the crowded congregation. In eloquent language h

spoke of the fascination exercised by bells, of the personality possessed by them, of the interest attaching to their inscriptions, quoting that on one of the celebrated Upton St. Leonard's peal—"I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all." He mentioned instances illustrative of the power of the bells to soothe and comfort; even the exile from home is cheered as he recalls the music of the old church bells. Bells play an important part in the life history of a village, i.e. on local anniversaries, as well as national celebrations, marriages, funerals, etc. The "passing bell" was intended as a reminder to those at work, who heard it, to offer a prayer for peaceful dissolution and fair going to the haven of rest. The sentiment attaching to bells was very real and true, possessing as they did the power of voicing love and sympathy. Bells had a symbolical interest, especially in churches built on the cruciform plan. He concluded by emphasising the value of the church work carried out by ringers, apart from the fact that without them the bells were merely dumb, voiceless lumps of metal, and spoke of the value and importance of the Association of Bellringers. A touch was rung at the conclusion of the service, and again before and after evensong, the general verdict being a most favourable one as regards the improvement effected by the octave, although naturally there were a few who resented the novelty, in their loyal attachment to the old six. A well-known authority describes eight bells as the perfect peal, and his view is endorsed by all true lovers of bell music.

The collections during the day totalled £7 10s. Rather over £100 is still required, but the Committee have no fear as to the raising of this sum, so great and general has been the enthusiasm evoked by the scheme in the parish. By way of illustration it may be mentioned that Mr. H. W. Bruton is giving a lecture on Dickens in aid of the fund at Northgate Mansions on January 20th.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The last meeting of the year was held at Stone-oxney, when representatives attended from Appledore, Rye, Hawkhurst, Ashford, New Romney, Iden, Woodchurch, and the local tower, enjoyed a good evening's ringing, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being practised. As the business meeting it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Appledore on January 17th, and as the financial position of the society is very satisfactory, half of the dinner expenses will be paid out of the funds. A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Harold F. Cohen, of Rye, and the hon. secretary was instructed to draft a letter conveying same.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROGRESS OF THE WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The members of the West Dorset Branch of the above Guild, held their annual meeting at Beaminster on December 13th, when a large number of ringers attended, and rang at various towers in the neighbourhood. The Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. C. Hutchings), who preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "Bells of gold," (Exodus xxviii. 33).

Tea was provided in the schools, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. C. P.

Langford (president of the branch). About sixty members were present.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Bugler), submitted the statement of accounts. The year began with a balance in hand of £2 5s. 10d., and the receipts amounted to £7 os. 10d. The expenditure, including £1 1s. to the Stoke Abbot Bell Fund was £5 12s., leaving a balance in hand of £3 14s. 8d. £2 2s. was voted to the Diocesan Guild Fund.

According to the annual report read by the chairman since the re-organisation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, called the West Dorset Branch into existence, the new life infused has grown stronger than the most optimistic could have dared to hope. In the branch there were 19 towers with peals of bells of five and upwards in them (seven of eight, four of six, and eight of five), but of those 19 towers only 10 were affiliated to the Diocesan Guild. The report went on to urge all the towers who had not already done so, to take up method-ringing, and stated that the membership of the branch continued about the same as last year, viz., 110. It was with the advent of other towers the number would be greatly increased. The district meetings had been well attended, and it was a pleasure to speak of the hearty way in which all joined in and enjoyed Divine Service preceding the business meetings. Restorations were recorded at Powerstock and Stoke Abbott, where in each case the peal of five had been rehung. It was hoped these restorations would lead other parishes to undertake similar work where such was needed, as there were several peals in the branch requiring urgent attention. The report, after thanking the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild, and the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Beams) and others who had rendered valuable assistance during the year, concluded with a hope that those who had obtained a knowledge of change-ringing would visit other towers, and encourage and help forward the work of the Guild.

The report was adopted.

The election of officers was the next item, and this resulted in the re-election of those who had served so well during the past year.

Meetings for the ensuing year were fixed for Litton Cheney, Lyme Regis and Rampisham for the spring, summer and autumn respectively, with the annual meeting at Bridport.

Mr. Beams was again elected to represent the branch on Diocesan Committee.

The Revs. C. H. Cooke and A. Needham, vicar and curate of Netherbury, were elected members of the branch.

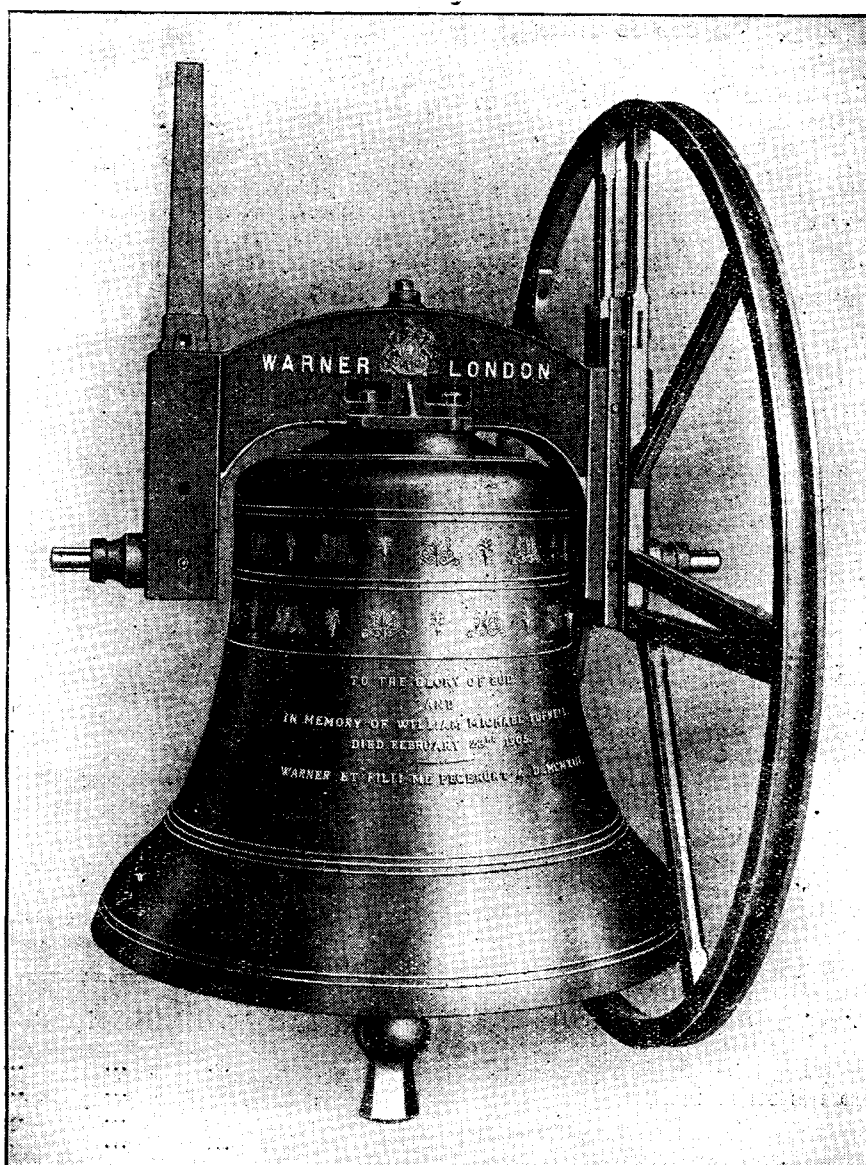
On the proposition of the Chairman, votes of thanks were enthusiastically passed to the Rev. C. G. Hutchings for granting facilities for the meeting and arranging for the service, to the ladies for their presence and assistance, and to the caterer.

The Rev. C. G. Hutchings, in replying said that thanks for the success which had attended the meeting were due to the secretary and the chairman, in whose capable hands the arrangements had been left.

The Secretary of the Dorchester branch, Mr. C. A. Jennings, tendered the hearty good wishes of that branch.

The meeting then broke up, the members adjourning to the belfry, where ringing was kept up till nine o'clock.

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IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN BUTTERY, LEICESTER.

DIED DECEMBER 19, 1913. AGED 62 YEARS.

"Can storied urn or animated bust
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath?
Can Honour's voice provoke the silent dust,
Or Flattery soothe the dull, cold ear of Death?"

No, flattery is but cold comfort at any time, and its value can be weighed with a grain of sand. But it has soothed the passing of a soul to know that when the eyes have closed for ever on this world, the pen of a friend will do him justice and write *FINIS* to a chequered career. John Buttery was born at Leicester on February 6th, 1851. While still a boy his parents removed to the neighbouring village of Thurstaston, where, at the age of 12, he rang for the wedding of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—afterwards King Edward VII. Three years later his family returned to Leicester, and the subject of this memoir was articled to a solicitor. He was not, however, destined to pursue this course, and left the musty atmosphere of the Law, for more congenial employment. At this period he became a regular *habitué* of St. Margaret's tower, then the stronghold of local change-ringing, and the Art claimed and made him one of its most devoted adherents. In those days a peal counted for something. It was an epoch in a ringers' career, something to aspire to and to conquer, and something to discuss long afterwards when they gathered round the festive board. In his opinion the modern mad race for quantities of peals was not a good thing, but made too cheap and common that which possessed a glory in the past. In 1868 a peal of Caters was rung at St. Margaret's, in which many made their *debut*. John Buttery was not chosen, but he heard the peal right through, and was the first man to bring refreshments when the bells came round. His opportunity came the following year when he scored his first peal on the old eight bells at Loughborough Parish Church. Once started he began to dig for himself, and was frequently in correspondence with the late Henry Hubbard and Henry Johnson regarding composition, and when the first peal of Triples on the bells at St. Mark's, Leicester, was rung, he pointed out its falseness. In 1872

HE CALLED HIS FIRST PEAL

at St. Mary Leicester, and from that time was looked upon as the coming local conductor. The late Edward Biggs had held the position for about 40 years, and John Buttery saw the opening was coming for him. In 1874 he rang in a peal of Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and in 1877 composed and called the centenary peal of Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, commemorating the 10,080 rung a hundred years previously. Edward Biggs died in 1879, and hereafter most of the conducting fell to the lot of him who has just laid aside the mantle. In 1880 he called the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Leicester. In 1885 he called the first of Grandsire Caters by the Midland Counties Association, and also the first of Stedman Caters, two years later, at Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Of sturdy build, he was always to be found at the heavy end, and in 1891 turned St. Margaret's tenor in for the first peal of Treble Royal rung in Leicester. About this time handbell ringing began to flourish, and Holt's Original was rung, the deceased ringing 3-4. In 1893 he called Hubbard's 5220 Caters for H.R.H. Duke of York's (now King George V) wedding peal. In 1894 he conducted Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman "in hand," and five years later

called the first of Stedman Caters on handbells rung in the county. During the interval the handbell band had been intent on silent ringing, and the second on record was accomplished in 1896, John Buttery ringing 7-8. Ultimately—as the Exercise knows—silent Caters and Cinques followed suit, the deceased thus ringing the extent of the system. Most of his performances possessed some special feature, and yet he was ever ready to stand down in favour of others. A friend to many, his only enemy was—himself. To him the writer owes much. It was he who first helped him to get a foot upon the ladder, and who called his first peal. His cheery, convivial nature had but one result. He had little to give, but what he had was given willingly. One instance comes vividly before the writers' mental vision at this moment. It was at our own wedding. As we came up the aisle to the music of wedding bells, it was John Buttery who offered the bride of his pupil a spray of winter roses and a card of good wishes. After more than twenty years that souvenir remains to remind the writer of him who was one of the best. He was laid to rest in the hillside cemetery of Gilreces, just within sound of the bells he loved. Six ringers bore him to his long home—A. Martin, J. Harris, G. Cleal, E. Smith, E. Morris, and J. Morris, the last-named four ringing a course of Triples over the grave. On the evening of his death, at St. Margaret's practice, a touch of Triples was rung, and after the funeral St. Mary's bells were rung muffled. On Boxing Day a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. John-the-Divine, but was lost through a shift. And so we leave him with the great majority, the one goal and bourne whence no traveller returns, but while bells shall last the name of John Buttery will not here be forgotten.

Now is the stately column broke,
The beacon light is quenched in smoke;
The trumpet's silver voice is still,
The warder silent on the hill.

W. W.

MR. H. C. GILLINGHAM'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Triples	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Major	...	...	...	...	2
Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	1
Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	1
Grandsire Triples	...	...	...	...	4
Grandsire Caters	...	...	...	...	2
Grandsire Cinques	...	...	...	...	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major...	...	...	...	...	5
Kent Treble Bob Major	...	...	...	...	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	...	...	...	...	6
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	12
Stedman Triples...	...	...	...	...	8
Stedman Caters	...	...	...	...	10
Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	...	11
London Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	7
Superlative Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	5
Double Norwich Court Bob Major (including 10,080)	...	...	...	...	11
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal...	...	...	...	...	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus	...	...	...	...	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	...	...	...	...	4
Cambridge Surprise Royal	...	...	...	...	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	...	...	...	...	2

All the peals were rung for the Norwich Association.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

5280.

23456	M	W	H
52436	-		
34625	-	-	
23645	-		
42635	-		
53624	-	-	-
25634	-		
32654	-		
62453	-		
34256	-	-	
23456	-		

With the 4th, 5th and 6th each three courses in 6ths, without 2nd being there. It has the extent of 6 h in fourths with 4th and 5th in sixth's place, and the 5th four courses home.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By C. JACKSON, Hull.

1914.

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347265 2
243576 5
432 4
274365 3
7423 4
537642 1
635274 5
576342 3
645723 3
236574 2
672345 3
536472 1
435267 5
3542 4

Twice repeated.

7th in and out. All the 6-7's.

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263574 I
362 4
453762 I
624375 2
32547 P

Five times repeated, with singles for the last bobs in the third and sixth parts. All the 7-5s at backstroke. 7 h in and out at 1s.

The 3-part starts 7th in; the 6-part starts 7th in and out at 1 with a single.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS.

5184.

	M	B	W	H
54326	I	-		2
34256	I	-		I
32546			I	2
24653	2	-		
52436	-			2
32564	-			

Twice repeated.

Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place at five course-ends. Rung at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on December 26th, 1913, conducted by A. Turner. Composed in 1894.

MR. ERNEST C. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Minor	25	13
Bob Triples	1	
Grandsire Triples...	24	13
Cart-rbury Major...	1	
Bob Major	9	7
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	7	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	8	
Superlative Surprise Major ...	2	
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	2	
Stedman Triples	18	
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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1914

The meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, at Burnley, on the 17th inst., will be notable for the fact that a peal tablet to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. T. Mouncey is to be unveiled.

The attempt for the long peal of Treble Bob Royal, by members of the St. Martin's Guild, on Saturday last, at the Bell Tower, Evesham, failed after ringing 5620 changes in 3 hrs. 54 minutes.

The peal of Bob Maximus published last week for Mr. Francis was incorrectly printed. The calling at the 16th course end should be a Single at Home instead of a Bob.

Leicester has lost one of its veteran ringers, in the person of Mr. John Buttery, who died on Dec. 29th, aged 62 years. Of these 62 years he had been over 50 a ringer, for at the age of 12 he rang at Thurcaston for the wedding of the Prince of Wales. This was in March, 1863, so that he had passed his jubilee by at least a year. Thus, though comparatively young in years, he could show a long and varied record as a ringer on both tower and hand bells, and as a conductor. In the latter role he succeeded Mr. Edward Biggs, who had acted in that capacity for about 40 years. John Buttery called his first peal in 1874, so that he had served for nearly another 40. He has now passed the mantle on, and left behind a name which will live for many a year.

Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild propose ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques at All Saints, High Wycombe, on Wednesday, Jan 7th, at 5 p.m.

A band of Royal Cumberland Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 4 p.m.

In reply to enquiries: Peal cards are supplied from this office at 1s. 1d. per doz., post free, but two peals can not be printed on one card.

With reference to the foot note to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Dec. 13th, claiming it as the first to be rung by a band of employees at one foundry. This is not the case.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on Feb. 10th, 1888, conducted by Mr. John W. Taylor, in which that gentleman's father and brother, with seven employees at the Loughborough Foundry took part.

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

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION, Tenor cwt.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD .. 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES 4	FREDERICK GOOCH .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the birthday of Queen Alexandra, and the ninth anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

LONDON.

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

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART, Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDE. V. MARTIN .. Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS WALKER 2	RICHARD N. RUNHAM .. 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES .. 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
ARTHUR JONES 4	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the Eve of St. Thomas' Day.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

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

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

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—At All Saints Church early on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins. A. E. Morgan, H. Morgan, J. Bullen, T. Max, J. W. Jones, F. Morgan, A. V. Morgan (conductor), S. T. Baiss.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

WALTHAMSTOW, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county. *350th peal.

HOLLOWAY, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by A. TURNER.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Kent Major. ‡First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. The figures of this composition will be found elsewhere.

LONDON, W.C.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.—On Sunday, December 21st, in the evening the ringers were honoured by the presence in the belfry of the President of the Devonshire Association—the Rev. Maitland Kelly—his son being ordained by the Bishop in the morning. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. A. J. Chamberlain, Rev. Maitland Kelly, E. Foster, H. F. Clulow, G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), F. Pickard. On Christmas Eve, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Chamberlain, H. R. Beresford, H. F. Clulow, T. Foster, G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), E. Foster. First quarter-peal on an inside bell by A. H. Wilson.

The Provinces.**ALDENHAM, HERTS.****THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.****Tenor 15 cwt.**

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

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

*First peal of Major.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM,***On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Thurstan's Four-Part.**

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

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

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

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.***On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.**

GILBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2	EDWIN J. IYLER 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3	JOHN A. BROWN 8
SAMUEL SPITTLE 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 5	CHARLES FAULES Tenor

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

This peal was arranged and rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Spittle, the esteemed Master of the above Guild, who received the hearty congratulations of his brother-ringers at the conclusion of the peal. Rung also on the eve of the festival of St. Thomas' Day, and on the 94th anniversary of the opening of the above Church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,***At the Church of St. Andrew,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.**

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

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

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

EALING.—On Christmas Day for morning service at St. Mary's Church, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes. W. Lawrence (conductor), E. J. Walsom, A. Harding, F. Winter, F. Harris, J. A. Trollope, H. Browning, C. Edwards.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lb.

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

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

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

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY, AND NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.**

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

*First peal in the method and first attempt. †First peal in the method. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble for the way he handled his bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur C. Otway.

SANDY, BEDS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

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

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Rung after the Induction of Canon Sloman as Rector of Sandy.
*First peal.**PULFORD, CHESHIRE.****THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****(Chester Branch).***On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb.**

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

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

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

ALDRESHOT, HANTS.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER, JUN. .. Treble	ALBERT CROUCHER 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. .. 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (Darley Dale Society).

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
 Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
 Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Heywood's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. PAGE.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
 Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

*First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Pittstow's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (Darley Dale Society.)

On Friday, December 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

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

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

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

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lb.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
 At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.
 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

James Rose* Treble	William L. Catchpole 5
Rev. William C. Pearson 2	Henry C. Gillingham† 6
James Motts 3	William J. Nevard 7
William P. Garrett 4	Charles A. Catchpole Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights and
 Conducted by James Motts.

*First peal of Major. †100th peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

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

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

Arranged for T. Bartholomew, of Worksop, and rung on St.
 Stephen's Day.

IDEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Romney Marsh and District Guild).

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

*First peal and first attempt.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, December 14th, at St. Mary
 Abbots for evening service, 1263 Stedman Caters. F. J. Ridley,
 W. E. Garrard, E. G. Stibbons, A. B. Bennett, W. G. Matthews,
 P. L. Miles, A. V. Selby, H. G. Miles, C. Charge (conductor),
 W. A. Garrard.

PULBOROUGH.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.

J. J. PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ARTHUR B. CORDEN.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qts. 27 lb. in E.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal of Major rung upon the bells. *First peal in the method.
 †Century peal. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar, the
 Rev W. A. Thackeray, M.A., for permission to ring, and kindly acting
 as chaplain.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

In five methods, being two 720s each of St. Clement's, College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

HOLBETON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and six of Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

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

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 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 Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F. Sharp.

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

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

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

CRONDALL, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES

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

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

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

*First peal on an inside bell.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Reading Branch).

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Charles Giles Treble	William Clark 5
Charles Pullen 2	Alfred Watmore 6
John Swain 3	Frank Hopgood 7
Walter A. Webb 4	Reuben Sawyer Tenor

Conducted by Charles Giles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Watmore.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MON.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's 12-Part. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Frederick Atwell Treble	Frank Morgan 5
John Butler 2	John W. Jones 6
Arthur E. Morgan 3	James Pippin 7
A. Victor Morgan 4	Samuel T. Baiss Tenor

Conducted by John W. Jones.

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

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of SS, Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Miss Cissie Playle Treble	Edward H. Hawkins 4
Arthur C. Chaplin 2	George W. Playle 5
Alfred A. Playle, R.N. ... 3	Robert F. Miles Tenor

Conducted by Robert G. Miles.

SILVERDALE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Geo. Deighton*	... Treble	Thomas Birch*	... 5
Arnold Austin†	... 2	Wm. Fitchford, sen.	... 6
Harry Roberts	... 3	Chas. Morley	... 7
Wm. Wright*	... 4	Wm. Myatt*	... Tenor

Conducted by Charles Morley.

*First peal and first attempt for a peal in any method, having only taken up change-ringing four months ago. †First peal on a bob bell.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in 2 Hours and 42 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, London Scholars, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Arthur Cattermole	... Treble	George Kemp	... 4
Edward Youngs	... 2	William Clover	... 5
Leonard E. Last	... 3	William Rose	... Tenor

Conducted by W. Rose.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The following notice has been sent to Hon. Secretaries of Associations affiliated to the Central Council, by the Hon. Sec., Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

The annual affiliation fee is now due (Rule 5), and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

Should there be any change in the representatives or their addresses, kindly do not fail to inform me of it at the same time.

N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse.

The third meeting of the eighth Council (24th annual meeting), will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, at Winchester. Notices of Motion, Reports of Committees, and other official matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 2nd (Rule 9).

Full notice of the Meeting, with list of Agenda, and any other necessary particulars, will be sent to you on or before May 19th (Rule 12).

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. H. Welby (first quarter-peal), C. T. Coles, W. Beard, A. C. Hardy, G. W. Faulkner (conductor), H. C. Parker, C. Fenn, G. W. Jackson. On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. H. Wagstaff (first quarter-peal), C. Fenn, G. W. Jackson, G. Cottis, G. W. Faulkner, A. C. Hardy, R. Fenn, B. Agar (first quarter-peal). Conducted by G. Cottis. On Sunday, December 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 3 courses, was rung in 47 mins. G. W. Jackson, C. Fenn, G. Cottis, H. E. Parker, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn, E. G. Fenn, A. C. Hardy. Composed by A. J. Perkins.

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THE TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Cold Higham on Saturday week. This was the first meeting held there since the renovation of the bells, the old four bells having recently been recast with a new bell added to make a peal of five, and the whole tuned and rehung in a new frame on the latest approved principles. Space is provided for another bell to be added when funds permit. The ringing of the new bells was indulged in by various companies, one pleasing feature being the large number of young ringers present, many of whom were helped through their first touch.

Subsequently, an admirable tea was thoroughly enjoyed, about thirty members being present from Towcester, Easton Neston, Greens Norton, Flore, Northampton, Weston Favell, Pattishall, and the local ringers.

Afterwards a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. N. W. Howes), others present including Mr. Dickens and Mr. Haynes (churchwardens), Mr. J. Dickens, jun., Mr. J. Clarke (Towcester), and Mr. F. Wilford (Hon. Secretary Central Northants Association). It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Milton. Mr. Dickens and Mr. Haynes were elected hon. members; Mr. J. Dickens, jun., and Miss M. Howes, subscribing members; and two ringing members from Cold Higham and one from Weston Favell were also elected.—Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his kindness in providing tea, also to Mrs. Howes, Miss Howes, and other ladies of the parish who had so kindly attended and waited upon them.—Mr. Dickens seconded.—Mr. Clarke, in supporting the motion, said how thankful he was for the kind support he received from the clergy to help him to carry on this work. He also remarked that when the time came for another bell to be added he should be pleased to give the same support as he had done before.—The Rector, in reply, welcomed the ringers to Cold Higham.

BELL RESTORATION AT WHATTON.

The ancient bells at Whatton, Notts., have been augmented to six by the addition of a treble. The five original bells were all of ancient date, one having been cast in 1595, and the others in 1618. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have carried out the work of restoration, have provided a new steel frame, and their execution of the contract has given the utmost satisfaction. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Southwell, in the presence of a crowded congregation. A special band of ringers was chosen to open the bells, viz., S. Proctor, W. Thorpe and H. Thorpe (Grantham), Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), Rev. A. C. Hill (East Bridgford), W. White T. Squires (Cotgrave), and P. C. Knight (Aslockton). Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, and a 720 each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob by: W. Thorpe, H. Thorpe, Rev. C. J. Sturton, W. White, T. Squires, Cyril F. Johnston and S. Proctor. The conducting was shared by Messrs. White and Proctor.

The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follows:

Treble.—All gave me. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1913. Weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

2nd.—God save His Church. Robert Gelstrop, 1618. Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs.

3rd.—James Gelstrop, Richard Bell, 1618. Weight, 6 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.

4th.—My roaring sounds doth warning give that man cannot here always live. 1618. Weight, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

5th.—All men that hear my mournful sound repent before you lie in ground, 1618. Weight, 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—These be our speed, 1590. W.B. V.M. S.R.B. Weight 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 24 lb.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts.)—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, W. Saban, G. Radley, H. G. Rowe (conductor), H. Simmons. On Sunday, November 30th, 252 Stedman Triples, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, W. G. Darlington, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, H. Simmons, H. G. Rowe (conductor), R. Smith. On Sunday, December 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes). D. Tucker, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, H. Simmons, F. Jelf (conductor), H. Cornwell. On Thursday, December 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. D. Tucker, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe, H. Simmons, H. Cornwell (conductor), C. Dille, R. Smith. On Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Turner, G. Maxim, W. J. Darlington, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, C. Dille, H. J. Rowe (conductor), D. Tucker. The ringer of the treble hails from Streatham, Surrey. This is the 20th quarter-peal rung this year.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, December 21st, at the Parish Church for evensong, 720 Oxford Single Bob. W. Fisher, sen., A. Croucher, Corporal Gilbert RE, G. Fisher, W. Fisher, A. Croucher (conductor). This is the first occasion on which 720 of Oxford Bob has ever been rung by an entirely local band for service.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, December 21st, for morning service at the church of St. John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins. Composed by J. George. T. Cranfield (conductor), W. Theobald, J. Scholes, W. Truss, H. Torble, J. Moule, R. Sanders, T. Joyce.

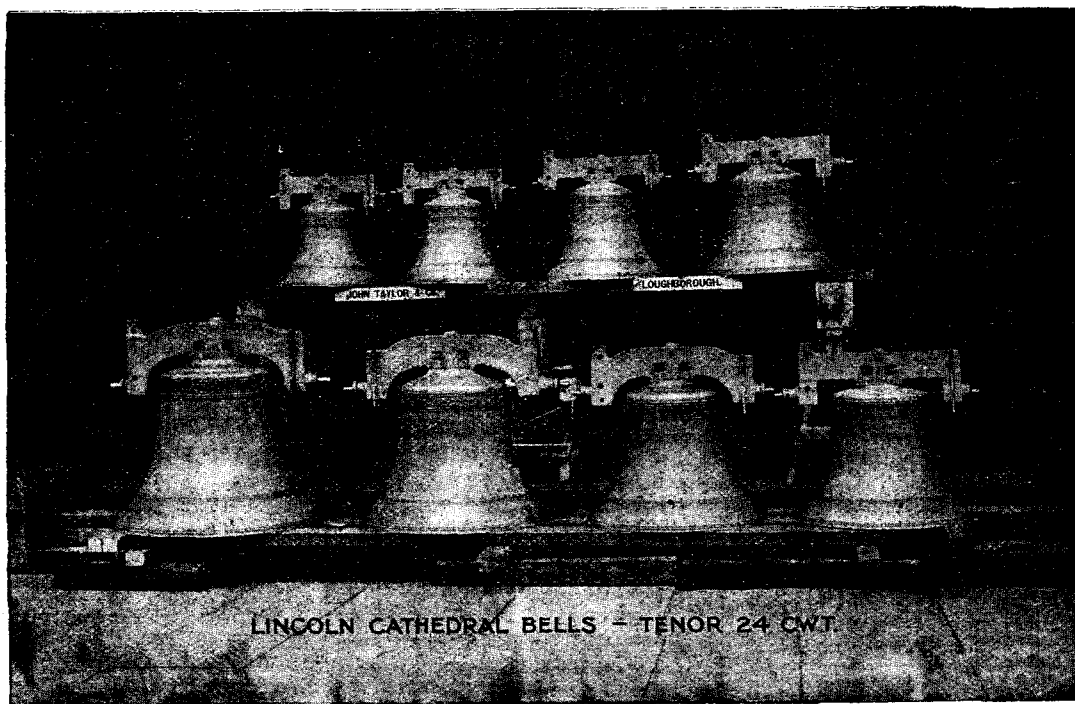
DAGENHAM (Essex).—On Christmas Day, for early morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *Miss Cissie Playle, A. Chaplin, A. Playle, E. Butler, G. Playle (conductor), E. Hawkins. *First 720 of Treble Bob.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Christmas morning for Divine Service at the Parish Church, 408 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts (conductor), H. W. Watts. On Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, 608 Cambridge Surprise. A. Jordan, H. Little, G. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD, S.E.—On Christmas Day, at 7 a.m. at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from the Original, in 45 mins. R. Fosdike, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder (conductor), F. S. Bacon, A. G. Bennington, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries, C. H. Macklin.

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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 January 15th. and 20th; 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 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Jan. 17th. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.0 p.m., to those who inform me by the 15th.

3, Hart's Lane,
New Cross, S.E.

F. Bennett, Sec.

London County Association (late St. James's Society).—Northern District.—The Annual General Meeting of this District will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.

7D Morgan Mansions,
Holloway Road, N.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

London County Association (late The St. James's Society) Established 1824.—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th (1914), at All Saints, Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45; business meeting at 8 o'clock.

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

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are also due, and may be paid to the Secretary.

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom

J. H. Haydock,

Ely Diocesan Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Swanton, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Short service at 5 o'clock; tea at "White Lion" at 5.30

Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

P. Webb,
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.

22, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone

Kenneth W. Mumford, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Winchester Diocesan Guild—Portsmouth District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Fareham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short service 5.30; tea at "Paragon" Restaurant 6 o'clock; meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 7th inst.

Fareham.

J. W. Whiting.

Lancashire Association.—Bacchurn Branch.—A Branch Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. Unveiling of a Peal Tablet to the late Mr. T. Mouncey.

33, Langham Road,
Blackburn.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.,

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.

Joseph Ogden, Sec

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.

W. W. Wolstencroft,
Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock; service in church at 3; committee meeting at 3.30; tea (1s. each) at 4.15, in the Co-operative Cafe. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. N. H. Widdowson, 7 Thorneywood Road, not later than Jan. 15th.

W. E. White, Hon. 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 NEW PEAL FOR ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have secured the order for the new peal of ten for St. Peter's, Brighton, and the work is to be taken in hand and finished by Easter. The total weight of the ten bells, to which the peal is to be augmented, will be about 111 cwt., the tenor 25 cwt. The bells will be hung in two frames, one above the other. In order to minimise the strain on the tower, the new frames will be placed at a much lower level than the old one.

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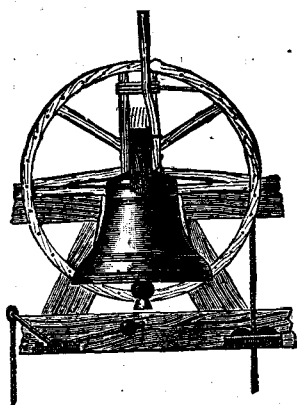
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TOM GOMER, }

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April 23rd, 1913.

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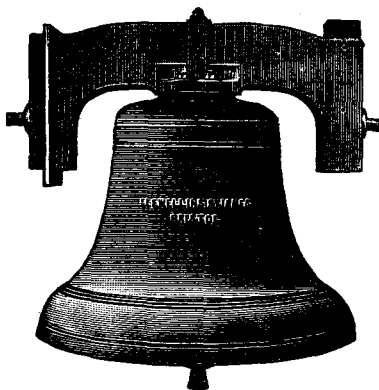
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STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

On Saturday, December 27th, the annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers was held at Painswick, when thirty-three members from the different towns attended. As a last mark of respect to Mr. George Wright, who was one of Mr. Wm. Estcourt's famous band of Painswick Youths, at 3.30 a deeply muffled peal was rung, the first touch of Grandsire triples being rung by the Painswick Youths, and afterwards by the Youths and visitors combined till 5 p.m., when, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, all were entertained to tea at the Temperance Hotel. A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. The Hon. Branch Secretary gave a report of the working of the branch for 1913. Twelve meetings had been held at the different towers, with an average attendance of 24. Fifteen new members had been elected, making a total of 79 performing and four honorary members. The accounts for the year were examined and passed as most satisfactory. All the retiring officers and committee were re-elected. Mr. Albert Wright was heartily thanked for conducting all the peals rung by the Branch during the year, and regret was expressed that owing to the death of his father he could not be present. Five new members were elected, and Leonard Stanley was selected for the quarterly meeting in March. The Vicar was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness and hospitality. A service was then held in the church, at which the vicar gave an appropriate address. The tower was again visited, and the bells were rung open till nine p.m. with various touches on the 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, all enjoying the excellent tone and go of them.

DEATH OF A LIVERPOOL RINGER

MR. HENRY COLEY

passed to his rest on December 31st, in the 52nd year of his age, after having been in feeble health for some time. He was a member of the St. Nicholas Parish Church Company for about fourteen years, but had practically ceased to take an active part in ringing when the Sunday ringing was stopped in 1894. He rang his first peal, one of Grandsire Caters, at St. Nicholas in 1862, and had taken part in twenty or thirty of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal in the standard methods, most of which were rung at the city churches in Liverpool. He however took part in the first peals of Bob Major and Stedman Triples at Ormskirk, Stedman Triples at Liscard, and Treble Bob Major at Peel, Isle of Man, in 1888, and the first of Bob Major at Bromborough, and Stedman Triples at Woolton in 1889, and was always a safe and steady ringer. The interment took place at Smithdown Road Cemetery on Saturday last in the presence of a large number of ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Lattmer Davies, and the lesson read by Mr. F. W.

Moore an old ringing friend of the deceased. As a last tribute of respect to our departed friend a quarter peal (1278 changes) Grandsire Caters was rung at the church of St. Nicholas by T. Jennion, T. Hammond, Junr., G. R. Newton (conductor), G. Woodhall, W. Booth, E. Caunce, G. Fisher, E. Breeze, W. Davies and J. Owen.

INTERESTING WEDDING.

HOLDEN-HAIGH.

An interesting wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham, Kent, when Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M.L.I., was wedded to Miss Gertrude F. Haigh, of Gillingham. Both the bride's father and the bridegroom are well-known members of the Kent County Association, consequently the ceremony was attended by a large number of fellow-members from the district. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Gillingham, the bride being given away by her father, Mr. W. Haigh. As the couple left the church, the bells rang out to the tune of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards touches in various methods were rung by ringers from Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Sittingbourne, etc. Subsequently Sergt. and Mrs. Holden left Gillingham for Canterbury, with the good wishes of a host of friends who had assembled to bid them "God speed."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The following notice has been sent to Hon. Secretaries of Associations affiliated to the Central Council, by the Hon. Sec., Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

The annual affiliation fee is now due (Rule 5), and should be forwarded to me as soon as possible.

Should there be any change in the representatives or their addresses, kindly do not fail to inform me of it at the same time.

N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse.

The third meeting of the eighth Council (24th annual meeting), will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, at Winchester. Notices of Motion, Reports of Committees, and other official matter should reach me not later than Saturday, May 2nd (Rule 9).

Full notice of the Meeting, with list of Agenda, and any other necessary particulars, will be sent to you on or before May 19th (Rule 12).

ISLEWORTH.—After an hour's ringing for an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal was rung in 42 mins. by the same band, conducted by W. New. Miss Edith Jones (West Ealing). F. Goddard, G. Miles, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, W. Lawrence (West Ealing), W. New, H. Beadle. For watchnight service on December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Beckensale, A. Pell, G. Miles, G. Biggs, T. Beadle, F. G. Goddard, G. Spencer (conductor). H. T. Beadle. On Sunday, January 2th, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Beckensale, C. Beaumont, C. J. Tucker, C. Bird, T. Beadle, F. Skevington (conductor), A. Harding, G. Spencer.

DEATH OF PREBENDARY BARFF.

We record with great regret the death of Prebendary Albert Barff, the aged Vicar of St. Giles', Cripplegate, whose kindness and consideration have enabled ringers to enjoy the use of the peal of twelve bells which hang in the ancient tower. Prebendary Barff, who was 85 years of age, was entering a Metropolitan train at Hammersmith before it came to a standstill, and was thrown on his head on the platform. He was at once conveyed to the West London Hospital, where, however he passed away on Sunday. Prebendary Barff, who was one of the oldest prebendaries of St. Paul's Cathedral, and who has held the living of St. Giles' since 1886, has done a great deal for the restoration of Cripplegate Church, which was one of the few churches in the city that escaped the Great Fire of 1666.

A "DARSET" MEMORIAL.

"BRAPPLE" RESTORATION COMMEMORATED.

A memorial tablet to commemorate the restoration of the bells, effected about three years ago, has been unveiled in Bradpole Church, Dorset.

The tablet is of beautiful black marblette with gold letters and decoration, and forms a valuable ornament in the belfry, as well as to the whole edifice. It was presented to the church by Mr. Clement N. Nicholson, of Nash Priory, Yeovil, who, on hearing what the Bradpole ringers were anxious to obtain, very generously sent a cheque for the whole amount required to the Vicar. There was naturally a feeling of regret that the hospitable donor was unable to be present to unveil the memorial himself, when the ringers would have had the opportunity of expressing their thanks in person. The tablet bears the following inscription:—

"BRADPOLE BELLS.

In the old church there were four cracked bells. In 1847 when the present church was built by the late Canon Broadley, these four old bells were replaced by two new ones. In 1865 the lighter of the two bells was taken away, and four added to make a peal of five. The money was subscribed by parishioners and friends.

"In 1866 A. M. Broadley, Esq., of The Knapp, added a treble bell. In 1910 the 3rd and 4th of the peal of six were recast, the treble and tenor added, and the whole rehung with new fittings, making the present peal of eight.

"The total cost of the work was £303. The money was raised partly by subscriptions, and partly from the proceeds of the West Dorset Historical Pageant, which was held in Bradpole on July 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1911, for the purpose of paying the balance.

"A. M. Broadley, Thomas Stone, Churchwardens; C. F. Langford, Vicar; T. Hervey Beams, Hon. Secretary Bell Restoration Committee."

At the dedication, performed by the Vicar, the Salisbury Guild service was used, the clergy and others proceeding to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were offered and the unveiling performed by Mr. S. A. Pope, a Great Western Railway official, who had materially assisted in the pageant organised to clear off the debt on the restoration. He had travelled from Paddington especially for the purpose thus still further testifying to his interest in the parish.

After the unveiling, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells, which were also rung both before

and after the service. Subsequently the ringers were hospitably entertained to supper in the schoolroom by Mr. A. M. Broadley, who, at the commencement, said he was delighted to entertain them for the second time, but was sorry he was unable to stay with them. He wished them a happy evening, and on leaving with Mr. Pope, was accorded hearty cheers. Cheers were also accorded Mr. Pope, on the call of Mr. Broadley.

During the evening a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Broadley, on the proposition of Mr. J. Lathey (captain), seconded by Mr. A. Hile.

The work of the ringing master and vice-captain (Mr. T. H. Beams), captain, Vicar, and others who had helped towards the success of the Guild, was eulogised, and votes of thanks accorded.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. T. H. Beams, H. Haines and T. Lathey, and a recitation given by Mr. T. Stone, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

On Sunday, December 6th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, the first by an entirely local band, was rung at the Parish Church, in 44 mins., by E. Holloway, T. Hervey Beams (conductor), J. Lathey, S. Vinlog, H. Haines, P. H. Beams, T. Lathey and A. Hile.

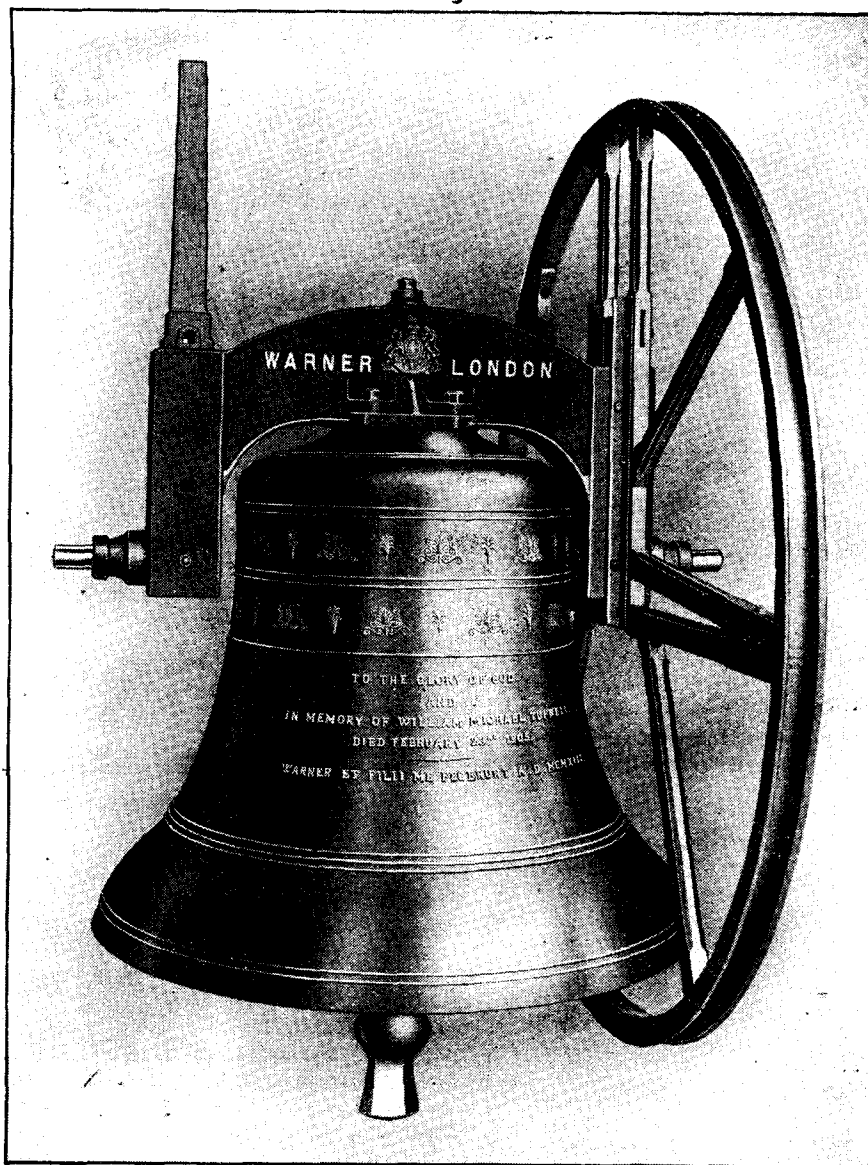
DEATH OF A SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. H. F. COBON.

The Rye branch of the Sussex Association recently lost one of their number in the person of Mr. Harold F. Cobon whose death took place at Manchester at the early age of 26 years. He was a victim of consumption. Some six months before his death he underwent treatment at a sanatorium in the West of England, but this was unavailing. Mr. Cobon was taken from the sanatorium to the home of one of his brothers, but only a short time elapsed before he was called to his last long rest.

On receipt of the sad news, the Rye ringers passed a vote of condolence with the relatives, and a suitable message conveying their sympathy was sent to them. On the following Sunday morning, the Rye bells were rung half-muffled, and a well struck 336 of Grandsire Triples was tapped off by D. A. Craig, G. Kenward, P. F. Giles, V. D. Laurence, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billenness, G. Perrin. Further ringing was participated in by Messrs. W. Henley, N. Allcorn, W. Youngs, R. Aitken and H. Kernott, while it was unfortunate that Messrs J. B. Bennett, L. T. H. Seers, C. Price and A. Hughes were unable to attend.

At the service the Vicar (Rev. A. S. Howes), made allusion to Mr. Cobon, and gave a splendid testimony to his labours as a ringer, and in other departments of the church. Mr. Cobon had been connected with Rye Church nearly all his life. He was a Sunday School scholar and a choir boy, and had done duty in the capacity of altar server. He was a member of the belfry for a great number of years, and being possessed with excellent judgment and quick intellect, he soon grasped method ringing, proving himself a valuable asset to the Rye band, who, when the vacancy arose, appointed him to the office of hon. secretary of the branch. He rang several peals of Grandsire Triples, and the treble to a four-method peal of Minor. His face has been and will be sadly missed by his colleagues, who have lost a member of sterling worth. May he rest in peace.

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WHAT THE BOSTON GUILD ARE DOING.

The latest doings of this Guild are forwarded by Dr. A. H. Nichols, who writes: The past week (that ending Nov. 3rd). has been one of unusual activity for Boston ringers, they having rung by invitation in four different towers, while their performances have received noteworthy recognition.

On Sunday, November 23rd, they met at the Perkins Institution, Watertown, to ring at the hour of morning service. Here they were greeted by many friends, assembled at the base of the tower from adjacent towns.

At the request of his Honour the Mayor of Boston Christ Church bells were pealed for one hour on November 25th, in celebration of the marriage of the younger daughter of President Wilson at Washington. On the following day the President acknowledged by telegram the thoughtful compliment.

On Wednesday evening, November 26th, the ringers went to Hingham to ring for a joint service of different parishes on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, a public celebration inaugurated by the Puritan settlers in acknowledgment of their deliverance from an impending calamity. The ringers were afterwards served with a bountiful supper at the village inn.

Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, was spent at Groton School, distant forty miles from Boston, this being the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the magnificent ring of eight bells hung in the chapel tower. The ringers were welcomed by Messrs. Sturgis and Abbott, of the school staff, who later manned the treble and tenor ropes respectively in various touches. The bells were rung before and after the evening service, and in the afternoon an attempt was made to score a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by P. J. Allfrey. The striking was admirable for an hour and ten minutes (in which time 1700 changes were rung), when a slip resulted from failure to hear a bob call. Indeed, it would be a marvel if a peal could be achieved in this noisy ringing-chamber, where the conductor would require the lungs of a Comanche Indian reinforced by a megaphone. The enjoyable day was brought to a close by a well-struck plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in which the heavy-going tenor was successfully turned in by Richard Newton.

Lunch was taken at Commons with the boys, after which the ringers were invited by Dr. Peabody, the principal, to his private apartments for coffee and cigars, and an introduction to the other instructors. Lates' touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells was given in one of the classrooms for the benefit of the boys. Prior to their departure the ringers were entertained at tea by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sturgis. The visitors were impressed by the excellence of the school buildings, grouped on an eminence around a capacious field, and with the fine appearance of the boys; nor were they disturbed by this, their third, failure in attempting a complete peal.

HOW AN AMERICAN PAPER DESCRIBED IT.

The description given in the Boston "Globe" of the way in which the peal for the wedding of Miss Wilson was rung is decidedly amusing. It runs thus:

Yesterday for the first time in Boston, and it is believed the first time in the United States, a peal of bells was rung to celebrate a wedding. The idea is said to have emanated from the brain of Mayor Fitzgerald, who suggested that

the bells in the Old North Church in Salem Street be rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the President.

The guild of bell ringers at the ancient church of Paul Revere's lantern fame, which is the only guild of the kind in this country, on hearing of the Mayor's proposal volunteered their services and the event took place last evening, lasting from 5.15 till about 6.

That hour was chosen because the bridal party was scheduled to leave the East Room of the White House, in which the wedding took place, at 5, and it was an hour that made it practicable for the players to be at the church since they are all employed at some other occupation in the day time, and were obliged to finish their day's work before assembling at the church.

The original intention was to have a telephone connection between the church and the White House at Washington, so that the wedding party would be able to hear the chimes in Boston, but it was found that there was not time enough to allow of the installation of the necessary apparatus, and so no effort was made to carry out that part of the plan.

Though there are 14 bells in the peal, only eight were used last evening. Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, leading American authority on English bell-ringing, was in charge, and operated one of the bells a part of the time last evening, as did his daughter, Mrs. Margaret H. Shurtleff, said to be the only woman in this country capable of that sort of playing.

The other players were Philip J. Allfrey, Alexander Matthews, William Bashford, Ernest E. Randall, James F. Laker, Gordon Mackman, and Richard Newton.

There was no service in the church, the only person there being the sexton, who allowed no one to enter save the bellringers. As fast as they arrived, they ascended into the ancient tower.

Once up in the tower each player removed his coat, and was ready for business, for it is warm work constantly ringing a bell for nearly an hour, and it is always done in shirt sleeves. The changes rung were what are called "Grandfather Triples," known only by ringers from England, whence all the players at the Old North came a year or two ago.

There are said to have been more than 5,000 changes rung during the less than an hour the bells were rung, and yet no two changes were alike. It is a curious fact that though the bells were only 30 to 40 feet above the heads of the ringers, yet the sound of the bells was immeasurably louder outdoors, and in fact a long way from the church, than it was in the tower where the players were stationed.

One would never think, in watching the ringers standing in a circle, calmly but vigorously pulling down on their individual ropes every few seconds, that it is a perilous occupation for one not accustomed to it. Dr. Nichols, however, said that so great is the power exerted by the revolution of the bells that if a person unacquainted with their working were to pull one of the ropes he would almost certainly be lassoed by the rope and jerked to the ceiling some 20 feet above, and then left to drop to the floor with a dull thud and broken bones.

In the streets outside crowds of workers on their way to their homes in the North End stopped for a moment and looked up in surprise toward the tower from which the bells were pealing forth their joyful tones, wondering what it was all about, but it was too near supper or dinner time for many to loiter long in the vicinity.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1914

With much regret we note the death of Mrs. W. Rock Small, the wife of a much-esteemed Tipton ringer, and one well known in the district covered by the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The sad event took place on Boxing Day, and the interment was at All Saints, West Bromwich, in the family vault, on New Year Eve. The sympathies of the fraternity will go out to the bereaved husband, who has lost a loving helpmeet, with whom he had spent upwards of fifty happy years. It was but a few months since that Mr. and Mrs. Small celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

On Jan. 1st a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Tipton Church, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect for the deceased, and of sympathy with the living.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Hampson, of Oldham, who have just celebrated the 30th anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. A. H. Pulling has just rung his 200th peal on hand-bells, by taking part in a peal of Stedman Caters for the Royal Cumberland Youths at Clapham, S.W.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne, a peal of Stedman Caters has been rung with the bells half muffled, in memory of the late Miss E. M. Easton, a benefactress to the Church in many ways.

Another member of the Pye family is out for record making. On the eve of the new year Leonard A. Pye, at the age of 14 years 10 months rang the 2nd in a peal of London Surprise, at St. Edmund's Romford. It was his first peal in the method. Has a peal in the method been scored by anyone younger than this?

Our American cousins, journalists especially are nothing if not original and startling. The article describing the peal rung for the wedding of Miss Wilson is certainly original, and will cause some amusement among readers.

It shows clearly what wrong ideas outsiders get of the art of ringing, and demonstrates the truth of the proverb "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Some little while back another example came to hand. The lever of the hammer used for striking a heavy bell was broken, and the journal in question told a terrible tale of the efforts made to get it repaired. The original makers had gone out of business, and as no local firm was capable of doing the work the pieces were shipped off to France.

The makers were Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, who, useless to say, are very much in evidence just now, a fact which the Yankee journal has since acknowledged.

The Metropolis.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

SYDNEY ERNEST DAYNES* .. Treble	WILLIAM HERBERT DAYNES .. 5
THOMAS HENRY HAWKINS .. 2	FREDK. W. RICHARDSON .. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. .. 3	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES .. 7
GEORGE HENRY DAYNES .. 4	FREDK. H. GOOCH .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HENRY DAYNES.

*First peal. G. Holifield, jun. hails from Appletton, Berks. Quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON, S.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of New Cambridge. The author's composition No 75.

LONDON, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts.)—On Wednesday, December 31st, at St. Michael's Church, a date touch of Oxford Bob Triples (1913 changes) in 1 hr, 11 mins. W. Rickett, F. Bird, P. C. Springham, H. M. White, H. Champness, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) H. Dew, P. Springham. Tenor 20 cwt.

The Provinces.

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 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER .. Treble	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5
WILLIAM A. PYE .. 2	ALFRED PYE .. 6
EDWARD HAWKINS .. 3	JOHN DAIR .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE .. 4	ERNEST PYE .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by E. PYE.

*First peal.

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 21, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Conducted by E. DREW.

First peal by all the band and on the bells.

HORLEY, SURREX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIE A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER CANNER .. Treble	ALFRED B. BEADSMORE .. 5
GEORGE HATTON, SEN. .. 2	JOSEPH CURTIS .. 6
JOHN CURTIS .. 3	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE .. 7
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK .. 4	CHARLES WILKINSON* .. Tenor

Conducted by E. W. BEADSMORE.

*First peal.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores, called in ten different ways.

Tenor 21 cwt.

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

Conducted by A. K. HARRISON.

*First peal.

FINCHAM (Norfolk).—At the Church of St. Martin, a date touch of Bob Minor (1913 changes) in 58 mins. H. Watson, A. Bacon, H. Porter, O. Staines, R. H. Bowes, E. Barker (conductor).

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (Northern Branch).

On Friday, December 26, 1913 in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

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

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

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

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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

Conducted by CHALLIS R. WINNEY.

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

BEARSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN POLLARD* Treble	GEORGE BUEBRIDGE 4
GEORGE POUND 2	GEORGE HADAWAY 5
JOHN SHORTER* 3	CHARLES H. SONE.. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

*First peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

MISS K. HOLIFIELD Treble	G. A. KING* 5
H. HOLIFIELD 2	G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. 6
M. SMITH 3	A. E. LOCK 7
F. WEBB, SEN., 4	W. COX* Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

*First peal. This is the first peal rung on these bells in which a lady has taken part.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Cotgrave Branch).

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

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

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

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

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

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by ROBERT G. MILES.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Cotgrave Branch).

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

First peal on the bells. This is the first time any of the ringers have rung two peals in one day. The Rev. C. J. Sturton hails from Orston; Mr. Richard Mount from Waltham; the rest belong to Cotgrave.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Divine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

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

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

*Elected a member before starting, and was also his first peal.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 3040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society).

On Saturday, December 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Newcastle, Lancashire, Stamford, Chester, Beverley, and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDK. PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM HENRY TURTON .. 5
T. A. HOWES-SMITH 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

All are members of the local band. Rung on the twentieth anniversary of the first Minor Surprise peal by the above Association, which was rang at Killamarsh, the 4th, 5th, and 6th ringers taking part.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 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, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

BEN. W. YORK* Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN 4
BERT. KILBORN* 2	HARRY PEET 5
ROBERT G. BLACK 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE V. SHARMAN.

*First peal in seven methods.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Doable Oxford Bob, College Single, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

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

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

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

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. CHARGE and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to the late Miss E. M. Eason, whose benefactions in the North were widespread.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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

Conducted by FRED CHALK.

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

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIE A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 2.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT* Treble	SAMUEL OAKES* 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOHN WELSBY 4	JAMES DENNER† Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

PLYMOUTH DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

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

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

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Fortysix Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The conductor's 60th peal of Stedman Cinques. *First peal of Stedman Cinques. and hails from Worcester. This composition is now rung for the first time.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Dr. A. B. Carpenter's Variation.

Joseph A. Lambert .. Treble	Albert Calver 5
James D. Drewett 2	Frederick J. Tilley* 6
Douglas W. Drewett 3	William S. Smith 7
William H. Joiner 4	Benjamin A. Morris Tenor

Conducted by J. A. Lambert.

*First peal with a bob bell.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

Wesley Watson .. Treble	William Billenness 5
Leonard A. Pye* 2	Alfred Pye 6
George R. Pye 3	Ernest Pye 7
Charles T. Coles 4	William Pye Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

*First peal in the method, aged 14 years 10 months.

THORNHAM, MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31st, in 2 Hours 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London, Burton, College
Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine and Oxford
Treble Bob.

Charles Nunn ...	Treble	William Clover...	4
Leonard E. Last ...	2	William Rose ...	5
Edward Youngs ...	3	George Cattermole ...	Tenor

Conducted by G. Cattermole.

The churchwardens kindly entertained the ringers to supper
at the residence of Mr. Youngs. After supper they rung the old
year out and the new year in on the tower bells.

OLDHAM, MOORSIDE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Oldham and District Society.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

Joseph Ogden ...	Treble	Luke Hampson...	5
Herbert Barlow ...	2	Frank Chapman ...	6
Samuel Stott ...	3	Charles E. Platt ...	7
Frank Taylor ...	4	Harry Hampson ...	Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by Frank Chapman.

This peal was rung on the 30th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs.
Luke Hampson's wedding.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
(The Dudley and District Guild.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred Rowley ...	Treble	Jesse Screen ...	5
James E. Groves ...	2	Harry S. Smith ...	6
Horace Howell ...	3	Thomas Hughes ...	7
Benjamin Gough ...	4	George Williams ...	Tenor

Conducted by Alfred Rowley.

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

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies's Variation. Tenor 22½ cwt.

John Anderson...	Treble	Joseph A. Gofton ...	5
John F. Bird ...	2	John Foreman ...	6
Thomas Murry ...	3	R. Alder Gofton ...	7
Norman C. Fleck ...	4	John S. Richardson ...	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph A. Gofton.

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HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3 1914, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES,
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Harry Percival ...	Treble	Walter Fern ...	5
Rev. R. P. Farrow ...	2	Percy Hadfield...	6
Joseph Cadle ...	3	Ephraim W. Rands ...	6
George Walker ...	4	Gerald Griffin ...	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Ephraim W. Rands.

Handbell Peals.

CLAPHAM, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

At 58, Manor Street.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.
Size 16 in B flat.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1-2	JAMES HUNT ..	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ..	7-8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ..	9-10	

Composed by F. A. HOLBORN, and Conducted by ALFRED H. AULLING.

Witnesses—Mr. and Mrs. Hairs. This was the conductor's 200th
peal on handbells, and is believed to be the first peal of Stedman
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CLAPHAM, S.W.

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INTER AFFILIATION.

To the Editor.

SIR,—It is pleasant to read the able letter of Mr. Parsons in the above in a recent issue, more so as he thinks the subject ripe for action. I am rather afraid though that he sees mountains, and in that event should remember what the Yankee said, "There is always a way round."

My idea solely is to have the feeling wheresoever I be (without the having to become a member) that I am one already, and, as such, welcome. This can only be attained by a properly worked scheme of inter-affiliation, which, of course, at the outset would entail a considerable amount of work. We must remember at present it is only the privileged can attain to membership of many societies. But if a scheme such as proposed comes into being, I would go so far as to prophecy that ten out of every twenty ringers would gladly pay the extra sixpence if only to say they belonged to such a catholic institution.

The question of the ringing of peals would at all times be considered those of the society whose jurisdiction they were rang in, unless the majority of those present wished otherwise. Every ringer would have to belong to some properly acknowledged ringers' society, such society to be affiliated before the member could get an inter-affiliation card.

Trusting I do not trespass too long on your valuable space.

Your etc.,

FREDK. ATWELL.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY AT SAFFRON WALDEN.

To the Editor.

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

Yours etc.,

FREDK. PITSTOW.

[COPY.]

Saffron Walden, January 2nd, 1754.

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

BOB MAJOR.

By CHARLES JACKSON, Hull.

1914.

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The same start,
1914.

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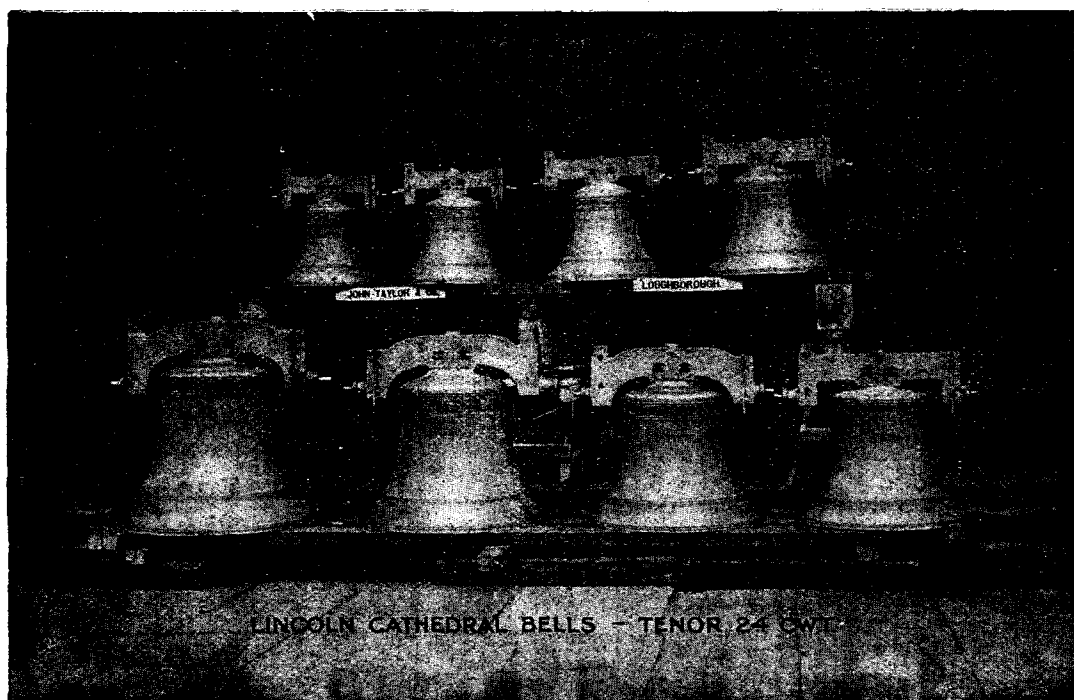
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on January 15th. and 29th; St. John's, Hackney on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 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 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Jan. 17th. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.0 p.m., to those who inform me by the 15th.

3, Hart's Lane.

New Cross, S.E.

F. Bennett, Sec.

London County Association (late St. James's Society).—Northern District.—The Annual General Meeting of this District will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.

7D, Morgan Mansions,
Holloway Road, N.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

London County Association (late The St. James's Society) Established 1824.—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th (1914), at All Saints, Fulham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45; business meeting at 8 o'clock.

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

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association (late St. James's Society).—The quarterly meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, Jan. 19th, 1914, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton Road. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

54 Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; Meeting at 6.30 prompt. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are also due, and may be paid to the Secretary,

31, St. Paul's Street, Ramebottom

J. H. Haydock,

Ely Diocesan Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Sawston, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Short service at 5 o'clock; tea at "White Lion" at 5.30.

Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

P. Webb,

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

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Portsmouth District.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Fareham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; short service 5.30; tea at "Paragon" Restaurant 6 o'clock; meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 7th inst.

Fareham.

J. W. Whiting.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. Unveiling of a Peal Tablet to the late Mr. T. Mouncey.

33, Langham Road,
Blackburn.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock; service in church at 3; committee meeting at 3.30; tea (1s. each) at 4.15 in the Co-operative Cafe. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. N. H. Widdowson, 7 Thorneywood Road, not later than Jan. 15th.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon Hough at 4.30 p.m., tea in the Parish Hall 5.15 p.m., 6d. per head. Will those who require tea please send me notice not later than Tuesday 13th. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

34 Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

T. Groombridge,

Hon. Dist. Sec.

Worcestershire and District Association.—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church on Saturday, January 17th. Service in the Church at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present please let me know on or before January 14th.

9 Edward Road,

Bournbrook, Birmingham.

E. J. Dowler,

Hon. Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at four.

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Walter Hughes

The Warwickshire Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.

Shottery.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A Bye Meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914, bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30 at 6d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.

32 Verulam Avenue,
Walthamstow, N.E.

H. Rumens,
Hon. District Secretary.

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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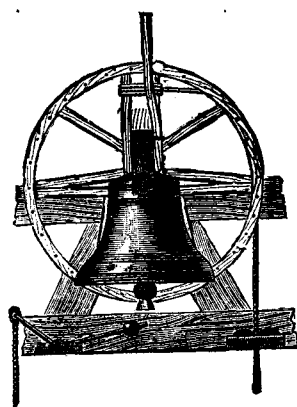
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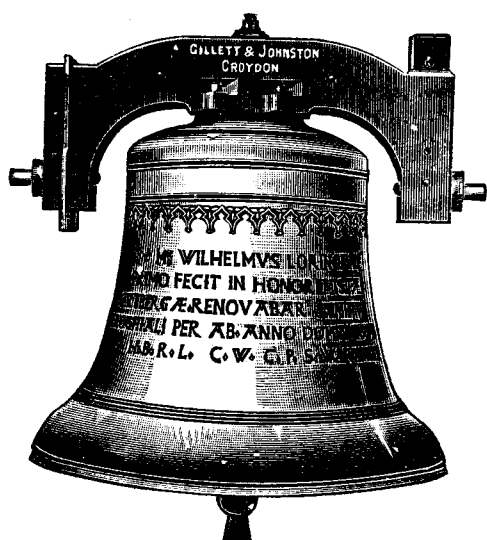
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BATTLE RINGERS AT DINNER.

There was a most convivial gathering at the George Hotel, Battle, on the evening of January 8th, when the members of the Battle branch of the Sussex Association sat down to an excellent spread provided by Host Emery.

The Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., presided, supported by the Rev. R. Claude Davis, Mr. R. B. Allwork (churchwarden), Mr. C. Martin, Mr. J. Albion Thorpe and Mr. G. A. Thorpe. Among others present were Mr. Walter Franks (captain of the Battle band), Mr. G. Watson (Sec. of the Sussex Association), Mr. W. J. Thomas, Mr. Frank Mathis, Mr. W. Beney, Mr. E. Cruse, Mr. Bertram Weller (organist and choirmaster of the Parish Church) Messrs. C. Stapley, P. Carter, P. Wait, C. Carter, C. Moore, with the following members of the Christ Church, St. Leonards, band; Messrs. F. Medhurst, H. Denman, W. Alcock and C. Smith.

The loyal toast having been given from the chair, and duly honoured, Mr. C. Martin proposed "The Clergy and Churchwardens," regretting the absence, through illness, of Mr. W. Davis, a churchwarden.

The Rev. R. C. Davis replied, remarking that it was the twelfth time he had replied to the toast.

Mr. Allwork also replied, expressing regret that his colleague, Mr. Davis, was too ill to be with them.

"The Battle Society" was given by Mr. Geo. Watson. He was pleased to be in such good company, and to meet some of the veterans. They were always pleased to come to Battle, because of the good feeling that existed between the clergy, churchwardens and ringers, which was not the case in every parish.

Mr. W. Franks, acknowledged the toast, and referred to the rumour of a proposal to abandon the dinner in favour of a summer outing. He was quite in favour of having an outing in the summer, but could not agree to abolish that gathering. There were times in the summer when they could go for outings, but if those who brought forward the scheme had the carrying it out once they would not want to do it again. The dinner had become quite an institution. He had been connected with the Battle Society for upwards of 32 years, and they had had a dinner every year. He did not know of any institution connected with the Church except that dinner, that brought together the people of the Church in the parish—clergy, churchwardens, singers, ringers and laity—once a year, to enjoy themselves. At the present time the Society had a membership of only nine, but to encourage the band he had set up a scheme whereby they could ring at different towers. The subscriptions for the year had realised more than those of the previous year.

In proposing the health of the Dean, Mr. J. A. Thorpe said he hoped they would not do away with the dinner. They all knew their chairman and his many acts of kindness and generosity, and everyone in the parish felt very kindly towards him.

In an interesting speech, the Dean said both his wife and himself were deeply touched with the expressions of kindness and sympathy they received during the recent illness of his wife. He would never forget that kindness, and

thanked all who had shared in those expressions, and he assured them it had been most thoroughly appreciated. In Battle there was a cordial relationship between the clergy and bellringers, and he hoped that it would ever be so, because they were all working together for the service of God, and bellringers, he hoped, would remember that they were the bellringers of the Church of God.

PUBLIC DID NOT UNDERSTAND BELLRINGING.

Bellringing was an art, an art that many of the outside public could not realise the difficulty of. They were ready enough to find fault, but did not realise the amount of attention and energy that was devoted to the work in order to bring it to perfection. He had seen a marvellous advance in the art, and he hoped that the present high standard would be always maintained. He was not an expert in bellringing himself, but he thought he knew when bells were well rung, and they might congratulate themselves upon having an efficient band of ringers in Battle, and a great deal was due to the energy and zeal of the leader. On an occasion like that they should thank him for the attention he gave to the work, and he could assure him it was appreciated.

Other toasts duly honoured were "Mr. Bertram Weller" and "The Press."

Before the Dean left the company joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne, The National Anthem brought to a close a very pleasant evening. Among those who contributed to a fine programme of music were Messrs. Cruse, Wait, Weller, Carter and Stapley, whilst Mr. J. A. Thorpe gave a recitation.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

What proved to be a very successful quarterly meeting was held at Fareham, on Saturday, January 10th. In spite of the wet weather a good number of ringers attended from Titchfield, Portsmouth, Portsea, Fareham, Shedfield, Curdridge, Swanmore, Gosport, and also visitors from Stoneham, Elling. The bells were going soon after three o'clock, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung. A special 504 of Stedman Triples was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Tall, one of the ringers of Fareham church, who was married during the week, the members taking part being J. Whiting (Fareham), L. Page (Titchfield), J. Symonds (Portsea), F. Barnett (Portsmouth), A. Mears (Curdridge), H. Reynolds (Gosport), E. J. Harding (Portsea, conductor), H. Ingram (Portsmouth). The most notable performance of the afternoon was a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which Miss Carden rang the 2nd, and being her first course of Treble Bob Major much credit is due for the masterly way in which she handled her bell, coming from Titchfield, a six-bell tower. At 5.30 all the ringers attended Evensong, said in the church by the Vicar, the Rev. Tarbat. A move was then made to the Paragon Restaurant, where a substantial meat tea was soon disposed of, forty-four ringers taking part. The business meeting was then proceeded with. A communication was

read from Mr. A. T. King, of Portsmouth, expressing sorrow at his not being present, being unfortunately laid aside by illness. Mr. Whiting was requested to convey to Mr. King the ringers' sympathy, and hopes for a speedy recovery. The minutes of the previous meetings were accepted as read. At the election of officers it was proposed that the Rev. C. E. Matthews be again elected President. Carried. Mr. J. Whiting was also asked to act as District Secretary. Assistant Secretary: E. J. Harding; Representatives: E. J. Harding and W. Linter; Auditor: Mr. J. Symonds; Election of full members: Titchfield, 2; Portsmouth, 2; Portsea, 3; Probationers: Portsmouth, 4. It was decided, if convenient, to have the quarterly meetings for the ensuing year on Easter Monday at Curdridge; Saturday, July 18th, at Newport; Saturday, September 26th, at Shedfield; Saturday, January 9th, 1915, at Gosport. The balance sheet was accepted as satisfactory, the income being £16 4s. and expenditure £9 3s., leaving a balance of £7 1s. Mr. J. Symonds, the auditor, reported that he had examined all the items of income and expenditure, and said that it reflected much credit on Mr. Whiting for the way in which he had kept the accounts.

The Rev. E. C. Matthews then gave a very interesting account of his visit to Carisbrooke tower, showing by means of sketches he had taken of peal boards records of peals that had been rung over a hundred years ago by the Union of Carisbrooke and Newport Youths. He said that he hoped before long the bells would be recast and that by the time they arranged another meeting at his own tower (Titchfield) the two new trebles would be added, making eight bells.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. C. E. Matthews for presiding; to Mr. Geo. Williams (Hon. Secretary) for being present; to the Vicar for the use of the bells and holding the service. The bells were kept going till 9.30 in the standard methods, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LEYTONSTONE.

The above company and ringing friends have rung 87 complete 720s at St. John's, Leytonstone, during 1913, in the following methods:—

Plain Bob, 2; Kent Treble Bob, 10; Oxford Treble Bob, 4; Surprise [methods]: Cambridge, 14; York, 10; London, 8; Beverley, 6; Carlisle, 5; Lincoln, 5; Chester, 4; Durham, 3; Wells, 3; Canterbury, 3; Ipswich, 3; Worcester, 2; Chelsea, 1; Leytonstone, 1; Norwich, 1; Chichester, 1; Coventry, 1; Ely, 1.

The following took part: W. Theobald, 81; W. Miller, 78; H. Torble, 64; J. Moule, 48; G. Dawson, 45; A. Fiddis, 35; J. Sharpe, 34; A. Prior, 34; F. Doran, 26; W. Doran, 17; H. Saffell, 13; G. A. Black, 11; A. J. Neale, 8; G. Hayden, 4; R. Sanders, 3; G. T. Clayton, 2; W. Truss, 2; F. C. Newman, 2; C. W. Clarke, 2; J. Scholes, 2; G. L. Joyce, 1; H. Fowler, 1; L. Pye, 1; A. Pye, 1; W. A. Pye, 1; W. Pye, 1; T. Cranfield, 1; D. Elliott, 1; A. Scrambler, 1; H. Gowers, 1; F. G. Newman, 1.

The conductors were; W. Miller, 56; J. Moule, 14; H. Torble, 5; J. Sharpe, 4; W. Theobald, 3; G. Dawson, 1; W. Pye, 1; C. W. Clarke, 1; G. Hayden, 1; D. Elliott, 1.

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OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. R. M. BLACKWALL.

The death has occurred at the early age of 31 years, of Mr. Robert M. Blackwall, third son of Mr. J. B. E. Blackwall, of Kirk Ireton, Derbyshire, who died on January 2nd. He was well-known among ringers in the Midlands, being a member of the Nottingham branch of the Midland Counties Association. Besides being a subscriber and occasional contributor to "THE BELL NEWS" for many years, he was at one time a familiar figure at all the meetings of the Midland Counties Association, and a conspicuous one, for he stood 6 feet 3 inches in height. He frequently entertained that veteran ringer, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, at his home in Nottingham, on the occasion of the latter's visits to the neighbourhood on his bell-ringing tours, and was extremely proud to have rung in many successful peals conducted by that marvellous old gentleman in his favourite method—Stedman Triples. With a few exception he invariably rung the tenor.

The funeral took place on January 6th, in the village churchyard, amidst many tokens of respect and sympathy. The funeral service, excepting the committal portion, was taken in the church, by reason of the inclement weather, the officiating clergy being the Rev. R. Stuart Hare (Rector), and the Rev. W. J. Dannett, Rector of Hulland. A large congregation was present, in addition to the mourners, the chief of whom were Mrs. Blackwall (mother), Captain J. Blackwall, Rev. W. Blackwall, Mr. H. Blackwall, (brothers), Miss Blackwall (sister), and Mr. Goodall. The bearers were Messrs. A. Doxey, T. Millington, I. Matkin, I. Dean, J. Ford and W. Ward, and among the crowd at the grave were the Revs. C. Currey, T. Lawrence, Dr. Broster, Mrs. Hyde, Mr. Chas. Hyde, Mrs. Hare, Mr. G. Hare, Mr. J. Matkin, Mr. I. Dean, Mr. I. Beeston, Mr. Simpson, Mr. S. Dean, Mr. W. Spencer, Mr. Dranfield, Mr. Millington, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Abell, and many others. The floral tokens were numerous and beautiful, Miss Simpson presided at the organ, and dispensed suitable music during the arrival and departure of the funeral cortege.

FALL OF A CHURCH BELL.

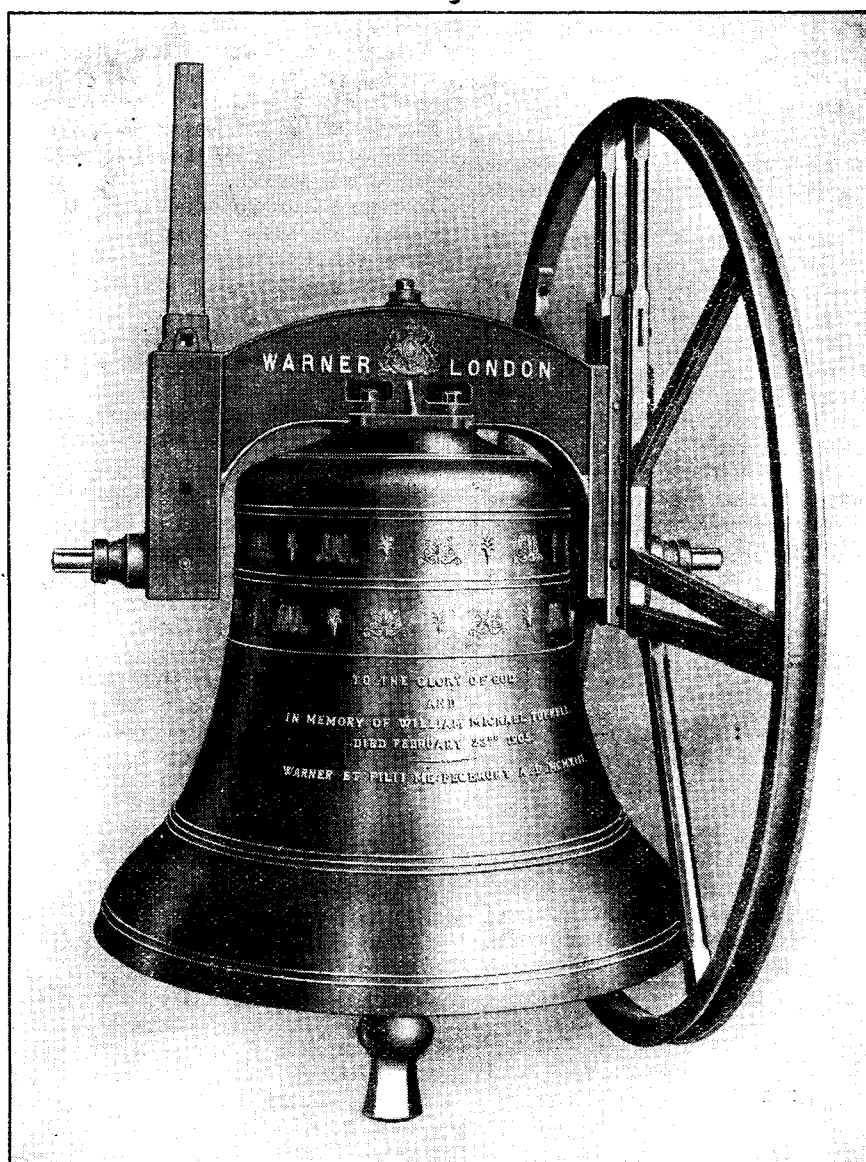
While the caretaker at St. John's Church, Rogerstone, near Pontypool, was ringing for the early morning service, the rope suddenly jerked her hands, and nearly took her off her feet. A workman who was passing heard the noise of timber snapping, and saw the bell and the wooden beam on which it was hung, topple over towards the churchyard, into which it crashed. A corner of a stone pillar was knocked off by the bell, which sank into the ground several inches.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Guild of St. John the Divine, Kennington)

KENNINGTON.—On Monday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. S. Garnett, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, G. W. Wild, Arch. Miller, Alec. Miller (conductor), T. W. Welbourne. Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the birth of Reginald White, son of the ringer of the 5th.

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SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, at Wokingham. At Evensong, said at All Saints' Church, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, gave an appropriate address. Tea followed in the Church House, Miss Grace Simmons and Mrs. T. W. Heelas kindly attending to the arrangements. Some eighty members were present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Chairman of the Branch, presided. There were also present the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, E. E. Broome (Hon. Secretary), G. F. Coleridge (Rural Dean), P. H. Ditchfield (Rector of Barkham), B. Long (Rector of Wokingham), Mr. A. E. Reeves (Guild Secretary) and others. The Hon. Secretary reported a credit balance in hand of £5 5s. 7d. Two hon. members had died—the Rev. E. A. Gray, late Rector of Woodley, and Mr. T. R. Harman. Major Harris had left the district. Their numbers showed an increase of one on the year, and now stood at life members 5, honorary members 32, change-ringers 118, probationers 13, and life subscribers 10; total 175. Seven peals had been rung during the year, and twelve combined practices had been held at which the attendance varied from 4 to 27.

Mr. Jos. White was heartily thanked for his valuable work in this connection. These combined practices had proved most helpful.

Officers were elected as follows: Chairman—Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; Hon. Sec.—Rev. E. E. Broome (for the 22nd year in succession); Representatives to General Committee—Messrs. Gough, J. White, Wright, J. Moth, and J. Rance; Combined practices Committee—Messrs. Fk. Lush, J. White, E. Lambe, H. Bungay, and J. Rance.

The Chairman said the Guild generally was progressing. Assuming no falling back upon last year in the accounts of some branches not yet to hand, they would have some £41 in hand, but they had decreased their Reserve Fund. He referred with appreciation to the Poet Laureate's poem on the Christmas Bells, and quoted it with effect.

Mr. A. E. Reeves remarked that the Guild was "alive," as shown by new branches joining, but peals rung had fallen to 81, as compared with 121 in 1912.

The Rural Dean thanked the Rector and workers of All Saints for their kindly hospitality.

The Master of the Guild referred to the next Festival to be held at Slough, when the important question as to whether the Festivals should in future be held always at Oxford would come up. He knew Sonning Deanery, East Berks. and South Bucks. were strongly opposed, but let them consider it fairly in the light as to which was best for the Guild—for all its members to be able to meet at the greatest convenience to all—not from the sectional point of view. The Poet Laureate was one of the great men who had caught the spirit of the bells, doubtless his observations at Yattendon, where he was an earnest churchworker, had contributed to his inspiration.

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, the well known antiquarian, in thanking the ladies, went on to deal in the most interesting manner with the historical old bell foundry at Wokingham, which went away back to the 14th century. Bells were made in Wokingham from 1375 to 1400, Bell Lane surviving still. That maker's name was unknown, but his bells were to be found all round, at Arborfield,

Didcot, etc. They were known by their stamp—the horse's head, afterwards changed to the horse and the fleur-de-lis.

Another stamp in the 15th century of the Wokingham bell-maker, was a horse. Bells of this mark were found at Winchester, Dorchester, and elsewhere.

An inscription in Latin was on the bells, to the effect that "I always protect those whom I call."

Sixteen bells by Roger Landen still exist—another Wokingham bell-maker. His mark was a bell between his initials R and L.

In 1490 a new lion's head and the name John Mitchell appeared. Records showed that the Corporation of Henley paid for six of these bells.

In 1495 Mitchell died, and the foundry was removed to Reading.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the noted bell-makers, are descendants of the old 14th century Wokingham bell-makers.

Mr. Ditchfield, in conclusion, referred to the rhyming rules of the old belfries, and quoted the following:—

This is a belfry that's free
For all those that skilful be;
And if you please to chime or ring,
It is a very pleasant thing.
There is no music played or sung
Like unto bells when they're well rung.
So ring your bells well if you can,
But silence is best for every man;
But if you ring in spur or hat,
Sixpence you pay, be sure of that;
And if a bell you overthrow,
Pray pay a graot* before you go.

*Fourpence.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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5001.				
23456789				
73452689	2	3	4	
46352978	Si	2	4	7
34652				7
25643	3	5	8	
62543				7
34526	3	5	8	
53426				7
62435	3	5	8	
46235				7
53264	3	5	8	
25364				7
56342	Si	6		
64523	I	6		
42635	I	6		
42356	I	6	7	
34256				7
23456				7
35264	I	6		

Then call 3, 6, 9, and the bells come round three rows before the ninth lead end.

First rung at Ewerby, Lincs., on January 3rd, 1914, conducted by the author.

5040.

By the same Author.

23456789				
73452689	2	3	4	
25364978	Si			
56243	I	6		
64532	I	6		
64325	I	6	7	
36425				7
43625				7
43256	I	6	7	
24356				7
32456				7
42563	Si	6	7	
54263				7
25463				7
56234	I	6		
63542	I	6		
34625	I	6		
34256	I	6	7	
23456				7
42356				7
23456789	2	6		

CENTRAL NORTHANTS. ASSOCIATION.

ISHAM (Northants).—On Saturday, December 6th, 720 each of Norwich, Netbesseale, and Primrose Surprise. G. Blaxley, *W. C. Lewis, *F. Talbutt, E. M. Atkins, *W. T. Wilson, *J. E. Chapman. First 720 in any of the methods to be rung in county. On Christmas Eve, 720 Double Oxford. W. T. Wilson, *G. Valentine, F. Talbutt, E. M. Atkins, *R. T. Buswell, G. A. Blaxley. At midnight, 720 Plain Bob. G. Blaxley, *G. Valentine, F. Talbutt, R. T. Buswell, J. Farby, E. M. Atkins. On Christmas Day, for Carol Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. R. T. Buswell, G. Blaxley, F. Talbutt, W. T. Wilson, *J. Farby, E. M. Atkins. *First 720 in the method.

STEDMAN CATERS.

By FREDERICK H. DEXTER, Leicester.

5103.				
123456789	4	5		
	5	16		562413978
263451978				431265879
561423	-	-		134562
162453	-	-		432561
265413	-	-		231564
163425	-	-		132465
362415	-	-		235461
261435	-	-		531462
365421	-	-		135264
562431	-	-		534261
361452	-	-		435162
165432	-	-		532164
563412	-	-		234165
362451	-	S		432165
265431	-	-		235164
563421	-	-		534162
261453	-	-		435261
165423	-	-		531264
263415	-	-		135462
361425	-	-		532461
162435	-	-		231465
365412	-	-		132564
561432	-	-		234561
163452	-	-		431562
562413	-	-		134265

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1914.

During the two or three weeks just passed expressions of goodwill and wishes for success have come to hand. They are too numerous to reply to individually, but we can assure the senders they are highly appreciated. In return we tender our own good wishes for the welfare of our readers, and the whole fraternity.

For the information of all concerned we are asked to state that the extents of Nos. 27, 29 and 37 Thirds Place Delight, have recently been rung at Norbury, Cheshire, and have been named "Disley," "Rostherne," and "Wilmslow," respectively.

The attention of readers who are members of the London County Association is called to the annual meetings of that body to-day (17th). The business meeting of the Northern District is at the Two Brewers, 74, Shoe Lane, E.C. For other particulars see "Notices" page

In connection with the peal rung at Tipton on Jan. 1st, in memory of the late Mrs. Rock Small, we are asked to correct the footnote. The family vault in which the interment took place is at the Old Church, Wednesbury, not All Saints, West Bromwich.

Reference to our "Notices" page will furnish particulars of the unveiling of a tablet at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Saturday next, Jan. 24th. The tablet records the ringing of a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Joseph Bates, of Wednesbury, known among his cronies as "Young Joe Bates," is, as a correspondent describes him, truly a marvel. On January 6th he rang the 7th (weight about 10 cwt) in a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5039 changes, at the Parish Church, Wednesbury, at which church he has been a ringer for 60 years. The peal was rung to celebrate his 83rd birthday. It is nearly 50 years since he scored a peal, and this, added to his age, makes the feat a marvellous one.

The claim is made on behalf of Miss Elsie Matthews, that she is the youngest lady to ring through a peal on eight bells. She rang 7-8 in a peal of Bob Major, on Dec. 27th, at 130 Clonmore Road, Southfields, S.W.

For the first time in the history of the Exercise a peal has been rung in which all the band belonged to either the Navy or Army. It was rung at Gillingham, Kent, on Jan. 8th.

The Metropolis.

BETHNAL GREEN, E.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914 in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

George L. Dorrington .. Treble	Fredk J. Hardy 5
Robert W. Green 2	Albert Turner 6
Joseph Barry 3	Thomas Langdon 7
Arthur E. Bunn 4	Henry C. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-in-Bow, Cheapside.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 53 cwt.

George R. Pye Treble	James E. Davis 7
Benjamin A. Knights 2	Reuben Sanders 8
Isaac G. Shade 3	Keith Hart 9
Bertram Prewett 4	Alfred W. Grimes 10
John S. Goldsmith 5	Ernest Pye 11
Charles T. Coles 6	William Pye Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, Joint Hon Sec. of the above association, and to Mr. R. Sanders. This composition contains all the 5-6s and 6-5s in the tittums, and all the 6-5s in the handstroke home position, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 6-scores of Stedman and thirty-eight of Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Joseph T. Dyke Treble	Jesse Francis 4
Comer D. Mead 2	Samuel J. Hector 5
Arthur K. Harrison 3	William Baxter Tenor

Conducted by J. T. Dyke,

First peal on the bells.

SEEND, WILTS

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720s. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Charles Raison Treble	Samuel J. Hector 4
Joseph E. Willsbire 2	Sydney Ellier 5
Horace Taylor 3	Joseph T. Dyke Tenor

Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

First peal on the bells.

WITNEY, OXON—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Herbert Long Treble	Thomas Bull 5
Christopher R. Walker 2	John Monk 6
Ernest Brown 3	Jesse Brooks 7
Noble Spindlow 4	George Brooks Tenor

Conducted by John Monk.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1914 in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Arthur Symonds Treble	Walter Gooday† 4
Stedman H. Symonds 2	Robert Keeble, R.E.* 5
Arthur Keeble 3	William Stiff Tenor

Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

*First peal. †First peal in three methods.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and one Minute,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Oswald J. Hunt Treble	Adolphus Roberts 5
John Woodward 2	William Maund* 6
William H. Brunsdon 3	Frank Pervin 7
William T. Cox 4	George Webster* Tenor

Conducted by W. H. Brunsdon.

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

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew Kingsdown,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

George Radnedge Treble	Henry B. Burt 5
William J. Probert 2	Thomas Harris* 6
George H. Hill* 3	Fred G. May 7
Fredk. W. Wade 4	Isaac Long Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal by the ringers of the 3rd and 6th. The peal was rung as birthday compliment to the conductor, whose birthday fell on the 4th, and also to record the great pleasure to the ringers at St. Matthew's that their Vicar (Rev. F. Glanville), had decided to remain as Vicar of St. Matthew, Kingsdown, after accepting another living in the North of England.

HORBURY.—On Sunday, January 11th, at St. Peter's church a date touch of 1914 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung for Divine Service. H. Pickles, G. F. Pickles, W. H. Mitchell, J. Woffenden, G. Burstow, H. Rowley, J. Smith (conductor), R. Thickett.

LONG BENNINGTON (Lincs).—On Sunday, January 11th, at the residence of Mr. A. Mackears, 720 Bob Minor. *Miss Alice Mitten, 1; *P. Rawding, 2; R. Richardson (conductor), 3-4; †A. Mackears, 5-6. *First 720. †First 720 Double handed.

EWERBY,—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

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

A PEAL OF SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS,
5001 CHANGES, Tenor 15 cwt.

Rev. H. Law James.. ..Treble	Frederick W. Stokes 6
Rupert Richardson 2	John T. Holmes* 7
William Richardsoo 3	Rev. E. Banks James* .. 8
George Ladd 4	William Dickinson* 9
Walter H. Wood* 5	R. Hugh Richardson .. ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. H. Law James.

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

DUDLEY. WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5059 CHANGES.
Tenor 22 cwt.

John Goodman, Jun. ..Treble	William Goodman 6
Samuel Pearce 2	Reuben Hall 7
William Mills 3	Horace Howell* 8
Samuel Spittle 4	Benjamin Gough 9
John Goodman, Sen... .. 5	Benjamin Fullwood .. ..Tenor

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

†First peal of Caters, Rung on the eve of Mr. J. Goodman, senr. 60th birthday, who received the usual congratulations after the peal; also as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Worcester, who was on a visit to the parish church to address a mass meeting of the C.E.M.S.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES, Tenor 10 cwt.

John H. Entwistle ..Treble	Thomas P. Brandwood .. 5
Thomas Wallwork 2	Robert Wallwork 6
John McWilton 3	Titus Barlow† 7
Thomas Worsley* 4	James Hy. Banks.. ..Tenor

Composed by F. Dench, and Conducted by J. H. Banks.

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

EARLS COLNE.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

James Fleuty .. ..Treble	Walter Burst 5
Harry Rogerr 2	Edward Wiffen 6
Walter Sadler 3	James French.. .. 7
Frank Claydon 4	William Keeble .. ..Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and Conducted by Wm. Keeble.

First peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 6th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Reuben Hunt, Esq.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 24 cwt,

Comer D. Mead* ..Treble	Samuel J. Hector 5
Gilbert H. Harding 2	Arthur K. Harrison 6
Jesse Francis 3	Joseph T. Dyke 7
Sydney Hillier 4	William Baxter .. ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

*First peal on eight bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES, Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs.

Owen Giles .. ..Treble	Lionel H. Page 5
George Williams.. .. 2	Edwin J. Harding 6
Charles J. Fray 3	William H. George 7
A. Martin Stewart 4	William T. Tucker .. ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

John Avis* .. ..Treble	Herbert A. Holden† 4
George A. Jones 2	Frederick Hayes 5
John Burles 3	Frederick M. Mitchell.. ..Tenor

Conducted by Frederick M. Mitchell,

First peal in seven methods on the bells. *First in seven methods†First in seven methods on a bob bell. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. J. Avis, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Holden, who kindly entertained the band after the peal. The band wish to thank the Rev A. C. F. Owen for the use of the bells.

DUNSTABLE. BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Robert Harris .. ..Treble	George Newson 5
George Healey 2	Rev. W. W. C. Baker .. 6
Thomas Kendall 3	Alfred King 7
Charles Wing 4	Arthur E. Sharman .. ..Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by ALFRED KING.

Rung in honour of the birth of a granddangbter to the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mrs. Baker, First peal by the treble and 3rd ringers. First peal in the method by the 2nd and tenor ringers.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Charles Hubbard ..Treble	Harry Broughton* 5
Josiah Morris 2	George Cleal 6
Alfred Ballard 3	Ernest Morris 7
Arthur J. Ballard 4	Albert Butterworth* .. ..Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

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

TUNSTALL (Staffs).—On Sunday, January 10th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 1344 changes. J. Johnson, G. A. Smith, J. Darlington, J. Godber, W. R. Washbrook, W. Thompson, A. A. Clay, J. W. Washbrook, jun. (conductor).

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qo. 14 lb.

Fredk. Derbyshire Treble	Arthur Ridyard 5
Joseph Henry Ridyard .. 2	Percy H. Derbyshire .. 6
George Way 3	Joseph Ridyard 7
James Henry Ridyard .. 4	William Granwell Tenor

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

The figures of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 6th, 1902, and is now rung for the first time in Lancashire.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Leslie Willass Treble	E. Maurice Atkins 5
Edgar Vallance 2	John Oldham 6
Frederick Kilborn 3	James Harris 7
William Willson, Jun. .. 4	William Willson Tenor

Composed and Conducted by William Willson.

Mr. F. Kilborn hails from Desborough, Northants, and this was his first attempt for a peal on eight bells. The company beg to thank the Vicar, Rev. F. L. Donaldson, for the use of the bells. It is believed to be the quickest peal of Major rung on them.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bgb, and one of Plain Bob, Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert E. Newick Treble	Hubert J. Blackwell 4
George Durling 2	Isaac Emery 5
Reginald Brough 3	Edwin Barnett, Sen. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

First peal on the bells after being augmented to six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

OSSETT, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

Henry Bretton* Treble	George Bennett* 5
Austin Audsley 2	Fredk. J. Cole* 6
Herbert Rowley 3	John W. Moorhouse 7
Herbert Gee* 4	Joe Bennett* Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and Conducted by J. W. Moorhouse.

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

MITCHAM.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Joseph A. Lambert Treble	Albert Calver 5
James D. Drewett 2	Robert Grimwood 6
Alfred Clayton 3	John Webb 7
Benjamin Morris 4	Frank Holder Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and
Conducted by Frank Holder

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

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Samuel Summerhill .. Treble	Walter Brittan 6
Albert E. Blundell .. 2	Joseph Bates 7
Benjamin Gough 3	George Hughes 8
Christopher Wallater .. 4	William Fisher 9
Alfred Rowley 5	Horace Belcher Tenor

Composed by George Hayward, and
Conducted by George Hughes.

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

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Darley Dale Society.)

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

John Siddall, Jun * .. Treble	James L. Wright 5
William Taylor 2	Edwin Blackwall 6
Henry Gregory 3	John W. Derbyshire* .. 7
Thomas White 4	Alfred C. Wright Tenor

Composed by J. Fleming, and Conducted by Alfred C. Wright.

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

"THOMAS" PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, January 7, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

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

Thomas J. Bratton .. Treble	Thomas Hughes 5
Thomas Miller 2	Thomas Bloore 6
Thomas Russam 3	Thomas H. Reeves 7
Thomas Collinson 4	Thomas Verry Tenor

Conducted by Thomas H. Reeves.

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

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1914, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

William A. Cooke, R.N. Treble	George Gilbert, R.E. .. 5
Fredk. A. Holden, R.M.L.I. 2	Victor Jarrett, R.E. .. 6
Alfred A. Playle†, R.N. 3	Percy Gibbs (King's Own) 7
Fredk. Souter* 4	James Bennett R.M.L.I. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Fredk. A. Holden.

*First peal. †First on eight bells. Rung by all Service men of Navy and Army, and the first of its kind ever attempted. F. Souter belongs to the Essex Regiment.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
 (Dudley and District Guild.)

On Thursday January 8, 1914, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
 At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES ;
 Thurstans' Four-Part.

Albert Little ...	...Treble	Edgar Smith ...	5
Frank Perrens ...	2	Christopher Wallater ...	6
Daniel Jones ...	3	Joseph Pigott ...	7
William Fisher ...	4	James Adams ...	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Pigott.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 9, 1914, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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 Frederick Dench, and
 Conducted by William Watts.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jordan.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10 1914, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

William Peacock ...	...Treble	Edmund J. Hobbs ...	4
Cyril Sinfield ...	2	Henry Fleet ...	5
Rev. Albert Rust ...	3	Horace H. Smith ...	Tenor

Conducted by Edmund J. Hobbs.

First peal ever rung by a Crawley band. First peal by ringers
 of 1 and 2. First peal as conductor.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (The Cheshunt Society),

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.

David Tucker ...	...Treble	Henry G. Rowe ...	5
George Maxim ...	2	Henry Cornwell ...	6
Walter G. Darlington ...	3	Horace Simmous ...	7
Francis Jelf... ..	4	Robert Smith... ..	Tenor

Conducted by Henry Cornwell.

First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on the bells

NEWHEY.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (The Oldham Society.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES ;

In the Kent Variation Tenor 10½ cwt.

Frank Wild ...	...Treble	Harry Hampson ...	5
Joseph Ogden... ..	2	Herbert Barlow ...	6
Samuel Stott ...	3	Luke Hampson ...	7
Samuel M. Butterworth ...	4	Charles H. Marsland ...	Tenor

Composed by William Harrison, and
 Conducted by Samuel Stott.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES :

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Benjamin Gough ...	...Treble	Walter Prestidge ...	5
Thomas Hill ...	2	Charles Tyler... ..	6
Miss Sarah Pigott ...	3	Abraham Greenfield ...	7
Horace Howell ...	4	Alfred Rowley ..	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
 Conducted by Alfred Rowley.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

Thomas Leybourne† ...	Treble	John W. Smith* ...	5
Frederick Laverick ...	2	John G. Hall ...	6
William Letty* ...	3	William T. Holmes ...	7
Alexander Macfarlane ...	4	Thomas Metcalfe ...	Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison, and Conducted by W. T. Holmes.

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the tenor.
 First peal in the method as conductor.

Handbell Peals.

SOUTHFIELDS, LONDON S.W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At 130 Clonmore Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Arthur F. Shepherd ..	1-2	John D. Matthews ..	5-6
William Shepherd ..	3-4	Miss Elsie Matthews ..	7-8

Composed by John R. Pritchard, and Conducted by Wm. Shepherd.
 Witness—Cecil J. Matthews. First peal by Miss Matthews, who
 is only 14 years of age, and she is the youngest lady to ring a peal on
 eight bells.

HAGGERSTON, N.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES ;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett* ..	1-2	Frank I. Hairs* ..	5-6
Arthur F. Shepherd ..	3-4	Frank Bennett* ..	7-8
Alfred W. Grimes ..	9-10		

Composed by H. Reeves, and Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.
 Umpire—Mr. E. E. Grimes. *First peal of Treble Bob Royal in
 hand ; also by the Association.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

On Friday, January 2, 1914, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes

In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Called ten different ways.

Arthur K. Harrison ..	1-2	Joseph T. Dyke ..	3-4
Samuel J. Hector ..	5-6.		

Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

Umpire—John Stafford. Witness—Fred Moore.

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THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

DONATION TO ECKINGTON BELLS.

The January meeting of the above society was held at Eckington, and proved very successful. Upwards of 25 ringers were present from Barlborough, Beighton, Doncaster, Eckington, North Wingfield, Ranmoor; Rotherham, Staveley, and Worksop.

The bells which have just be re-tuned and rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, were kept going with short intervals, the methods rung including College Single Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A business meeting was held in the schools, presided over by the Rector (Rev. W. R. Howson, R.D.).

The Secretary reminded those present that at the request of members at the annual meeting in May, he had issued an appeal for subscriptions towards the cost of the restoration of the Eckington bells. The result was very creditable to those who had subscribed, donations having been received from—Killamarsh, 21s; Bolsover, 13s 6d; Doncaster, 10s; Ranmoor, 10s; Barnsley, 7s. 6d.; Beighton, 7s.; Eckington, 7s.; Staveley, 6s. 6d.; Norton, 6s.; and Worksop, 6. In all it gave him great pleasure to hand over the sum of £4 15s. 6d.

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

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

This was seconded by Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield), and carried with acclamation.

The election of two new members concluded the meeting.

PLYMOUTH RINGERS TAKE A TRIP.

When a party of West Country men set out to enjoy themselves they have a happy knack of succeeding, spite of any drawbacks that may occur. So, when eleven men of Plymouth set out on Boxing Day to pay a round of visits to belfries they went home satisfied with their day's outing. The first halt was at Ashburton, where, with the assistance of the Rev. E. S. Powell a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but a trip brought it to an end after two hours. Berry Pomeroy was next on the programme. The railway service on this branch was, however, suspended, and this had to be abandoned. They then set out to walk to Buckfastleigh (three miles) where there is a ring of six, which were utilised for Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. From Buckfastleigh they took train to Totnes, where tea was the first order. Following this, thanks to Mr. E. Manley, they were enabled to ring Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob on what is considered to be the finest eight in Devon. Nothing was left to do now but the journey home, and this was safely accomplished to the accompaniment of songs and the music of handbells.

Corrected peal published January 3rd, 1914.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY HENRY DAINS.

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PRESENTATION AT HAWKHURST.

GOOD WORK RECOGNISED.

To mark their appreciation of the services rendered to the band by Mr. G. Billenness, the Hawkhurst band, at their annual dinner on New Year's Day, presented him with a brief bag. The presentation was made by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Wallbrand-Evans, who, in doing so, thanked Mr. Billenness for his work, and complimented the band on the progress they had made during the year.

The formal business transacted at the annual meeting, held on the same day, included the election of the Vicar as President, Mr. F. Chapman as Captain, and Mr. T. Ashenden as Secretary. The company also decided to become affiliated to the Kent County Association.

DEATH.

BLACKWALL.—On January 3rd, at Blackwall, Derbyshtre, Robert Meller, third surviving son of J. B. E. Blackwall, aged 31 years. For 15 years a member of the Midland Counties Association of Change-Ringers.

COMMEMORATION DINNER AT BRISTOL.**THE LATE JAMES HINTON.**

The second annual dinner in commemoration of the late James Hinton was held at the Admiral Duncan Hotel, Bristol. A large number of ringers from various towers in Bristol, with visitors from other parts, sat down to a sumptuous repast, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. E. P. O'Meara, of the College Youths, London, who was on a visit to Bristol, was voted to the chair, his presence among his early ringing friends being most welcome.

After dinner the chairman spoke of his early days in Bristol with the late James Hinton, and also of the latter's many good qualities as a ringer and a man.

Mr. G. Staddon, the father of the Bristol ringers, said he was pleased to see his old friend, Mr. O'Meara, in the chair, and expressed the hope that it would not be the last time he would occupy the same position.

Mr. W. A. Cave welcomed the visitors, and spoke a few well chosen words to the memory of the late James Hinton.

Mr. W. Knight gave a brief account of the opening of the memorial early in the year, and he hoped the company

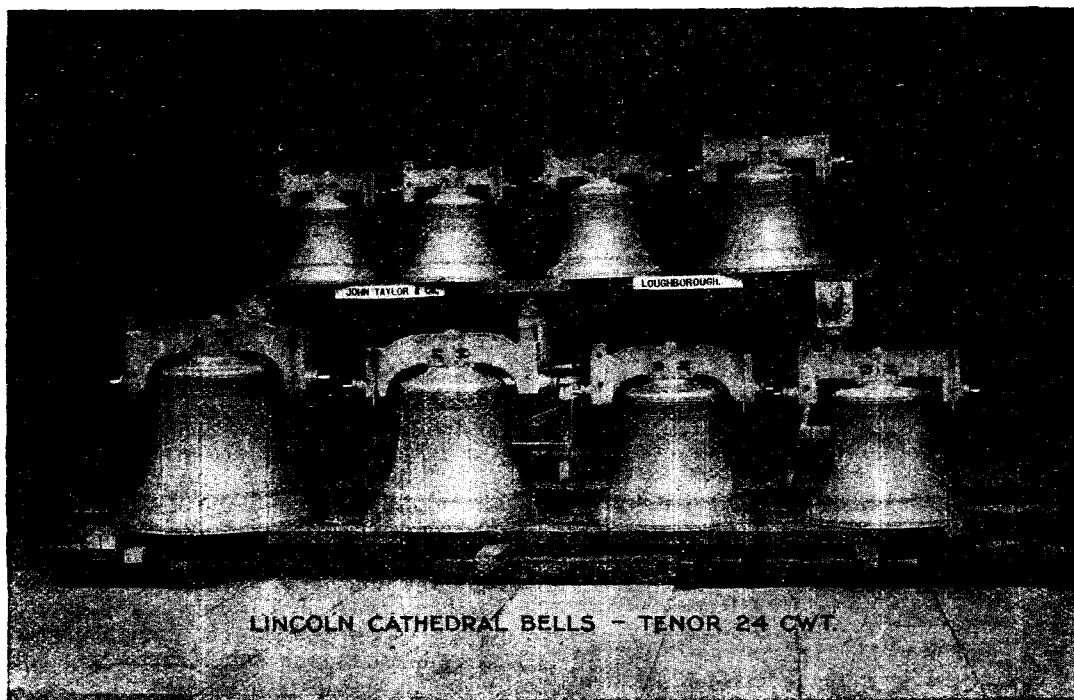
would all be spared to meet again for many years to come, and by that means hand down to posterity the good work of their departed friend.

At intervals during the evening Grandsire, Stedman Caters and tunes were rung on the handbells by the St. Stephen's ringers. Recitations in the broad Somerset dialect were given by Mr. G. Stowell and Mr. A. Stowell, and many good songs were sung. The evening proved a pleasant and happy reunion of ringers and friends of the late Mr. Hinton.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, January 7th, in honour of the new Bishop-Sufragan of Buckingham, 1306 Stedman Cinques. F. Hayes (conductor), R. Coles, F. Boreham, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, A. F. Ashman, S. T. Goodchild, E. Markham, J. Evans, J. Gransbury, J. J. Pratt, J. C. Truss, B. Page. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. Through the efforts of the new Bishop, when Vicar of High Wycombe, the fine ring of twelve was placed in the tower of the parish church.

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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 29th; St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—A board recording the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cioques rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 22nd, 1913, will be unveiled by the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A.M.V.O., on Saturday, January 24th, at 4.30 p.m.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Jan. 17th. Tower open at 3.0 p.m. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.0 p.m., to those who inform me by the 15th.

3, Hart's Lane,
New Cross, S.E.

F. Bennett, Sec.

London County Association (late St. James's Society).—Northern District.—The Annual General Meeting of this District will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, will be available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and at St. Sepulchre's from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.

7D Morgan Mansions,
Holloway Road, N.

J. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

London County Association (late The St. James's Society) Established 1824.—Southern District.—The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th (1914), at All Saints, Fnlbam. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45; business meeting at 8 o'clock.

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

F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec.

The London County Association (late St. James's Society).—The quarterly meeting of the Society will be held on Monday, Jan. 19th, 1914, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton Road. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

54 Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting 6.30. Subscriptions for this year are now due.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Midland Counties Association.—The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock; service in church at 3; committee meeting at 3.30; tea (1s. each) at 4.15, in the Co-operative Cafe.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1914. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Canon. Hough at 4.30 p.m., tea in the Parish Hall 5.15 p.m., 6d. per head. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.

T. Groombridge,

34 Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

Hon. Dist. Sec.

Worcestershire and District Association.—Northern Branch.—

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church on Saturday, January 17th. Service in the Church at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Vicar at 5.30. Business meeting after.

E. J. Dowler, Hon. Branch Sec.

9 Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at four.

Walter Hughes.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

The Warwickshire Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m.

Shotton.

Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association.—South Western Division.—A Bye Meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914, bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the "Cross Keys" at 5.30 at 6d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st. Hornchurch bells available after tea. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due.

32 Verulam Avenue,
Walthamstow, N.E.

H. Rumens,
Hon. District Secretary.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—Hunts. District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, January 24th. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at the Old Schools. Bells—Hemingford Grey (5), and Abbots (6).

Rev. H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec.

Long Stanton, Cambs.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.

A. King, Hon. Sec.

6 Tavislock Crescent, Luton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on January 24th, at Hertford, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All Saints (10), St. Andrew's (8), and Bengoe (6). All members and friends will be made welcome.

W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's Redbill (8 bells), open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Reigate Parish Church (10), open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15, taken by the Rector. Tea at 6 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.

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The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st. Further particulars will be announced next week.

W. Latter, Hon. D.S. Sec.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea 9d. at the Coffee Tavern, opposite the Church, at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27, b. 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

H. Knight, Hon. 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.

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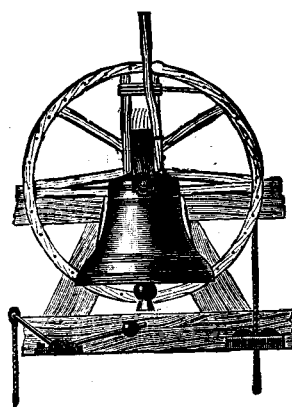
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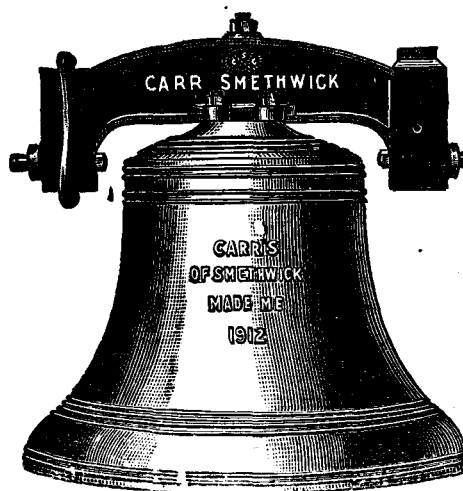
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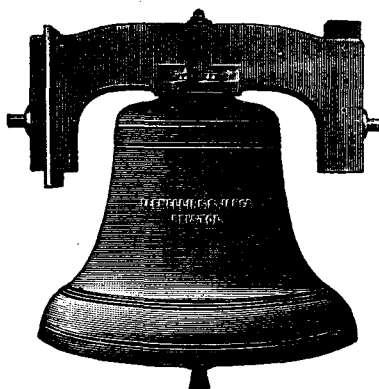
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

What proved to be one of the most successful meetings since the formation into branches was held at Smethwick on Saturday last. It is the first time the above Association has had a meeting there, and the wish was expressed that it would not be the last. It was very noticeable how many young members had a turn at a method of which they only had a faint idea, and there is no doubt that it is to such meetings as these that change-ringing benefits greatly. Upwards of fifty attended the service which was held in the old Church, where a splendid address was given by the Vicar, Rev. G. Astbury. In the course of his address he impressed upon his hearers the necessity of being Churchmen first and ringers afterwards, and he trusted they rang for the good of the Church as well as themselves.

After the service, on the kind invitation of the Vicar, the members partook of tea. After tea, on being asked to preside at the business meeting, the Vicar said how pleased he was to have the Worcestershire Association there for its quarterly meeting, and as it was the first one held this year he heartily wished them a very happy and prosperous one. In passing, he said he was pleased to see so many young members amongst them. It was a healthy sign for the Association. It showed that the ringers were going ahead, which was very necessary for the well being of any Society. He supposed that women's rights asserted themselves even in bell ringing, but he was proud of the fact that he numbered two lady ringers in his band. He thought that perhaps some Vicars might object to having lady ringers, but if they were in doubt about it he would be pleased if they would refer to him for his experience.

Clent was selected for the next quarterly meeting in June. The Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members, also thirteen performing and one life member, including the Feckenham company. On a vote of thanks being proposed by the Master (Mr. A. E. Parsons) seconded by Mr. W. Painter, to the Vicar, it was carried unanimously.

The Vicar, in reply, said that the thanks for arranging the tea were due to his daughter and his servants, who gladly undertook the extra work, and the thanks of the meeting was due to them.

Members had the opportunity of having practice on the handbells in the Parish Room, while in the tower touches in the standard methods were attempted by the younger members, and later on more advanced members were successful in ringing Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major, which brought a very successful meeting to a close. The following towers were represented: Tipton, Halesowen, Oldswinford, Old Hill, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Bellbroughton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Clent, Birmingham, Edgbaston, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Redditch, Feckenham, Selly Oak, Erdington, and the local company.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District on Saturday, January 17th, was fairly well attended, ringers being present from Brigg, Haxey, Kirton-Lindsey, Misterton, Grimsby and Lea, in addition to the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30, the form of office in the annual report being used, and it was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Letts, who gave a very instructive and useful address to those present. Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. (Oxon.), very ably presided at the organ, and the singing was led by junior members of the choir. Tea was provided at the King's Arms Coffee Tavern, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker (Ringing Master), presided. The whole of the District Officers were re-elected, and the following places selected for meetings during 1914 and 1915: March 21st, Haxey; May 16th, Lea; July 11th, Brigg; September 19th, Kirton-Lindsey; November 21st, Corringham; January (date to be fixed later), Gainsborough.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Rev. E. S. Letts for conducting the service; Mr. A. Stephenson and the choir-boys for their assistance; the District Master and Secretary for their services; and the chairman were unanimously passed.

The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches brought round in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Sawston on Saturday, January 10th. There was only a small attendance, owing to the bad weather. A short service was held at 5 o'clock, at which the Vicar, the Rev. L. Smith, gave a very encouraging address. A meat tea was provided at the "White Lion," the business meeting following, the Vicar presiding. Several new members were elected, the Vicar as an hon. member. It was decided to hold the Summer meeting at Cottenham. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman for presiding and for the use of the bells.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Sawston. He was not a ringer himself, but he knew when they were ringing a method. It was much better than set changes. He hoped his ringers would all learn to ring by method. He would give them all the support he could.

The following places were represented: Cambridge, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Shelford, Hinxton and the local men. Various touches were rung on the tower bells, including Bob Minor, Bob Major and Treble Bob. Touches were also rung on the handbells.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, January 17th, this Society held its annual meeting at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in accordance with the usual notice in this journal, when permission to ring at St. Martin's, and hold the business meeting at the Vestry Hall, was courteously given by the Rector, the Rev. Prebendary L. Shelford, M.A., and the churchwardens.

Steeplekeeper Mr. G. Walters was promptly in attendance, but the bells were not set going till nearly 4 o'clock, although notified for 3 p.m., one or two groups of old chums having much to discuss before going up to take a rope together.

The Vestry Hall was found crowded at 5 o'clock; the historical panelling dark with age throwing out in high relief, the faces of old and new members alike. The tables were nicely set out by several lady church-workers, who ably satisfied the eager appetites, and "high tea" concluded with grace by the Master, Mr. James Parker, who was looking well in red sash and pendant medallion, always worn on special occasions.

Supporting the Master were Mr. H. Dains, Mr. F. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), Mr. B. Foskett, Mr. J. D. Matthews, Mr. E. F. Cole, Mr. F. Hairs (Steward), Mr. H. J. Bradley, Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. W. H. Doran, Mr. D. Christy, Mr. R. Warner, Mr. W. H. Fussell, Messrs. W. Hazell, Brightman, Burton, Ruff, Smith, Franks, Miller, and others, totalling up 32, exclusive of the following ladies: Mrs. and Miss Matthews, Mrs. and Miss Bennett, Miss Parker, Miss Johnson, Miss Bradley and friends.

Business immediately followed knife and fork work, and that was also quickly despatched, the Secretary reporting a good balance in hand, compared with past failings, and though small for such an important Society, gratifying to the Trustees, since all peals were booked up to the current year, all accounts paid, together with insurance of property and rent of new quarters for the year, and accounts duly audited by Messrs. Stone and Keith Hart, and which speak most highly of the Secretary's seven years of office.

A list of subscribers—members and friends—towards the Shoreditch Bells Restoration Fund was read, and a total of £20 paid into the same by this Society.

The Master reported 27 performances during 1913, and the election of 21 new members, several of whom belong to prominent ringing centres. An interesting letter from the Rector was read, regretting inability to attend, and a postcard from Mr. A. Hardy now on his way to Buenos Ayres. A letter from Mr. O'Meara was discussed in reference to an old tablet in St. Michael's tower, Cornhill, almost undiscernable. A vote of a half-guinea was approved with regret the Society could not undertake the whole of the cost of renovation, and approving Canon Ellison's thoughtful efforts to put his belfry in good order.

It was decreed to send a letter of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Martin's for having so handsomely renovated an old peal-tablet belonging to the Society, and re-erected it in one of the main entrances to the church. Still another peal-tablet was discovered, this time in regard to the three peals rung at Shoreditch since the bells were restored by Warner and Sons, and which it is proposed to perpetuate in a panel with particulars of the bells.

The Master fittingly referred to the honour conferred on the Society by being permitted to resume their old position at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and in the invitation

to ring the first peal on the bells in the steeple at Slough. He paid a brief tribute to the achievements of the lady members upon tower and handbells, and approved the election of six more members.

Next followed the election of officers, and a sort of London Surprise arose when it became known that the "heads" were not, owing to business reasons, able to accept office again, although pressed to do so. The Master's place was filled by ex-Master J. D. Matthews, and that of the Hon. Secretary by Mr. H. J. Bradley, with a promise to do his best, the two Stewards being re-elected unanimously. A quarterly meeting at Southgate in April was decided upon, and failing that Edmonton, the business concluding with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

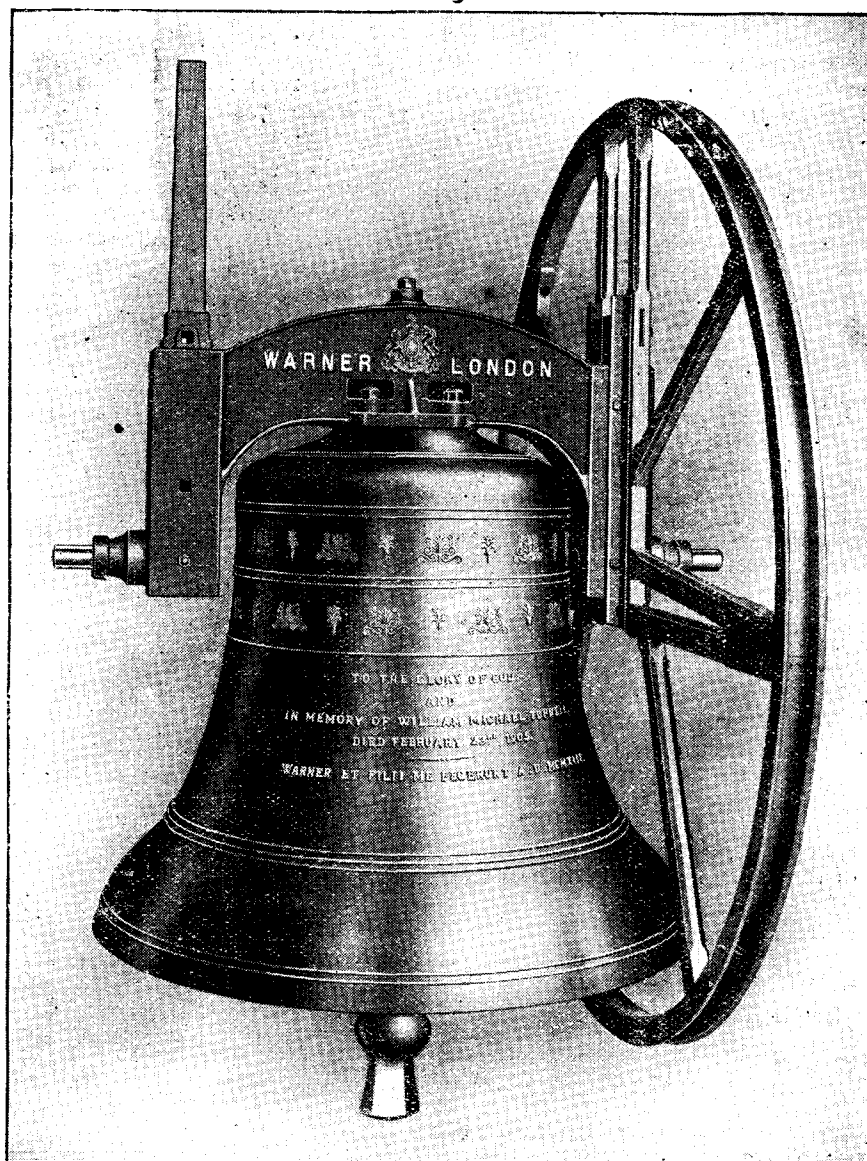
During the packing of effects and handing over keys, etc., some of the younger members again climbed the stairs, and St. Martin's were rolling Stedman sixes till 8 p.m., touches being conducted by both Masters and Miss Masterpiece. Only a few years back such a gathering would have at once dispersed through want of unanimity and quiet quarters. This, however, was no longer the case, and instead of one or two clinking glasses in some secluded far corner, everybody made for the "King of Denmark," whereat this Society now holds forth royally and loyally. For many years a suitable meeting house has been needed, where handbells and the ringers' chorus can be enjoyed without let or hindrance, and in this case, where the room is entered by a private way, is an additional advantage, besides being centrally situated for both East and West towers. The programme of the social evening that followed till 11 p.m. included a course each of Stedman Cinques, Bob and Treble Bob Royal, on handbells. Several interesting songs were given by Miss Parker, Miss Johnson, Messrs. Franks, W. Hazell, Brough, and Barker. The company were also reinforced in the midst of their harmony by friends and visitors from Cornhill, Messrs. Grimes, Nudds, Shimmans, Austin, Ruff, Hunt and Dan, the bonnie steeplekeeper of the neighbouring church of St. Sepulchre.

WALTHAMSTOW (ST. MARY'S) SOCIETY.

ANNUAL DINNER.

On Friday, January 16th, the members of the above Society held their 39th annual dinner at the "Nag's Head," Orford Road, Walthamstow. The company, numbering 25, were well catered for by the Hostess, Mrs. Sheepwash, who provided a very excellent dinner, to which due justice was done. Mr. J. C. Smith, son of one of the members, with some friends, enlivened the proceedings during dinner, and afterwards with selections of instrumental music. After the usual loyal toasts some capital songs were rendered by Messrs. A. Chapman, W. Cookham, A. A. Hughes, T. Watson, F. Rumens, W. D. Smith, and others, also tunes and change-ringing on the handbells, a very enjoyable evening coming to a close all too soon. Mr. J. W. Wilkins, the genial Hon. Secretary, occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. Dunn, W. and E. Pledger, R. J. Maynard and others.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held on Saturday last at the church of All Saints, Fulham, about 40 being present, and touches in the various methods were rung on the fine ring of ten. The business meeting was held in the tower at 8 p.m. All the officers were unanimously re-elected as follows: Mr. H. S. Ellis (Master); Mr. H. Mance (Treasurer); Mr. F. A. Smith (Secretary); and Mr. C. H. Hughes (Steward).

It was proposed that the next meeting should be held the third Saturday in March, and with short touches on tower and handbells concluded the evening.

THE BATTLE SOCIETY.

The combined practice which was arranged to take place in December, was carried out at Battle on Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., when the Salehurst men turned up in strong force, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Perry, of Alton, Hants. An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. I. Livermore, of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings. It was hoped that other bands would have been represented, but probably the weather had something to do with this. The bells were set going at 7.45, and several touches of Stedman and Grandsire methods were brought round. The members taking part were Messrs. T. Booth, H. Edwards, J. Goodsell, W. Robinson, W. H. Perry, A. H. Hood, and W. Creasey (Salehurst); and W. Franks, W. Thomas, C. Dennis, P. Carter, J. Sinden, and W. Beney (Battle). It was decided to continue these combined practices, and Brightling was fixed as the next venue. No doubt a good deal of good can be got out of these meetings. It enables bands who are short of members for any particular method getting a good practice, and it is hoped that members of other bands will avail themselves of the opportunities afforded by these gatherings.

PRINCIPLE OR METHOD?

To the Editor.

SIR,—The following sets of figures should in my opinion go a long way towards settling the vexed question, "What is a Principle?"

No. 1 System according to an arbitrary definition, is a LEGITIMATE PRINCIPLE; No. 2 System is the reverse of No. 1.

No. 3 System and its reverse, No. 4, according to later dictums, are neither Principles nor Methods, but something more intricate than either.

It will perhaps interest your readers and the Legitimate Methods Committee to learn that ALL FOUR SYSTEMS ARE ONE AND THE SAME; this is easily proved by drawing a diagram of a plain course of each, and comparing, when it will be found that ONE DIAGRAM FITS ALL FOUR SYSTEMS.

In August last year, in your columns, in an article on "Leek Major," I demonstrated the fact that "Leek Major" and "Original Major"—the primary Principle—were closely allied.

The relationship between "Original Major" and the following Systems is also identical, and is definitely proved by the fact that the opposite pairs of bells, *i.e.* 1-8: 2-7; 3-6; and 4-5 have reciprocal relationships throughout the plain course.

This reciprocal relationship can only be retained when ALL THE BELLS ARE WORKING BELLS: as soon as the treble or another bell is fixed with a path different to the working bells, the reciprocal relationship found in "Original Major," "Leek Major," and the Systems given below, is destroyed.

Here it will be well to mention that these Systems are based on FOUR-BELL Principles with superimposed dodging in 1-2 and 7-8. Each division consists of 22 changes, producing a plain course of 176 changes—this being only 16 changes short of the extent on the plan.

There are no adjoining places—reciprocal relationship will not permit of these—and the extent of the Systems, tenors together, is 31,680 changes; with the 6th a fixed bell, 21,120. If bobs only are used there is but one false course-end, tenors together, *i.e.*, 126543. If singles are made use of there are two extra false course-ends: 124635 and 125364.

With the 6th a fixed bell the Systems have clean proof scales, even if singles are used.

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32418576	31245786	21563487	12463578
23481567	32154876	25136847	21645387
24318657	23518467	52163874	12654378
42381675	32581476	51236784	16245738
43218765	35218746	15263748	61254783
34281756	53281764	51627384	62145873
43827165	52318674	56172834	26154837
34872156	25381647	65127843	62518473
43781265	52836174	61572483	65281743
34718256	25863147	16527438	56218734
43172865	52681374	15672348	52681374
34127856	25618347	51763284	25618347
31472586	52163874	15736248	26581437
13427568	25136847	17563428	62854173
14372658	21563487	71536482	26845137
41327685	12536478	75163842	28654317
14236758	15263748	57136824	82645371
12463578	51236784	75318642	86254731
21436587	15327648	57381624	68245713
	13572468		86427531
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of the above for the election of officers, etc., was held in St. Andrew's belfry, Derby, on Monday, January 12th. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the following officers were elected to act for the year 1914: Chairman, Mr. W. Wallace; Committee, Mr. C. Draper, and Mr. E. Clarke: Local Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby.

The Chairman, in his remarks, said he wished to make a suggestion that an attempt be made to arrange a social evening amongst the ringers of the town, as it was desirable that they should see more of each other. He thought a good programme could be arranged both with music and handbells. After a discussion on the matter it was ultimately left to the Committee to form a scheme. This terminated a most successful meeting.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

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413652 S - -

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213546 S

314526 -

412536 -

Repeat these fourteen courses, calling first course S5, 6, 19, produces:—

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216354 S -

614352 -

514263 - - -

513462 - -

315264 - -

314562 - -

312465 - -

213564 - -

214365 - -

Round at 2, 13s, 15s, in the least number of calls. This peal (in tittums throughout) has the 6th twenty-four courses home, with 6th extent in 5ths on this plan, and the working of 6th in full natural courses. * First course produced with calls at 1, s6, 7, 19:

LUTON (Beds).—On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, 1386 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. B. Wilson, G. Newson, T. Kendall, H. J. Burgess, W. Payne, C. Wing, A. King (conductor), J. Rookwood. Arranged for Mr. H. J. Burgess, of Toronto, Canada, who was on a visit to Luton. The touch contains the twelve 7-4s, 4-6s and 6-7s.

MELBOURN (Cambs).—On January 19th, 720 Woodbine, in 26 mins. H. G. Wilkerson, W. L. Darlow, A. Gilbert, R. Wilkerson, S. E. Roberts, R. G. King (conductor). Tenor 15 cwt. First 720 Woodbine on the bells.

COGGESHALL.—On January 19th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 672 London Surprise Major. P. Langston, W. Sadler, A. Shufflebotham, F. Claydon, W. Keeble, E. Newman, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. On handbells, a course of Treble Ten. W. Howell, 1; F. Claydon, 2; W. Keeble, 3-4; D. Elliott, 5-6; A. Shufflebotham, 7-8; E. W. Beckwith, 9-10.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

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The letter from Mr. O'Meara, in another part of this issue, deals with a matter which, as he says, is of vital importance at the present moment—the question of having work done on bells passed by a ringer engineer before acceptance by the authorities. If the cases he mentions are at all common there is very urgent need of incumbents and committees having restorations in hand consulting some capable judge as to their efficiency, since a ring of bells, once they are placed in a tower, are meant to remain there for many years, at any rate, and to please those who listen to them when rung, as well as those who ring them.

The men capable of advising on the work to be done, and its efficiency when finished are to be found, and there is a list of them at this office, from which names have been supplied upon request.

The band at Silverdale, Staffs, are to be congratulated on their progress. Some six years ago the bells were hung, and a band of cross ringers was formed. This band has since been broken up, and a new band formed with four of the old band as a nucleus. These started change-ringing some four or five months ago, and on Dec. 27th rang their first peal, 5040 Grandsire Triples.

Anent the note in a recent number, it is interesting to learn that a "Thomas" peal was rung at the Church of St. Thomas, Brentwood, Essex, on St. Thomas' Day (Dec. 21st), 1901, conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. The composition was Thomas Thurstan's Four-part peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. E. J. Dowler, the Hon. Sec. of the Northern Branch, Worcestershire and Districts Association, has removed from 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, to No. 11 in the same road.

The two trebles given by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Norton, to complete the octave at St. Margaret's, Ditchling, Sussex, are to be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 1st, by the Bishop of Chichester. The service is at 3 o'clock.

The Metropolis.**LONDON.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,**At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse Treble	Edwin F. Pike 5
Robert W. Green 2	J. Armiger Trollope 6
Alfred W. Grimes 3	Frank I. Hairs 7
Ernest E. Grimes 4	James E. Davis Tenor

Composed by Fredk. A. Holden; and Conducted by James E. Davis.

LONDON.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Thursday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,**At Christ Church, Blackfriars,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANGES:**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

Thomas King Treble	Ernest E. Grimes 5
William Hewitt 2	Maurice F. F. Hibbert 6
Arthur H. Palmer 3	John H. R. Hesse 7
Richard N. Runham 4	Alfred W. Grimes Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd. This peal was arranged for A. H. Palmer, who hails from Boston.

LONDON, E.C.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,**At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5019 CHANGES.**

Tenor 41 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade Treble	Fredk. Pitstow 7
George R. Pye 2	Maurice F. R. Hibbert* 8
Bertram Prewett 5	Harry Flanders 9
Charles T. Coles 4	John H. B. Hesse 10
Reuben Sanders 5	Alfred W. Grimes 11
William J. Nudds 6	William Pye Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by George R. Pye.

*First peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.**THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.***On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Mary Abbots,***A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.**

Tenor 32 cwt.

Walter G. Matthews .. Treble	Albert V. Selby 6
James R. Mackman 2	William A. Garrard 7
Clarence H. Dobbie 3	Cornelius Charge 8
Henry G. Mills 4	William E. Garrard 9
Ernest G. Stibbans 5	Fredk. J. Redknapp Tenor

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and Conducted by Wm. E. Garrard.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESHUNT (Herts).—On Sunday, January 18th. for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Darlington. G. Andrews, H. Cornwell, G. Maxim, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor), C. Dilley, H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Tuesday, January 20th, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, G. Radley, H. Simmons, H. G. Rowe (conductor), C. Dilley. Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells. G. Radley belongs to Broxbourne; the rest to the local band.

The Provinces.**WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.****THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tuesday, January 6, 1914, in Three Hours Seven and a half Minutes,**At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 28 cwt.

Robert Fisher, sen. .. Treble	Samuel Hall 6
Robert Fisher, jun. 2	John Barker 7
John E. Gummerson 3	J. Hilt 7
Alexander Shaw 4	Henry Meadow Tenor
Jonathan F. Hall 5	William Major Tenor

Conducted by R. Fisher, sen.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. H. Roberts, one of the ringers to Miss M. Harrison.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours,**At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5400 CHANGES:**

Being forty-five 6-scores, with nine different callings, five times repeated in rotation. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

James Morley Treble	Albert E. Ansonbe 4
Luke Verrall 2	Albert E. Edwards 5
Wm. H. Banks 3	Harry Funnell Tenor

Conducted by Albert Edwards.

This peal was rang on the occasion and in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. H. Cox (one of the local ringers) to Miss A. M. Barrow, the peal being started as the happy pair were leaving the church.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,**At the Church of St. Leonard,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt.

John Overton Treble	Bertram Head 5
Walter Hayward* 2	Wilfred Overton 6
George Case 3	Horace W. Overton 7
John Elcock 4	Ernest Foxall Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Overton.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The treble and tenor of the above peal have just been rung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, both bells giving every satisfaction throughout the peal.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,**At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

John Corrigan Treble	Jonathan Preston* 6
James Jones 2	George Garrison 7
William J. Meers 3	William G. Ellis 8
George F. Swann 4	William Davies† 9
Morris J. Morris 5	Charles Allen* Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by George F. Swann.

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

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples. G. Alder, W. A. Garraway, W. Henley, G. Martin (conductor), J. Blackmore, J. J. Parker, J. Eldridge, E. Carter. Rung on the occasion of the Rev. T. B. Carter having been appointed that day to the living of Burnham

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 11, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

William J. Carter Treble	Victor R. Williams 5
Fredk. Oakhill 2	James Parker 6
Francis J. Lewis 3	John J. Jeffries 7
George Capewell 4	Charles Mustoe Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. Lewis.

*First peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

A Variation of B. Annable's. Tenor 8 cwt, 3 lb. in A.

Charles Chnrch Treble	George Bennett 5
Rev. William C. Pearson 2	George Fleming 6
George Pryke 3	Albert Fleming 7
Frederick Shipp 4	George Farnish Tenor

Conducted by George Fleming.

*First peal of Major.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lb. in E flat.

Arthur Edwards Treble	William J. Nevard 5
Robert H. Hayward 2	Wilby Hazell 6
Rev. William C. Pearson 3	James Motts 7
George Dent 4	Henry F. Cooper Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung upon the bells, and in the town of Colchester.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE,

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.)

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Oxford Variation.

Samuel Wood Treble	Thomas Jakeman 5
Chas. Bower 2	Harry Chapman 6
Jonathan Broadbent 3	Joseph Ridyard 7
Benjamin Gill 4	Samuel Booth Tenor

Composed by Daniel Woods, and Conducted by Samuel Wood,

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, January 16, 1914, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Sykes Treble	Thomas Hamlin 5
Benjamin Thorpe 2	Alban Slatter 6
William Stedman 3	William Kahro 7
Charles H. Perry 4	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by B. Thorpe.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Bovington, W. Henley, J. J. Parker, A. Bateman, W. Bateman, J. Elderfield, G. Basden (conductor), W. Clarke.

HOLBEACH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

Arthur E. Campling* .. Treble	William Richardson 5
Fredk. W. Bennett† 2	George Ladd 6
John B. Hallifax† 3	R. Hugh Richardson† .. 7
Arthur J. Farr 4	Rupert Richardson Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin, and
 Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Bob Major. This is the first peal on the bells.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES:

In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Edward Caunce Treble	George R. Newton 5
Thomas Jennion 2	John Allen 6
George Woodhall 3	William Davies 7
Henry Fyles 4	John Turner Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by George R. Newton.

This peal, which has the 2nd never in 5-6 at a course-end, is the longest length in the method by the band, and on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The Darley Dale Society.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

John Siddall, jun. .. Treble	William Taylor 5
Thomas White 2	Edwin Blackwall 6
Henry Gregory 3	John W. Derbyshire 7
James L. Wright 4	Alfred C. Wright Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
 Conducted by Alfred C. Wright.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

B. Annable's Bob Major Composition.

Stephen J. Perkins .. Treble	Fredk. Butchers 5
Jim Beach 2	Edwin Lambert 6
George Faller 3	Albert Relfe 7
Andrew Marshall 4	Fredk. J. Lambert Tenor

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band; also for the Kent Association. Messrs. Lambert, Beach, and Butchers are from Horsmonden; Fuller, Marshall, and Relfe from Lamburst; Perkins belongs to the local band.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14 cwt.

David Anscombe .. Treble	Arthur C. Otway 5
William Cook 2	Ernest Holloway 6
William H. Corbett 3	Arthur Dean 7
George Cook 4	Richard Kendall Tenor

Conducted by William H. Corbett,

Mr. E. Holloway was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

KINGS NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ernest Stone* Treble	Rev. C. Carew Cox 5
Rev. E. V. Cox 2	Adolphus Roberts.. .. 6
E. Harry Stoneley* 3	Arthur Chambers 7
Morris J. Morris 4	James E. Groves Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

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

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Oxford Treble Bob.

Harry Wright* Treble	William A. Arnott 4
Arthur Webber† 2	Denison C. Hayward 5
George Orford.... .. 3	William Lee... .. Tenor

Conducted by George Orford.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Robert Christian.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Rev. Wm. C. Pearson .. Treble	Charles A. Catchpole 5
Edward Evans 2	Charles J. Sedgley 6
Daniel Prentice 3	James Motts 7
William Motts 4	Charles A. Ward.. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Motts.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles A. Ward, who attained his majority on the 13th inst.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

Herbert L. Harlow .. Treble	Miss Evelyn Steel 4
Miss Dorothy Steel* 2	Horace Smith.. .. 5
John W. Barker 3	Harry Tysoe.. .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Barker.

*First peal of Minor (seven methods) inside.

BURNHAM, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 22½ cwt.

James Coram* Treble	Fredk. Iley 5
Alfred Routley 2	Walter Worgan 6
Alexander Evans.. .. 3	Gabriel Chamberlain 7
George H. Fruen* 4	Edward Reed† Tenor

Conducted by G. Chamberlain.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band, and at the first attempt. First peal of Stedman as conductor, and first attempt. The ringer of the treble is nearly 67 years of age, and only took up Stedman a short time ago.

BEDWORTH WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 1.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Oswald J. Hunt .. Treble	William H. Brunsdon.. .. 5
Harry Argyle 2	Thomas W. Chapman 6
Walter Horton* 3	William T. Cox 7
William D. Smith 4	Douglas H. Argyle Tenor

Conducted by William H. Brunsdon.

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

BENGEO, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Keat Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Arthur Phillips .. Treble	Albert Carter.. .. 4
William H. Lawrence .. 2	Henry Wallace 5
Ernest A. Overall 3	Barnard Patmore.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnard Patmore.

HOO, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, two of Kent and one of Oxford Treble Bob.

Ricks Paine .. Treble	Frederick M. Mitchell.. .. 4
Frederick Hayes 2	William J. Walker 5
John Burles 3	William Haigh Tenor

Conducted by William Haigh.

First peal on record on the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

George Alder .. Treble	George H. Gutteridge 5
Richard Buckland 2	George Martin 6
William A. Garraway* .. 3	William Henley 7
Joseph J. Parker.. .. 4	James Blackmore.. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. Martin.

*First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. T. B. Carter as Vicar of the parish.

MIDDLETON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch).

On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

John Hollows .. Treble	James Arrowsmith, jun.* .. 5
William Berry 2	Tom A. Ogden 6
Thomas Oldham 3	James Arrowsmith, sen. .. 7
Thomas K. Driver 4	Tom Wellens Tenor

Composed by W. Shipway, and Conducted by William Berry.

*First peal in any method; also at the first attempt.

EAST MOLESEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, January 14th, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Brown, F. Smith, H. G. Naish, J. Howes, W. Halls, J. Baldwin, J. Sparrow, H. Waters. Conducted by J. Baldwin. Rung on the evening of the supper of the Molesey and Thames Ditton ringers.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

William T. Pates Treble	Rev. H. A. Cockey 5
George H. Phillott 2	Rev. C. D. P. Davies 6
Albert W. Humphries 3	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn 7
Rev. G. F. Coleridge 4	Walter Farley Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Cyril Jenkyn.

First peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Mr. J. Taylor was present during the peal. It is a very musical ring, and the go is splendid. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells; also Mr. Tucker for his kind hospitality after the peal.

Handbell Peals.

HAGGERSTON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1914, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett ... 1-2	George R. Pye ... 7-8
Ernest Pye ... 3-4	James Hunt ... 9-10
William Pye ... 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes ... 11-12

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpires—M. F. R. Hibbert, and J. Barry. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Residence of S. H. Symonds, 5, Church Street,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob, each called differently.

William R. J. Poulson 1-2	Arthur Symonds ... 3-4
Stedman H. Symonds ... 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

First peal in three methods by all on handbells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 43, Heath Road.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Challis F. Winney ... 1-2	Hubert Eden ... 7-8
Henry Hodgetts ... 3-4	George N. Price ... 9-10
William Hodgetts ... 5-6	Fredk. W. Brinklow 11-12

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and

Conducted by George N. Price.

Umpires—Thomas L. Simmons, and Willie Roughton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Thursday, January 15th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. D. Phillips, G. Jaye, A. Chaplin, W. Billenness, J. Dale, A. Pye, W. Watson (conductor), C. Barlow. First quarter-peal by ringer of treble. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. Robert Nodes Barber and Miss Charis Margaret Dale, daughter of the Vicar, earlier in the day at the above church.

OBITUARY.

ROBER SIZER LADIN.

We regret to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Gainsborough on Monday, January 19th, at the age of 49 years. He was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and of the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild, and up to the time of his last illness, about eighteen months ago, was a very enthusiastic ringer. Although he failed to grasp the intricacies of change-ringing, as a tenor ringer, for covering, he was thoroughly master of his work, and could always be depended on for good striking. He had rung the Gainsborough tenor to three peals of Grandsire Triples, and only those who have rung with him know the keen pride and interest which he always took in his duty as a ringer.

Deceased was a native of Epworth, and the funeral took place there on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening, as a token of respect, the bells of All Saints, Gainsborough, were rung half muffled, by F. S. W. Butler, C. H. Baker, P. Ballance, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, W. Dickenson, H. Torr and W. Ayre.

MR. EDWIN GALLIMORE.

Mr. Edwin Gallimore, a veteran Lichfield ringer, passed away on January 3rd, after a painful illness, cancer in the throat being the immediate cause of death. The deceased was 74 years of age in July last, and had been a ringer at the Cathedral for 55 years, during 35 of which he was captain and tower-keeper. He rung the tenor for a number of years, but was equally at home at the heavy or light end, and had rung about 12 peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, taking his place in any position, on treble, tenor, or working bell. The deceased was interred at St. Michael's churchyard on Tuesday, January 6th, being carried to his last resting-place by six of his old comrades—Messrs. J. Key, F. Sedgwick, C. Barrett, F. J. Cope, A. Bowler, and O. Sawyer. The bells of the city churches were rung muffled on Sunday and Monday evenings, and half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral were rung after the interment. Floral tributes were sent by ringers and other friends.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

WROXETER (Salop).—On January 4th, 720 Grandeire Minor. J. Gurney, W. Passmore, W. Ashton, J. Young, A. Fullick, C. R. Lilley (conductor). First 720 on the bells. And several 120s of Grandsire Doubles, in which Messrs. Wood, Davis, and Williams took part.

SHREWSBURY.—On January 4th, at St. Mary's church, 252 Stedman Triples with 9-10 covering. A. Teckoe, W. Taylor, W. Brooks, J. Tudor, E. Jones, C. R. Lilley (conductor), A. Fullick, E. Hanslope, jun., J. Wynn, H. Edwards.

CONDOVER.—On December 31st, 210 Grandsire Triples. R. Gallie, C. R. Lilley (conductor), J. Gurney, W. Passmore, A. Fullick, J. Young, R. B. Wood, H. Davis. Also 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Gurney, W. Ashton, C. R. Lilley (conductor), W. Passmore, A. Fullick, H. Davis, R. B. Wood, R. Gallie. On January 4th, a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Gurney, W. Passmore, W. Ashton, J. Young, C. R. Lilley (conductor), A. Fullick, R. B. Wood, H. Davis.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

BELL RESTORATION AND EFFICIENCY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The present wave of bell restoration throughout the country suggests to me something that might be worked into tangible form. At present incumbents are augmenting and restoring their rings of bells with, in many cases, only a committee of Church officials who, not knowing anything of the ringers', or practical side of the question, often err through want of proper advice. I have had the pleasure of being at several reopenings lately, and I have been struck, upon more than one occasion, with the haphazard way in which the whole affair has been carried out. No competent ringer engineer has been asked to assist with his advice, no architect with a knowledge of ringers' requirements (these gentlemen are few and far between) has been consulted, and the consequence is, in many cases, money wasted. I could give many instances, but one or two will suffice. A ring of bells in the City of London were rehung at a cost of some £200, but after that operation they went worse than before, and eventually another firm was called in and a further sum of £200 spent, happily with better results. Here is a case where advice would have been useful, and much more would have been done with the money.

Another instance I will name, a prominent country church, where most of the bells were recast and augmented to 12. Here the authorities passed the work when the tenor, to say nothing of the others, was such that no engineer ringer with any ear at all would have passed it, or permitted it to go into the steeple. There are many men throughout the country who would be pleased to give sound advice and assistance of this nature if asked to do so: I mean capable men, who are in no way connected with any firm of bell founders or bell hangers, who are ringers as well as engineers, and who know a good bell when they hear one. These are the men who would be useful. I have had the privilege of helping incumbents on more than one occasion, and I know of many much more capable men than myself who would willingly give their services in what is a matter of vital importance to ringers generally. Perhaps if some member of the Central Council would bring the matter forward something might be done which would help those incumbents who have no knowledge of the matter themselves. There is much good work being done in various centres by committees who have the advice of practical men of the right sort; but I know of instances where ringers did not like to speak about indifferent work, because they were not asked for an opinion, and the work was consequently passed and paid for. There is any amount of excellent work done, and often without the practical advice that I am advocating, but, of course, it would be invidious to mention names and places in a letter which I hope will bring out the opinions of those more capable than myself. Then, again, I have seen frames put in that are too light for the weight of metal to be carried, and freak bearings about which the less said the better. This matter is of great importance at the present time, or I would not have encroached so far on your valuable space.—Yours etc.,

EDWARD P. O'MEARA.

384, Wandsworth Road,
Clapham, S.W.

ST. JOHN'S, EPPING.

On Sunday last, for Evening Service at the above church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins., by W. D. Smith, 1; H. Rumens, 2; F. Rumens, 3; H. J. Wilkins, 4; C. T. Coles, 5; W. J. Hazell, 6; A. A. Hughes (conductor), 7; A. Coles, 8. These bells are practically a new peal of eight, tenor 20 cwt. in the key of E flat, and the above is the first quarter-peal on the bells. The framework of English oak was erected in March, 1909. The tenor was put in in February, 1910; the 6th in March, 1911; the 7th in March, 1912; the 5th in Jan. 1913; the treble in February, 1913; the 2nd in December, 1913; the 3rd in December, 1913; the 4th in Dec. 1913.

The bells have all been given by Mr. E. J. Wythes, of Copped Hall, Epping, who has been a munificent donor to the church in other ways.

The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank of the Whitechapel Foundry.

RECTOR AND BELLRINGER.

An application was made to Mr. Justice Ridley and Mr. Justice Bankes in a Divisional Court yesterday, for a rule nisi calling upon the Rev. Richard Meddings, Rector of St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent, to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court for having commented upon certain proceedings during their progress in the High Court.

Mr. R. J. Simey applied for the rule on behalf of Mr. Simmonds, formerly bellringer at St. Margaret's. Counsel said that his client was defendant in an action by Mr. Dewes and another, the churchwardens, for the delivery of certain handbells. The defendant claimed that the bells were his property, and that they were given to him by the previous Rector. The present Rector supported the churchwardens, of course.

Mr. Justice Ridley—Why "of course"?

Mr. Simey—Naturally, he would, because the Rector wants them to remain part of the property of the parish. Counsel added that in a copy of the Parish Magazine the Rector had inserted a paragraph which Mr. Simmonds complained of as being calculated to interfere with the course of justice.

Mr. Justice Bankes—How many jurors read the Parish Magazine? (laughter)

Mr. Simey—No one knows.

Mr. Justice Bankes—That is a safe answer.

Mr. Simey referred to the paragraph complained of, in which the Rector said that in a bundle of documents left by the former Rector, he had found indisputable evidence bearing on the churchwardens' claim. There was also a request that every member of the congregation should take in a copy of the Magazine which was "brim full" of wholesome, light literature.

Mr. Justice Ridley observed that he was not inclined to take a serious view of the matter. He thought that it was rather a foolish thing to write the paragraph referred to, but he could not discover anything in the statement that would prejudice the trial.

The application was dismissed.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge, 1280 changes. W. Watson, L. A. Pye, E. Butler, W. Billenness, A. C. Chaplin, G. R. Pye, H. F. Dawkins, E. Pye (conductor). First quarter-peal of Cambridge by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

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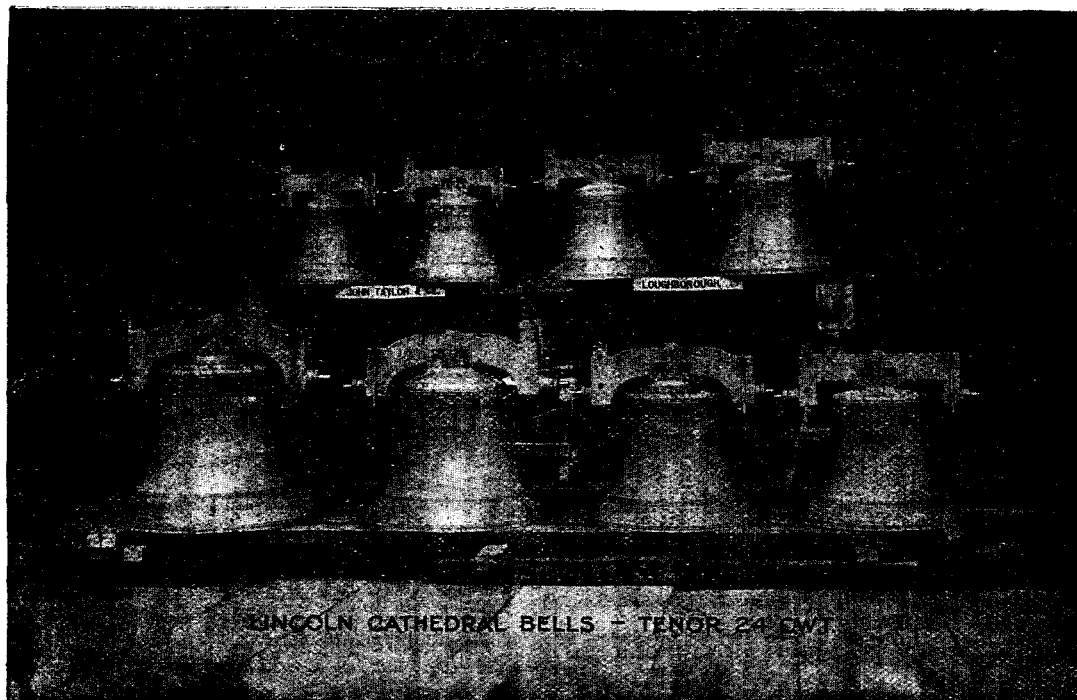
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William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow, on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each to members who inform me not later than February 4th, their intention of being present. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

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H. Rumens,
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A. King, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on January 24th, at Hertford, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All Saints (10), St. Andrew's (8), and Bengoe (6). All members and friends will be made welcome. Meet St. Andrew's first. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30, 6d. per head. W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec.

Little Munden.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, January 24th.

John W. Barker, Dist. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Committee Meeting in the Parish Room at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.45, followed by general meeting; 6d. each will be charged for the tea. All members

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W. Latter, Hon. District Sec.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's Redhill (8 bells), open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Reigate Parish Church (10), open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15, taken by the Rector. Tea at 6, in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.

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The Essex Association.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service with address by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the parish church, at 5 p.m. The Dean has very kindly promised to provide tea free to members at the Deanery at 5.45 p.m. to all those giving notice not later than Wednesday, February 4th. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due. The Street, Rayne. B. Redgewell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30, at 10d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th.

William Watts, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted Essex.

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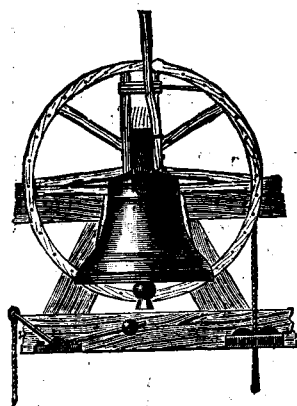
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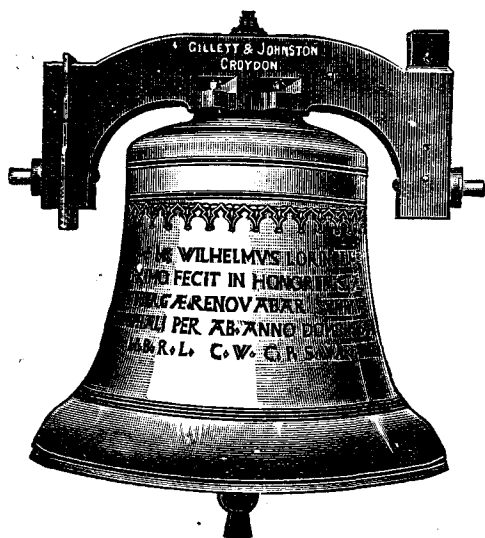
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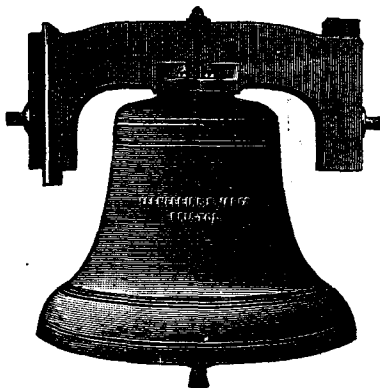
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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The quarterly meeting was held on Saturday last at Chilvers Coton, near Nuneaton, and was well attended by ringers from Alleslay, Rugby, Stoke-in-Coventry, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Hinckley, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton, Polesworth, Grendon, and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells form a heavy ring of eight, and were well patrouized before and after tea. The latter was partaken of in the schoolroom—Mr. and Mrs. Reader having the catering in hand—and was followed by the business meeting. At this, the Vicar (Rev. R. Chadwick), occupied the chair, and he was supported by Messrs. Churchwardens Neale and Reader, the Ringing-Master (Mr. James George) the Hon. Secretary, and about twenty-four members.

It was decided to pay a visit to Boldmere for the next quarterly meeting in April, but in the event of the bells not being available, Stoke-in-Coventry was agreed to.

The elections of nine members were ratified, and twenty-five new members were elected, included in the number being the members of the local band, the ringers at Dunchurch, and also the Rev. R. Chadwick as an Honorary Member.

The Hon. Secretary brought up the question of inter-affiliation, and a short discussion took place, which resulted in the matter being left open until the April meeting.

The representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council was also mentioned, but the attitude of the Guild on this point was likewise postponed to be formally decided upon at the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to Mrs. Chadwick for her kind assistance at tea; and to Mr. and Mrs. Reader for their satisfactory arrangements.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Siedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HUNTS. ARCHDEACONRY.

A district meeting of the above was held at Hemingford Grey on January 24th. Despite the cold weather, a goodly number were present. During the afternoon touches were rung in the neighbouring church of Hemingford Abbot, where there is a nice ring of 6, tenor 14 cwt., in a beautiful spire 171 feet high, and in the evening at Hemingford Grey, where the tenor of the six weighs about 12 cwt. A service was held at Hemingford Grey at 5 p.m., at which a very useful short address was given by the Vicar, the District Secretary (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) reading the prayers. About 20 members afterwards sat down to a substantial tea, provided in the Reading Rooms. At a meeting held afterwards, with the Vicar of the parish in the chair, 15 members and probationers were elected, including both the Hemingford companies.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. L. Perry, Vicar of Hemingford Grey, the Rev. F. F. Herbert, Rector of Hemingford Abbots (who was present at the service and tea); Mr. Bevan and others for their kindness in helping to make the meeting so successful.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Long Stanton on May 30th.

The ringing accomplished was as follows: In the afternoon at Hemingford Abbots, after a 720 of Bob Minor had come to grief a few leads from home, a touch of 256 Bob Minor was brought round. At Hemingford Grey the following touches were successfully negotiated: 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Creasey, 1; A. Edwin, 2; D. Crashley, 3; F. Rowlinson, 4; A. G. Rivers, 5; A. J. Abrams (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford. F. Creasey, 1; A. J. Abrams (conductor), 2; D. Crashley, 3; A. G. Rivers, 4; F. Rowlinson, 5; J. B. Williamson, 6. 360 Bob Minor. C. Cook, 1; Rev. H. B. Woolley, 2; G. Gible, 3; G. Perkins, 4; H. Saunder, 5; J. Perkins (conductor), 6. And 192 Grandsire Minor. F. M. Briars, 1; G. Perkins, 2; D. Crashley, 3; F. Creasey, 4; H. Saunder, 5; A. J. Abrams (conductor), 6.

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The dedication service, which was fully choral, and heartily joined in by a large congregation, was fixed for 3 o'clock. the Ven. Ravenscroft Stewart, M.A., Archdeacon of North Wilts. attending, and he performed the actual service of dedication, and afterwards gave a beautiful address. The service was intoned by the Rector, the Rev. H. E. Robeson, M.A.

The Swindon Parish Church ringers attended, and rang before, during, and after the service, and ringers from Stratton St. Margaret, and other towers, as well as the local ringers, took part in the subsequent ringing.

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THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL BY THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

UNVEILING A TABLET AT ST. MICHAEL'S CORNHILL.

The famous tower of St. Michael's Cornhill, was the scene of an interesting ceremony on Saturday afternoon last, when the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Ellison, M.A., M.V.O., unveiled a very handsome peal board, erected to commemorate the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the above Society last February. A fair number of members, in addition to the band, and two umpires, assembled to do honour to the occasion.

The Master of the Society, in opening the proceedings, said they had met together that afternoon to place on permanent record the ringing of a peal, which was, besides being a great performance, a unique and historical peal, as never before in the history of the art had such a performance been accomplished on twelve tower bells. The leading ringing paper at the time said it was an epoch making peal, and it would live in the annals of the Art for all time. The Master then read extracts from the leading article of "THE BELL NEWS" of March 1st, 1913, and said that no words of his could better say what there was to be said about the performance. One other thing he might read, however, was a letter from one of the umpires, which, although preserved in their letter-book, had not been made public, as follows:—

"To the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

DEAR MR. MASTER,—I have much pleasure in congratulating you, and each member of the band, upon the splendid peal of Stedman Cinques you rung on the bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, on last Saturday night, the 22nd inst. I have, as you know, rung in many a twelve-bell peal, and have been a critical listener to the ringing of many others, but I have never heard a better struck peal on twelve bells than this one. When it is taken into consideration that it was a non-conducted peal, and was accomplished without the calling of either bob or single, and that each member of the band was silently calling and watching progress of the composition, it will be realized and acknowledged as a masterpiece of bell-ringing, and will be worthy of the position it will take as a grand record peal. I am pleased to have been an umpire of it, and I was highly interested in watching the bells make the bobs, and the consequent additional dodging of others, until they seemed to work automatically, was most amusing, and enables me to testify and give credit due for such a excellent performance by the College Youths.

I am, dear Mr. Master,

Yours very sincerely,

HENRY DAINS.

Past Master Royal Cumberland Youths."

After that letter, continued the Master, it needed no further words of his to recommend the peal, but one thing he must not forget was to voice the thanks of the Society and the band to their friend Mr. O'Meara. When the board was suggested, Mr. O'Meara, with his characteristic generosity, at once asked to be allowed to present it to the belfry, and the splendid piece of work they were about to uncover was the result. On behalf of the College Youths, Mr. Faulkner asked the Rector and churchwardens to accept and care for the tablet, which, with their permission, had been erected.

The Rector, in reply, said that before unveiling the board, he must thank the members for inviting him to be present. It was a real treat for him, as was also the evening spent with their Society a few months ago at

their dinner, which was a revelation to him, to see such a splendid body of men drawn together from all parts of the country by a common love for the art of change-ringing, for after all it was an art. No one could be listening to a peal of bells well and skilfully rung, hearing the ever changing tones, without realizing that there was something more in it than just the ringing of bells. In his curate days at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington he learned to ring a little, and although unfortunately he had never got farther than call-changes, even that little knowledge taught him how wonderful the mysteries of change-ringing were, and the lessons that could be learned from it. One important feature of their Art was that it taught the absolute effacement of self. One man could not ring a peal; and when bells were rung, to be rung properly each man must sink his individuality for the whole, and for the object of the ringing. It reminded him of when he rowed in the Oxford eight how each man had not to think of himself, but all pull together for the good of the boat. So it was with ringing, and the peal they had met that afternoon to commemorate was a splendid example of the merging the individual into the whole band. He could imagine nothing finer than those twelve men, all without a thought for self, working through those changes with one heart and mind and brain towards the successful accomplishment of one common object. And then to crown all, the peal was non-conducted; by that he understood that each member of the band was silently conducting the peal, and not a word was spoken or sign was given, which made it, as the Master had said, truly a unique and wonderful performance. He was glad that such a peal had been rung on St. Michael's bells and very glad indeed to have it permanently recorded on the walls of the belfry. He accepted the tablet for himself and the church, and hoped that a record of the afternoon's proceedings would find its way into the ringing papers, and thus strengthen the greatness of this wonderful performance.

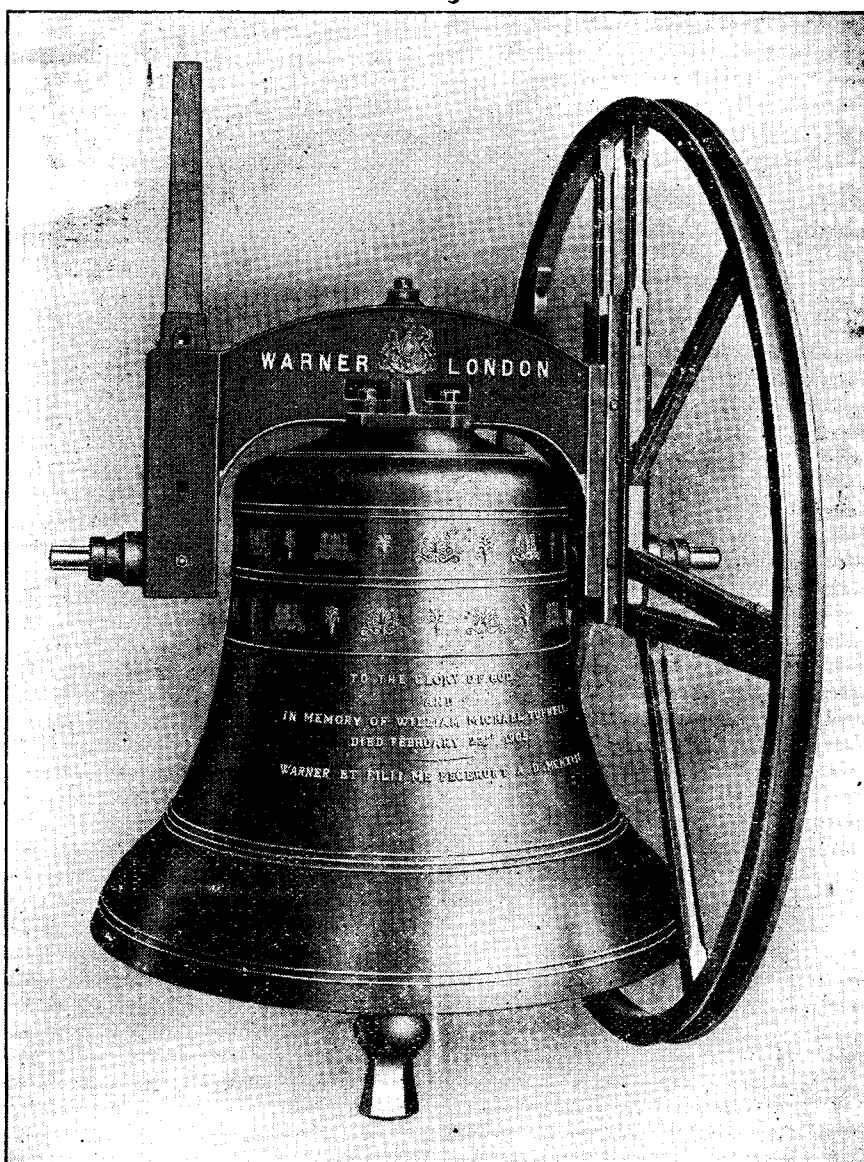
The rev. gentleman then drew down the curtain, and disclosed a massive solid mahogany peal-board, containing particulars of the peal, which were published in these columns at the time. It is a splendid piece of work, one feature, to make it more lasting, is that the letters are incised, and heavily gilded instead of painted on, as is usual; and doubtless it will be much admired by the many ringers who visit St. Michael's.

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. O'Meara, was accorded the Rector, and a touch or two of Stedman Cinques terminated the proceedings. A social hour was afterwards at headquarters.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green have once again shown their kindly interest in the Wroxham company by entertaining them at supper. Beside the ringers a number of friends were invited. A splendid supper was laid, and the good things provided were heartily enjoyed. Afterwards a most enjoyable time was spent, song and recitation, with handbell music was the order of the evening. Touches of Bob Minor, conducted by Mr. C. R. Chamberlain were rung on handbells, whilst tunes were much appreciated. After passing thanks to the host and hostess the company dispersed, having spent a most happy time.

Aylestone in Leicestershire once possessed a society of enthusiastic ringers, who carried off the solitary bell of the ruined church of Knaptoft; but stopping for drink at Shearsby on their way home, they were puffed with plenty of good ale by the inhabitants, who found opportunity meanwhile to carry off the Knaptoft bell, and add to their own peal.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL TENOR BELL.

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A RINGER AT NINETY.

Mr. John Heathorn, a much-respected member of the band at St. Nicolas, Guildford, and the oldest member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 90th birthday on January 11th, by ringing the 2nd to a touch of 112 Grandsire Triples at Holy Trinity, Guildford. In his rooms at Abbott's Hospital, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, was rung by members of the St. Nicolas and Holy Trinity bands. On the previous evening a peal of Stedman Caters was rung in the hall of Abbott's Hospital, where a large number of relatives and friends had met to congratulate the old gentleman.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

PRINCIPLE OR METHOD.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Mr. Baker's letter is only one more instance of the extreme difficulty of explaining simple things. The most glaring instance of this in change-ringing is the in-and out of course of changes; it puzzles us all until we understand it, and when we do understand it we think what fools we have been not to understand it before, and yet we find it very very difficult to explain it to others who do not; witness Shipway, Sottanstell, and Snowdon.

Now the nature of a Principle is of the simplest, and when anyone has once seen it, it is very easy for him to look at a set of figures and say at once whether it is a Principle or not: but the difficulty is to explain the nature of a Principle to anyone who does not know it, and if Mr. Baker calls No. 1 of the Systems he has published in this week's "BELL NEWS" a Legitimate Principle, it shows at once that he does not know what a Principle is.

Let me have another attempt to explain, and if I fail I shall not be surprised.

Original is the Primary Principle; it consists of plain hunting on any number of bells, and it produces twice as many rows as there are bells.

Original can be reversed, and it is by using Original and Reverse Original that secondary Principles are formed.

As far as I can see there are really only two secondary principles, Forward and Stedman; these two only differ in one trifling point, but the difference is real.

Forward runs in fours, and consists of two-bell work, but two bells produce only two changes, which is only half the number of the four.

Stedman runs in sixes, eights, tens, etc.; sixes if 3 bells are in the slow, eights if four are in the slow, etc., that is, the division is equal to the number of changes on the bells in slow in Original.

Now what is slow?

We can ring the six changes on three bells in two ways, and these two are simply the reverse of one another, thus—

123	123
213	132
231	312
321	321
312	231
132	213
123	123

The first is plain hunting; the second is the reverse of the first, and it is called slow. Therefore slow is only hunting backwards.

In plain hunting on three bells we get from 123 to 213; by a single change; in slow work we get from 123 to 213; by five single changes, and the result exhausts all the rows on three bells; now this is the essence of Stedman.

We divide five bells into two groups; a group of two, and a group of three.

We start from 12345, and change the front pair of bells, thus—

12345

21435

12453

14235

41253

42135

24153

This is a parting change; 3 leaves the front group of three, and joins the back group of two, and 4 leaves the back group of two, and goes into the front group of three, and this parting change is the first change of Original Doubles. Now we hunt the front three bells backwards, and dodge the back pair until we get to 24153, but this is the second change of Original Doubles, and all the six heads and six ends in the Plain course of five slow sixes, are the actual rows of the Plain course of Original Doubles.

Original Doubles consists of Division heads and Division ends, and nothing else.

Examine the following carefully, and you will find that they are the same thing as Stedman Doubles.

13254768

1234567

12345678

2143657

21354687

1234675

12536478

1326457

21563487

3162475

12654378

3614257

21645387

6341275

12463578

6432157

21436587

4623175

24163857

4261357

2416375

4261735

The first is four-bell work backwards, *i.e.*, a slow 8; the second is five-bell work backwards, *i.e.*, a slow 10.

Now I turn to Mr. Baker's figures: as he says, they are all the same. The group of twenty-two is the same in 1 and 3, with rounds moved from the first row to the twelfth. Mr. Baker has assumed that he has a right to take twenty-two rows and arrange them symmetrically, and then choose any two, one as head and the other as end, so long as he does not destroy the symmetry, and he divides the course of his system into eight twenty-twos, with eight division heads and eight division ends. Now, so long as he is content to call it a system, and nothing more, I should be prepared to say that it was a perfectly legitimate system, and in its proper form as No. 1. No. 2 is the reverse of No. 1, but it is impractical because we are not accustomed in practice to starting in that way, and Nos. 3 and 4 are also impractical, because in practice we ring the plain course of Original from rounds, and not from some other row. But if Mr. Baker wants to

call it a Principle then I analyse it as follows :—

12345678	H	
21354687	E	
23145867	H	} Parting change.
32418576		
23481567	E	
24318657	H	} Parting change.
42381675	E	
43218765	H	} Parting change.
34281756		
43827165		
34872156		
43781265		
34718256		
43172865		
34127856	E	
31472586	H	} Parting change.
13427568	E	
14372658	H	} Parting change.
41327685		
14236758	E	
12463578	H	} Parting change.
21436578	E	

In this analysis H is a division head, and E a division end, and these twenty-two changes are not one division, but seven.

The first division consists of only two rows, which is incomplete, and its lead head and lead end have the bells in a different coursing order. This is therefore illegitimate.

The second division consists of three rows, and is open to the same objections.

The third division consists of two rows, and is open to the same objections.

The fourth division is a legitimate slow eight, and the other three divisions are like the first three.

The whole course, therefore, consists of 56 divisions, 48 of which are not legitimate.

The arbitrary part of the business is not on the side of the Legitimate Methods Committee, but on the side of people who think that they may do whatever they please.

I would repeat once more what I have often said before: go to the figures, follow them wherever they will lead you, and if you make mistakes then remember that the mistake is not due to the figures, but to your inaccurate following of them; and we all do make mistakes at times, however careful we may be.

Yours etc.,

H. LAW JAMES.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In your last issue, under the above heading, Mr. Geo. Baker again calls attention to an unsettled problem. This question is one that calls for immediate attention from the Methods Committee. Last year I published in your columns a new method, which I styled Leek Major. This was immediately pounced upon by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and dubbed illegitimate. When his ruling in this matter was challenged, he preferred to lapse into private correspondence. This—after making a public statement calculated to degrade Leek Major in the eyes of the Exercise,

and without substantiating his remarks—is hardly what one would have expected from a man of Mr. Trollope's ability, and a member of the Methods Committee. The private correspondence has not settled the question, and I hope, for the benefit of the Exercise at large, the Methods Committee will take the matter in hand and bring it to a satisfactory conclusion. I give below the extension of the Leek Major Principle to Royal and Maximus.

Yours, etc.,

Dragons Croft, Leek.

E. A. RIDGWAY.

LEEK ROYAL.

LEEK MAXIMUS.

1234567890

1234567890ET

2143658709

2143658709TE

1246385790

1246385079ET

2164837509

2164830597TE

2618473059

2618403957TE

6281740395

6281049375TE

2687104359

2680194735TE

6278013495

6208917453TE

6720831945

602987154E37

7602389154

06927851E473

6703298145

6097258E1437

7630921854

067952E84173

7369012584

07659E248713

3796105248

7056E9427831

7391650284

075E64972813

3719562048

70E546798231

3175926408

7E0457689321

1357294680

ET4075863912

3152749860

TE4708536921

ET7480359612

E77843095162

7E8734901526

E78379410562

7E3897145026

73E981754206

379E18572460

7391E5827406

37195E284760

317592E48670

1357294E6807

3152749E870

P.S.—The reverse rendering of both extensions—obtained by starting at the end of the division and working backwards—produces 2416385097 in Royal, and 2416385079TE in Maximus, but except for the different start the diagram is not affected.—E. A. R.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1914

Mr. Frank Bennett, late of New Cross, has removed to "Mafeking," Penhill Road, Lancing, Sussex. Mr Bennett thus returns to his old haunts, and the Sussex Association will gain a welcome addition to its ranks.

With respect to the footnote to the peal of Bob Major rung at Holbeach on the 15th inst., published last week, which stated that it was the first peal on the bells, that part of it is withdrawn. A peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells on Shrove Tuesday, 1773.

Miss Edith A. Jones, of St. Stephen's, West Ealing, rang her first peal on Jan. 26th, at Hillingdon, Middlesex. It was a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung to celebrate the birthday of Miss Chillingworth, of Bradfield, Berks.

Congratulations to both young ladies, the former on her attainment and the latter on completing another year of a useful life.

Congratulations also to Mr. J. Kershaw, in honour of whose 70th birthday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Newchurch, Rossendale on Thursday last week.

The peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at St Peter's Wolverhampton on Jan. 24th is remarkable for the number of firsts registered. There were only two members of the band but had a first to his credit. It was the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells; the first of Grandsire Cinques by all the band; was rung at the first attempt; six members scored their first peal on twelve bells; one scored his first peal of Cinques; another his first peal of Cinques away from the tenor; still another a first peal and first attempt; it was the first peal for the ringer of the treble.

Mr. Clement Glenn rang his 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association on Jan. 20th, in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Rotherham.

The Metropolis.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.

Alfred W. Grimes Treble	Fredk. Pitstow 7
William J. Nudds 2	Fredk. J. Pitstow 8
Bertram Prewett 3	Reuben Sanders 9
Isaac G. Shade 4	John Thomas 10
John H. Cheesman 5	William Pye 11
George R. Pye 6	Ernest Pye Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Bertram Prewett.**The Provinces.**

SOUTH ANSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Wood-
bine, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

William Platts Treble	Frank Stenton 4
Herbert Turner 2	Samuel Smith 5
Harry Stenton 3	Charles F. Fowler Tenor

Conducted by Harry Stenton.

This is the first 5040 on an extreme bell by the ringer of the 4th, and it was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the deceased wife of Mr. W. Stringer, Organist of this church, and Instructor to the handbell ringers.

SHREWSBURY.—THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(The St. Chad's Society).

On Saturday, January 10, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

Wilfred Ashton Treble	Charles R. Lilley 4
William C. Brooks 2	William R. Starkey 5
Thomas William Belton .. 3	Alfred G. Fullick Tenor

Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

Rung as a birthday peal to W. C. Brooks.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

(The Ashton-under-Lyne Society).

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS 5040 CHANGES.

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Samuel Wood Treble	Samuel Greenhalgh 7
Charles Bower 2	Joseph Ridyard 8
Benjamin Gill 3	John Harrison 9
Charles Broadbent 4	Albert Adams 10
Thomas Jakeman 5	Samuel Booth 11
Joseph Mellor 6	Harry Chapman Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Samuel Wood

First peal of twelve in the method for all the band. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus in the north of England. The figures of this composition will be found on another page.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(Charles' Society, Plymouth).

On Wednesday, January 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.* .. Treble	William D. James 5
Warren S. Hornbrook 2	Frank Hockaday 6
Reginald A. H. Dobson 3	Ernest W. Marsh 7
William G. Hiscott 4	Francis Purse Tenor

Conducted by William D. James.

*First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Society of Bromley Youths)

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Alfred James, jun.* Treble	George Huxley 5
Isaac Emery 2	Arthur Bygrave 6
Eric G. Fittness 3	Alfred James, sen. 7
Hubert J. Blackwell 4	George Durling Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker, and Conducted by George Durling.

*First peal of Bob Major.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 28 cwt.

Charles Giles Treble	Ambrose Osborne 5
Alfred T. Reeves 2	John Swain 6
Alfred Watmore 3	Arthur W. Pike 7
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4	Frank Hopgood Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison, and Conducted by Frank Hopgood.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

George Cook Treble	Ernest Holloway 5
Alfred L. Brown 2	Alfred H. Winch 6
Richard Kendall 3	Arthur Dean 7
William H. Corbett 4	Walter Sherman Tenor

Conducted by William H. Corbett.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(The Hatfield College Youths).

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26 cwt.

Fredk. Cull Treble	Arthur Shepherd 5
John Shepherd 2	Ralph Shepherd 6
William J. Rumney 3	Joseph Hollingsworth .. 7
William Nash 4	John T. Kentish Tenor

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and Conducted by John T. Kentish.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. First peal in the method by the local band; also first peal in the method as conductor.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Whittle's Variation.

Tenor 21 cwt.

Leonard Leverton Treble	George West 5
Joseph Woolley 2	Frank Johnson 6
Harry Whittle 3	Edward A. Ridgway 7
Rev. C. J. Sturton 4	Samuel Wesley Tenor

Conducted by Harry Whittle.

The ringers of the treble and 5th were re-elected members before starting.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Haley's Variation.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

William J. Jeffries Treble	John Wheadon 5
George Povey 2	Reginald Brough 6
Frederick W. Richardson .. 3	Edwin Barnett, sen. .. 7
David Barnes 4	William Audsley* Tenor

Conducted by Edwin Barnett, sen.

First peal of Stedman. F. W. Richardson's 50th peal.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, January 22, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

James Taylor Treble	O. Eastwood 5
Robert Leach 2	Walter Taylor 6
J. H. Haydock 3	J. B. Taylor 7
Stanley Pickup 4	J. W. Ormerod Tenor

Conducted by W. Taylor.

This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. John Kershaw, of Newchurch, who is an old ringer, and has taken an interest in ringing for 55 years. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd hail from Ramsbottom; the 4th from Bacup.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rochdale Branch)

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

John Millett Treble	Herbert Davenport 5
John Nash 2	Edmund Schofield 6
Joseph Ogden 3	William Crabtree 7
Hugh Reynolds 4	Harry Buckley Tenor

Conducted by William Crabtree.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, and two each of New London, Oxford and Kent.

Stedman H. Symonds .. Treble	Thomas Hollocks 4
Arthur Symonds 2	William R. J. Poulson .. 5
Harry Crick 3	Harry Poulson Tenor

Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the 6th, 2nd and 3rd ringers, which occurred on the 22nd, 23rd and 26th respectively.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Six-Part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

Walter J. Prebble* Treble	William Bidwell 5
Francis A. Vincett 2	Stephen T. Binfield 6
Alfred R. Mansing 3	Samuel A. Gower† 7
Arthur S. Binfield 4	Thomas A. Vincett Tenor

Conducted by Samuel Alfred Gower.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

John H. Swinfield Treble	George Bull 5
E. Harry Stoneley 2	William C. Wakley 6
W. W. Worthington 3	Algernon P. G. Stone .. 7
Charles Sanders 4	Albert P. Wakley Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and Conducted by A. P. Wakley.

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

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Charles Semper Treble	Edward R. Semper 4
Archib C. Stokes 2	Walter Sparrow* 5
Herbert Pearson 3	Fredk. W. Stokes Tenor

Conducted by Fredk. W. Stokes.

*First peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

Edward F. Mitchell a* .. Treble	Albert Little 7
Isaac Purser c 2	Herbert Jones b 8
Frederick Darrall a 3	William H. Lawley a .. 9
Harry Hawkswood a 4	Benjamin Clark c 10
Harry Farlow a 5	Herbert Knight 11
Thomas O'Connor a 6	Thomas Smith d Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Herbert Knight.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all (who are members of the local band) and was rung at the first attempt. aFirst peal on twelve. bFirst peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques away from tenor. dFirst peal and first attempt. *First peal away from tenor.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 20th, for practice at Christ Church, 360 Plain Bob. T. Garrood, R. Moss, E. S. Frost, P. L. Parslow, R. W. Taylor (conductor), J. A. Lambert 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. S. Frost, R. Moss, A. Miller, J. S. Daniels, R. W. Taylor, J. A. Lambert (conductor), 360 Oxford Single Bob. J. A. Lambert (conductor), R. Moss, R. A. Miller, P. L. Parslow, J. S. Daniels, E. S. Frost.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

Fred Chell.. .. Treble	Peter Preston.. .. 5
Edward Cope.. .. 2	Charles Page.. .. 6
Sidney Churton.. .. 3	John Goodall.. .. 7
Thomas Chell.. .. 4	Francis Chetl.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Churton.

*First peal.

ORMESBY, YORKS.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

John Henry Jones .. Treble	William T. Holmes .. 5
Miss Olive Lamley* .. 2	Thomas Metcalfe.. .. 6
Fredk. Laverick 3	Alexander Macfarlane.. 7
John George Hall 4	Thomas Leybourne .. Tenor

Conducted by John George Hill.

*First peal in any method on an inside bell.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The Darley Dale Society.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

John Siddall, jun. .. Treble	James L. Wright 5
Alfred Wallace 2	Henry Gregory 6
William Parker 3	William Taylor 4
Thomas White 4	Alfred C. Wright Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde, and

Conducted by Alfred C. Wright.

Rung with the bells half muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Burnett.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

James Hurrell Treble	Henry Wilkes 4
Francis Fraser 2	Robert Brett-Smith .. 5
William J. Browning .. 3	Thos. Groombridge, sen. Tenor

Conducted by Thos. Groombridge.

This is the first peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Browning.

TADCASTER (Yorks.)—On Thursday, January 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1914 (New Year's touch) Grandsire Triples in 65 mins. F. Deunison, F. Poole, R. Lindley, H. Blake, H. Clayton, R. Pickering, J. W. Garbutt, R. Pickering. Conducted by E. Lindley. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. E. Lindley.

GOOLE (Yorks.)—On Thursday, January 22nd, in honour of a visit from the Archbishop of York, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. *H. Ward, H. Ludkin (conductor). C. W. King, *J. Spence, A. W. Jackson, *R. Davis, D. Carmichael, J. Drake. *First quarter-peal. The ringer of the treble is only twelve years of age.

SHRAWLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest E. Barber .. Treble	George Hinton, jun. .. 4
William C. Jones.. .. 2	William Edgington .. 5
William Ranford.. .. 3	William Page Tenor

Conducted by W. Page.

Rung on the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S 5-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Miss Edith A. Jones .. Treble	Joseph J. Pratt 5
Miss Mary E. Chillingworth 2	Percy E. Jones 6
William Lawrence 3	Henry H. Chandler .. 7
Victor R. Holloway 4	Thomas Smith Tenor

Conducted by J. J. Pratt.

This was arranged for and rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Miss Chillingworth (of Bradfield, Berks.), whose election as a member of the M.C.A. took place in the belfry before the peal. She was the recipient of good wishes from the rest of the band. Both ladies received congratulations from the other ringers at the conclusion of the peal, which was the first by Miss Jones (St. Stephen's, West Ealing), and V. Holloway.

A WEEK'S RINGING ROUND SHEFFIELD.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Arthur Hague Treble	T. Colin Ryder 5
Miss Winifred M. Hague .. 2	E. Maurice Atkins .. 6
John W. J. Cottam 3	Clement Glenn 7
Leonard Brightman 4	Rupert Richardson .. Tenor

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At 20, Everard Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Miss Winifred M. Hague 1-2	Arthur Hague 5-6
Clement Gle 3-4	Rupert Richardson .. 7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Clement Glenn.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

Sidney J. Palmer .. Treble	E. Maurice Atkins .. 6
Leonard Garrison 2	T. Colin Ryder 7
Rupert Richardson 3	Edgar C. Garrison .. 8
Leonard Brightman 4	Clement Glenn 9
Arthur Hague 5	John H. Brothwell .. Tenor

Composed by E. Morris, and Conducted by Clement Glenn.

This is the conductor's 300th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

**CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

Fred Davies Treble	Rupert Richardson 6
Samuel Wesley 2	George Hollis 7
Clement Glenn 3	John H. Brothwell 8
William G. Christian 4	Arthur Knights 9
George Davies 5	William J. Thyng Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Clement Glenn.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes

At 31, Burgess Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. Heywood's Variation.

Arthur Hague 1-2	Clement Glenn 5-6
Rupert Richardson 3-4	John Thorpe 7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

Umpire—Sidney J. Palmer.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

At 24, Godstone Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's 12-Part.

Miss Winifred M. Hague .. 1-2	Clement Glenn 5-6
Rupert Richardson 3-4	Arthur Hague 7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Cuthbert,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

Samuel Wesley Treble	John H. Brothwell 5
George Halksworth 2	Arthur Hague 6
Herbert Haigh 3	Rupert Richardson 7
Archie Brearley 4	Clement Glenn Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett, and Conducted by Clement Glenn.

PEAL CARDS.

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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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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the above district was held at Lewisham on Saturday last. The bells were available and ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m. Divine service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30. This was rather early, and as a consequence many who would have attended later were unable to get to the church in time to hear the practical address given by the Vicar, Canon Hough. Tea was served in the Parish Room at 5.15, of which 43 members partook.

The business meeting followed, under the presidency of Mr. Gerald King, who apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who was taking a Confirmation class. The minutes of the previous meeting having been adopted, sixteen new members were elected, including seven from St. Margaret's Lee, and one election in a tower was confirmed.

The representative to the General Committee presented a report of the meeting of that body, and received hearty thanks for his services.

Hayes, St. Mary Cray and Erith were proposed for the place of next meeting, St. Mary Cray being selected. The meeting will be held on April 25th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Canon Hough for the use of the bells and the Parish Room, for arranging the service and for his address; to the organist, and to Mr. Gerald King. This concluded the business.

The members then adjourned to the tower, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative were successfully brought round, this part of the proceedings ending at 8.30.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

ST. MATTHEW'S ASSOCIATION.

The members of the above association held their annual smoking concert on Thursday, Oct. 23rd. Much to the regret of the company the Vicar was unable to be present, owing to ill-health, and the chair was taken by Mr. Tailby, the Parish Warden. A splendid programme of songs and recitations had been arranged, both humorous and sentimental items being included. The 60 or so guests who accepted the invitation spent a most enjoyable evening, though much disappointment was felt at the cutting out of the handbell numbers owing to one of the band being unable to attend. Advantage was taken by the leader, Mr. F. Colegrove, of the opportunity afforded to give a hearty welcome to Mr. Hamblin, sen., who had recently arrived in the city, from England. Thanks were accorded Mr. A. White (Deputy Leader), and Mr. J. Heather (Hon. Sec.) for the able and energetic way in which they made and carried out the arrangements. Among the guests were a party of bluejackets from H.M.S. Pyramus, who added considerably to the enjoyment of the most successful smoking concert ever held by the St. Matthew's ringers. Those who were privileged to attend went away delighted, all wanting to know when they might expect a similar treat.

So far back as 1552. Bishop Latimer said that if all the church bells in England were rung at one time there would scarcely be a single spot where a bell would not be heard. This was said in the course of a sermon dealing with the belief that the Devil could be driven away by the sound of a bell. It might also be taken as evidence of the abundance of bells even then.

GOOD WORK AT OSSETT, YORKS.

MESSRS. J. F. MALLABY & Co, SCORE.

The following testimonial is one out of many Messrs. J. F. Mallaby & Co., of Barnby Don, Doncaster, have received in commendation of their work.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH, OSSETT.

Weight of Tenor 26½ cwt.

Glenthorne House,
Wycliffe Street,
Ossett.

"Dear Sirs,—I have great pleasure in informing you that a peal of 5066 changes was rung on the bells of the above church, which were rehung by you some time ago, the time for the peal being 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Mention was made of this at our last Church Council meeting, and I was requested to convey to you our best thanks for the efficient manner in which the work of repair was carried out.

One of the members of the Council, and one who took part in the peal, expressed the opinion that the bells were now working perfectly, and that your expectations have been fully realised.

Again thanking you, I am, yours faithfully,

J. C. L. SPEIGHT, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS.

By SAMUEL WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

5040.

23456	M	W	H
24536	1*	2	2
42635	2		2
46325		1	2
23645		2	2
32546	2		2
54326		1	1
23456		2	2

* Bobs called at 5, 8, 11 leads. Rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, on January 20th, 1914, conducted by the author.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful and enjoyable bye-meeting was held at Dagenham on Saturday, January 14th. Representatives from most of the towers in the district were present, some arriving on bicycles, others walking, some by train, and one member came from a "Sparrow's Nest," not, as might be expected, on an aeroplane, but on what is known throughout the ringing exercise, as "Old Pegasus," which found "rest and refreshment" in a shed belonging to the amiable host of the "Cross Keys."

The bells, a peal of six, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, were set in motion at 3.30, and were kept on the swing in fine style in various methods at intervals until 5.30, when, as the bells were by that time entitled to a rest from their labours, the ringers thought it advisable to pay a visit to the billiard room of the above-mentioned hostelry, where a substantial tea had been arranged. The good things provided rapidly vanished, and many were the topics discussed when the cravings of hunger had been satisfied.

Being a bye-meeting, there was no business to be done, but as a gentleman, by name, F. Attwell, of Newport, Monmouthshire, had written asking for the attitude of the ringers towards an inter-affiliation scheme, the Secretary brought the matter up, and after due discussion and deliberation, the ringers decided unanimously that they were in favour of the idea.

The District Master thanked the Vicar of Dagenham for the use of the bells, and the Vicar of Hornchurch for the use of Hornchurch bells, and the respective steeple-keepers for having everything in readiness. The latter applied especially to the steeplekeeper of Dagenham for arranging the meeting and tea. After this some of the ringers availed themselves of the opportunity to ring Hornchurch bells, while others, including a charming lady ringer, stayed at Dagenham and disturbed the bells from their rest. When all had had their thirst for ringing quenched, they vacated the two parishes by the aforementioned means, and, it may be assumed, much to the parishioners relief, and the next time they meet again to discuss events of the day, and incidentally to ring and take tea together, will be at Wanstead, in April, when no doubt a similar performance will be gone through.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

We cull the following from the thirty-sixth annual report of this Association:

The Association financially, is better off than twelve months ago; the number of towers in Union is still increasing, as Sunderland Holy Trinity have returned to, and Bamburgh, Jesmond and South Shields have joined the Association, thus causing corresponding increase in the membership; the number of peals rung shows an increase, the Association has never in its history stood upon such a firm foundation as it does at the present moment.

The balance with which the year began, viz., £4 11s. 6d. has increased to £9 1s. od., the principle item of interest in the accounts being the amount received from life members, viz. £7 5s. od.

For Sunday service ringing eighteen belfries have made returns against nineteen last year. This falling off is somewhat counterbalanced by the average number of points per belfry being largely increased, i.e., from 473 points last year to 646 this, the highest since 1907-8.

The first three places are taken by—

- 1st—Benfieldside (St. Cuthbert) ... 2252.88 points.
- 2nd—Sunderland (St. Ignatius) ... 2037.36 "
- 3rd—North Shields (Christ Church) 1446.8 "

The number of peals rung during the year shows an increase of 8, being 27 as against 19. These have been rung in 11 methods, and the average points per peal comes out at 22.81.

In the Central Council's analysis for last year the points for eight-bell peals numbered 20.55, and for six-bell peals 34.

During the year a new ring of eight was put in at Whitley Bay, two new trebles added at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, and the octave completed at Bamburgh.

The suggestion made last year that District Secretaries should be appointed to arrange District meetings was acted upon at the last annual meeting, and the report acknowledges that much of the progress made is due to the spade work put in by the four gentlemen who undertook the duties.

The report also expresses regret at the loss the Association has sustained by the deaths of the Rev. Arthur Allwork and Mr. S. T. Wright; also by the departure of Mr. A. M. C. Field for South America.

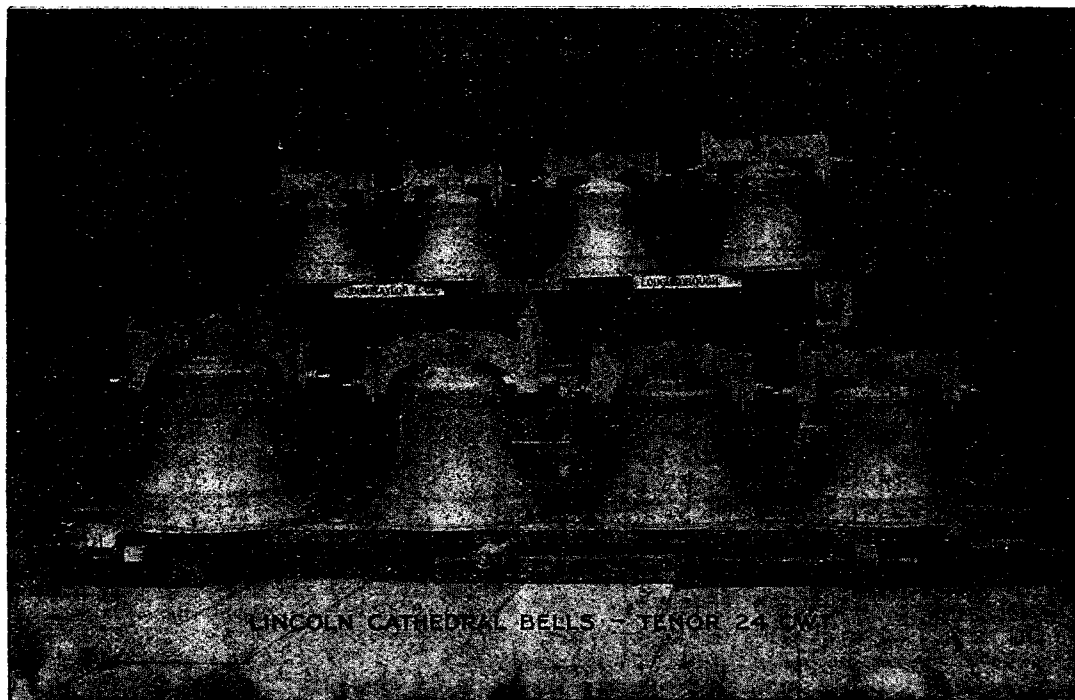
SHIPLAKE, OXON.—ANNUAL DINNER.**RINGERS ENTERTAINED BY VICAR.**

On Wednesday evening last, the ringers with their wives were the guests of the Vicar to dinner at the Plough Hotel, and there is no doubt this kind hospitality was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The presence of F. W. Nicholson, Esq., of the old vicarage (who is a kind friend to the ringers), was very much appreciated. The Vicar in a few remarks said how pleased he was to meet the ringers; also to revive the old custom at this season of the year by inviting the ringers to dinner. How pleased he was with the quarter-peal he listened to the week previous. This remark went a long way into the hearts of those who took part; also the congratulations extended to the handbells, which was listened to with much sincerity and pleasure. Songs, recitations, and the handbells were the chief items after dinner, the time passing all too quickly. Hearty cheers for the Vicar, also Mr. Nicholson, brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings that it could possibly be the lot of any band of ringers and their wives to share.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**WEDDING BELLS.**

On Saturday last the bells of the Parish Church rang out a merry peal in honour of the wedding (that day at Colombo, Ceylon) of Lieut. Abbot W. Upcher, son of the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., formerly Rector of Halesworth, and Miss Helen Augusta Leguen-de-Lacroix, daughter of M. Eugene Leguen-de-Lacroix, of Chediston Hall, near Halesworth, and St. Servain, France. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, including 672 of the latter method, was rung by Miss R. Stanford, J. Spalding, A. H. Took, W. Pierce, A. Lee, J. Howard, F. Lambert (conductor), C. Moss. The bride and bridegroom are well known in the district, and especially to the ringers. The bride, with her brothers, some years ago, made an adventurous voyage from the Suffolk coast to France, in a small coasting vessel, the present conductor being a member of the crew. The bridegroom took part in the South African War, in which two of the Halesworth ringers also served. The band all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Upcher long life, happiness, and prosperity.

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Times, Nov. 20, 1878.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 3rd and 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 3rd; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. 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's Society.—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30; also another tower which will be announced next week. Tea at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at 7 p.m., at 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Committee Meeting in the Parish Room at 4. Service in Church at 5. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.45, followed by general meeting; 6d. each will be charged for the tea. Members who have a copy of the Association's form of service are requested to bring it.

W. Latter, Hon. District Sec.

11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. St. John's, Redhill (8 bells), open for ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. Reigate Parish Church (10), open from 4.15 to 5.15 p.m. Service at Reigate at 5.15, taken by the Rector. Tea at 6 in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after, to be followed by ringing till 9.30.

Bell Foundry, Croydon, Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, January 31st. Bells available at 3. Short service with address at 5.30. Tea, 9d. at the Coffee Tavern, opposite the Church, at 6.

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

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service with address by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the parish church, at 5 p.m. The Dean has very kindly promised to provide tea free to members at the Deanery at 5.45 p.m. to all those giving notice not later than Wednesday, February 4th. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due. The Street, Rayne. B. Redgewell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30, at 10d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th.

William Watts, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted Essex.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks. on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15. Preacher—Rev. R. Unsworth, Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 5.45. Tea will be provided free to all members who send in their names before February 4th to

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The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The annual meeting of the District will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 7th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available from 2.30. Business meeting at 6.

H. Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the Dis. Sec. before February 12th.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, February 7th. Tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. E. Steele, 26, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, not later than February 4th.

Rev. Jno. Reay, } Hon. Secs.
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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

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Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present, please communicate not later than February 16th, with

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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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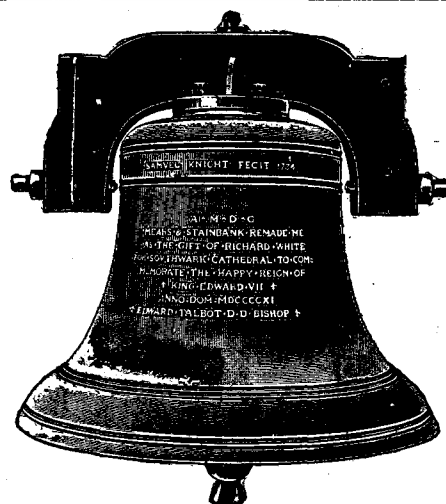
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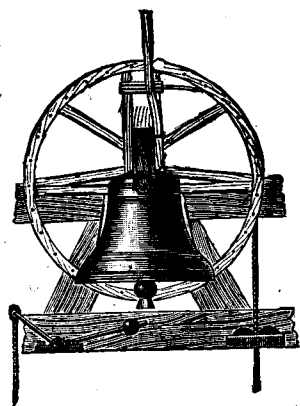
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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Society was held at Handsworth on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members assembled. The bells were made use of in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, etc., until 5.30, when a service was held in the church. In the absence of the Rector (who was away through ill-health) the Rev. R. M. Gibson conducted the service, gave an inspiring address and presided at the organ. Tea was provided at Hayes' Restaurant, followed by the general meeting. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev. W. Solly, Messrs. S. Reeves and R. Cartwright (representatives on the Central Council), and Mr. G. Hughes (Ringing Master). The Rev. E. V. Cox gave an outline of the business transacted in committee:—The election of one honorary and six ringing members, and the ratification of four belfry elections. The question of inter-affiliation was brought forward by Mr. Cox, as was also the question of the Ladies' Guild being represented at the Central Council. Both of these items were discussed, but it was deemed advisable they should be deferred till the Wednesbury meeting, which will take place towards the end of April. A compliment was paid the S. Peter's (Wolverhampton) ringers by Mr. W. R. Small upon their succeeding in ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques with the hope that one of Stedman would soon be achieved. Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the church and bells, accompanied by a wish for his speedy recovery; to the Rev. R. M. Gibson for the kindly services he rendered, and to Mr. Verry for making ready for the visitors, were unanimously passed, and this closed the business.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held on Saturday, January 31st according to custom at an eleven-bell tower, the ancient Reigate (Ridgegate) the tower at the passage through the ridge of the North Downs in the Association's Southern District being selected as the venue for 1914.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock at the neighbouring eight-bell tower of St. John, Redhill, and was continued at 4.15 in the Early English Church of St. Mary, Reigate, where Lord Howard of Effingham, of Spanish Armada fame lies buried. Shortened Evening Prayer was said at 5.15 by the Vicar the Reverend —. Davies, who added words of welcome, warning and encouragement, to the members in their Office in the Church as "Workers together with God." The congregation then adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, where about 60 members attended from towers at St. Peter's, Croydon, St. Martin's, Dorking, St. Peter's, Horsham, St. Martin's, Epsom, St. Peter's, Mitcham, Christ Church, Mitcham, Reigate, Redhill, Charlwood, Leatherhead, Ewell, Godstone, etc.

At the business meeting at which the Vicar was elected to the chair and supported by the Parishioners' Churchwarden, the hon. sec. reported that 16 Peals had been rung since the last quarterly meeting, making a total to the credit

of the Association during 1913 of 71 (of which 17 had been rung in the recently formed Southern District) constituting a record year for the 34 years' life of the Association. The five volumes (morocco bound and gilt) containing the Records of Peals beautifully and laboriously written up by Mr. Beams of Epsom were exhibited in their new oak case, and it was resolved, subject to permission, that they should be deposited year and year about, in the towers of Reigate, Croydon and Kingston. A recommendation from the Council of Representatives was presented suggesting the desirability of making some permanent memorial to the late Master, Dr. A. B. Carpenter. This was affirmed and a sub-committee appointed to draft and bring up a scheme.

The most important item in the long agenda was the election of a new Master; had the Central District been more numerously represented (as they should have been) they would only have increased the unanimity of the proposal to instal Mr. J. D. Drewett of Mitcham to this honourable office. The other officers were re-elected—the Rev. —. Longley of Betchworth being added to the Council as representing the Southern District—a new auditor to act with Mr. Snelling in the person of Mr. Gear of Redhill was also a fresh appointment.

The success attendant on the formation and subsequent working of the Southern District was commented on, the exceedingly capable energies of the District Hon. Sec. Mr. H. Ewins being warmly eulogized—but that gentleman, modestly disclaiming any meritorious action, said that the success of the undertaking was due to the interest and zeal of the individual members who, since the inception of the District 18 months ago, had increased the number of affiliated towers by 10 and added 86 members to the Roll.

Upon the motion of the Hon. Sec. of the Association Mr. Cyril Johnston, it was resolved to still further stimulate the life and activities of the older part of the Association's District by cutting off the north-western portion with the ancient capital tower of Kingston as headquarters, and to endeavour, without either poaching or proselytizing, to not only break fresh ground within the County boundary but to seek and recover that which had been lost, due in part to the unwieldy area of the District which had left many towers isolated and un-influenced by the benefits of the corporate life of the Association in promoting and fostering the work of the Change-Ringer, raising his status as a Church-worker, and at the same time bringing him into closer touch with and more intimate knowledge and appreciation of his brothers in the same Art. A volunteer to fill the arduous and uphill work of Hon. Sec. of this new district was found in the person of Mr. Arthur F. Shepherd of Hersham, and if expert proficiency in, and true love of ringing, added to hereditary instinct counts for anything at all, it will surely help him to overcome all difficulties inherent in such an office; it is needless to say that the offer was accepted by the acclamations of the Association who are fortunate enough to have a member of this family willing to take up the work and to do it.

The usual votes of thanks were of course carried and at 8 o'clock ringing in the tower was resumed for another hour.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CASTLE CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch was held at Barton St. David on Saturday last, when nearly 30 members were present representing the following Towers—Castle Cary, Ditchat, Batcombe, West Lydford, Babcary, Barton St. David, Street and Keinton Mandeville. A short service was held in the Parish Church. The vicar the Rev. A. B. Peacock officiated, giving a very instructive address pointing out the position ringers held,—years gone by the ringers were very seldom seen, they came to the church and rang occasionally and went away again never attending any place of worship. That day had vanished and he could only admire the way in which so many ringers had come from a distance in spite of the weather to attend the meeting at Barton St. David that afternoon.

After the service the ringers were very kindly entertained to a bountiful tea in the Church School by the Vicar and his Churchwardens, after which the business meeting followed, the Rev. A. B. Peacock presiding supported by Messrs. W. J. Masters and J. Bishop (Churchwardens) Messrs. G. Masters, F. Slocombe, M. S. Welchman (West Lydford) E. F. Creed (Castle Cary) James Fullford (Batcombe) and many others. Mr. V. G. Vincent, senr., of Ditchat was unanimously elected President of the Branch for the year 1914, Mr. V. G. Vincent, junr., as Secretary. On the re-election of Mr. Vincent as Secretary, Mr. James Fullford of Batcombe in a well chosen speech presented him with a very handsome tobacco pouch and pipe as a small memento of his kindness in coming to Batcombe and instructing the ringers in the art of change ringing. Mr. Vincent who was quite taken by surprise thanked Mr. Fullford on behalf of the Batcombe ringers for their kindness, assuring them it was a kindness from them thoroughly appreciated by him. Three honorary members and 11 performing members were proposed at the meeting also 1 affiliated tower to the association. Bruton was chosen as the next place of meeting to be held in May. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting also for the use of the belfry, and also to him and his Churchwardens for so kindly entertaining the ringers to tea. The Vicar and Churchwardens suitably replied remarking they should be very pleased to welcome the ringers to Barton St. David whenever they felt inclined to arrange a meeting there. This concluded the business. A move was then made to the tower where touches of toubles, Minor and Stedman, were brought round on the bells.

Some of the ringers visited the West Lydford Tower where the fine peal of six were brought round to some true striking in Minor.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above was held at Burnham on Saturday, January 24th, 1914. The following Towers were represented:—Burnham, Congresbury, Cheddar, Berrow, East Brent, Brent Knoll, Huntspil, Highbridge, Badgworth Hinscombe and Weston-super-mare. Service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30 by the Rev. H. A. Kirke and the address by the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson, M.A., vicar designate of Burnham. Tea was partaken at the Clarence Hotel, after which the usual business meeting took place, the Rev. H. A. Kirke presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. One honorary and nineteen performing members were duly elected. Hinscombe was chosen for the next quarterly and Rowberrow for the intermediate meetings.

The Secretary presented the balance sheet which was accepted. The Rev. G. H. Lewis who for two years has been president of the Branch wished to retire and the Rev. Preb. Hayes Robinson was elected President, Mr. G. H. Pruen re-elected Vice-President, Mr. J. Harris re-elected Secretary and Mr. G. Chamberlain re-elected representative. The Secretary's report showed the branch had made good progress during the year. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the clergy, churchwardens and organist for the arranging of the Service, use of bells and presiding at the Organ.

During the afternoon and evening several good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples were rung

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

RINGERS AT SUPPER.

On Saturday, January 17th the Ringers' Annual Supper took place at the Clarence Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. Walter Champion (churchwarden) and the vice-chair by the Rev. H. A. Kirke. There were also present Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden), Messrs. H. Please, H. Luxon, J. Baker and others. After ample justice was done to the good things provided the rest of the evening was spent with toasts and harmony. After the usual loyal toasts the chairman gave in happy terms the Bishop and Clergy, the Rev. Kirke replied. The Rev. Kirke gave the Churchwardens, to which Mr. Champion and Mr. Prior replied. The Chairman then gave the Bellringers and Mr. Crandon suitably replied. Mr. Crandon then gave the Bath and Wells Diocesan Bellringers' Association, and Mr. J. Harris Hon. Local Sec., suitably acknowledged the compliment.

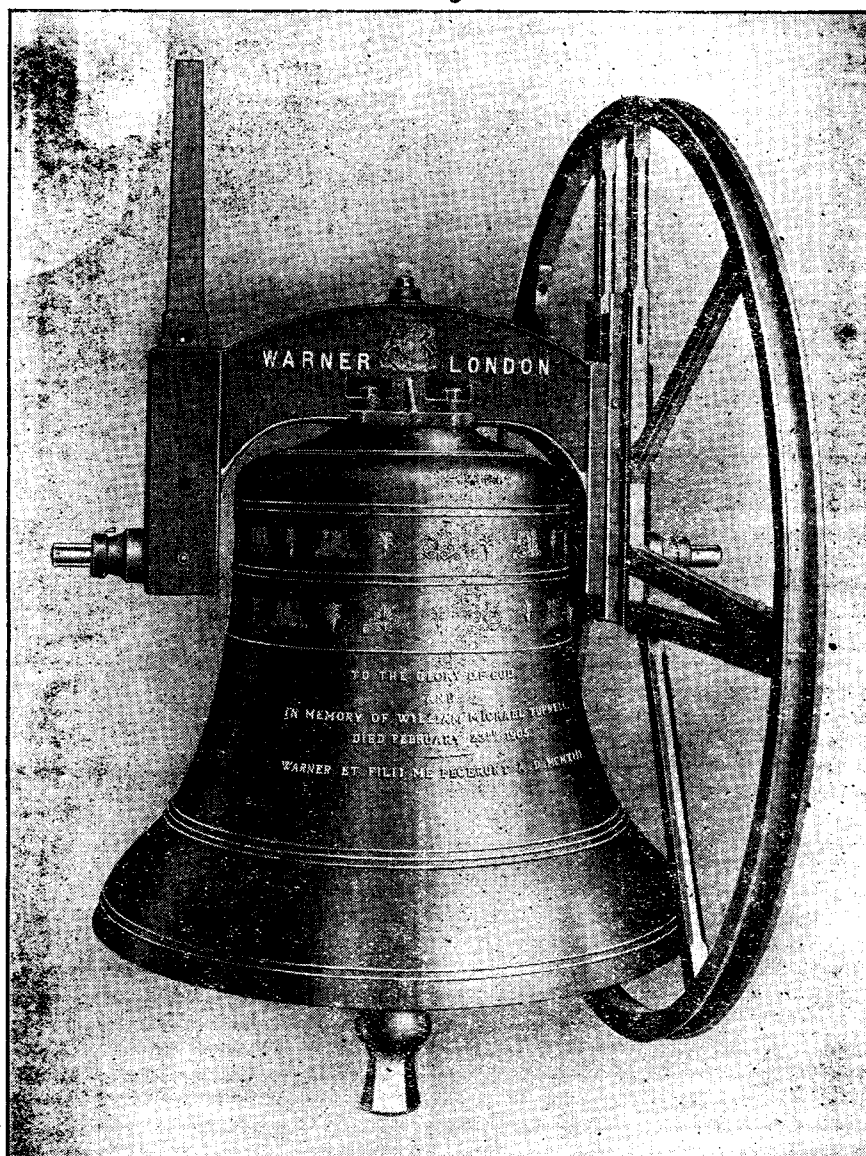
Several capital songs were given by members of the Company and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Cheers were given for the Host and Hostess to which Mr. Pruen replied. After singing Auld Lang Syne the company broke up just before 11 o'clock.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held on Monday, January 19th. The fine toned ring of St. John the Divine, Vassel Road, Kennington was placed at the disposal of the members for ringing from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., when a large number attended, the bells were up and ready by 8.15 p.m. and seven touches were attempted and successfully rung in seven different methods, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, Suplative Cambridge and Bristol Surprise, the latter being, first upon the bells. The business meeting was held at the "Mitre" near the church. Several financial matters, small and large were voted, being a clearing up of accounts for the end of the past year. Ten new members were elected, a similar number as at the previous meeting several of whom belong to the local company. Mr. Steeplekeeper G. Wild (a past secretary) stated he had not yet been able to arrange with the rest of his company, but he expected they would join by the next meeting. The members were reminded of the Annual to take place on Saturday, February, 14th. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Wild for his arrangements, but farewells were not said till the early hours of the morn and then "Taxis" had to be chartered to convey themembers to different parts of London.]

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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In my previous articles I pointed out that if you would understand Method Construction, you must free yourself of all preconceived ideas of what you think a Method ought to be, and go back to the fundamental nature of change-ringing. If you do so you will find that there are two rules, and two only, on which the whole thing is based. They are:—

1. A bell can change only with its next neighbour, or, in other words, a bell can move up or down, one step only, at a time.
2. The bells must at the finish return to the same row from which they started.

This last means that all ringing must be in the form of round blocks; and although there are Methods in which you can and may bring the bells round in a peal or touch at handstroke, that must never happen in a plain course.

These two rules are the only fundamental ones, and from them you can, by a logical process, deduce every system of ringing. But, besides them, three other rules were settled as being necessary in the infancy of the Art. They are:—

A. That Methods must be symmetrical. They must be divided into regular and equal leads or divisions, causing all the bells to do similar work, or to be grouped into two classes, the work of all the bells in each class being similar. And these leads or divisions must be symmetrical, that is they must have their Places properly balanced.

B. That no bell may strike more than two consecutive blows in any one position. That arises from the things that specially distinguish change-ringing from other kinds of ringing; for change-ringing is first and last the continual movement of the bells among themselves. What makes a Method is not the particular rows that are rung, but the particular movements of the bells to produce rows. When a bell strikes more than twice in any one position, it is offending against this condition, which is inherent in the nature of change-ringing, that a bell must always be on the move. In this connection it is interesting to examine the four blows behind in Bob Triples. You will find that they offend rather against the letter, than the spirit of the law. For what are those four blows? The first two are forward plain hunting. At that point a dodge is made, and a dodge is merely a backward step in a forward path. And the backward step of the bell that has just laid two blows behind, is to strike once more in sevenths, while the forward step would be to hunt down into sixths. I am not suggesting that Bob Triples is legitimate, nevertheless it is correct in its construction, and is not, as some supposed, a Method essentially distinct from Bob Major.

C. The third rule is that you must not have any repetition of rows, your Method or peal must be true. This is not a law of construction so much as a standard below which you must not fall. A false peal of Stedman is not the less Stedman because it is not true, nor have the ringers or the conductor shewn less ability. It is simply that a certain condition has not been fulfilled. This and the two last rules A, and B, are rules that can, and often are broken, and yet you can still have change-ringing. You could not break the two first rules without destroying the nature of change-ringing itself.

When I said that these rules had been settled in early time I did not mean, of course, that they had been formally or officially recognised. There was no body that had any authority to do any such thing, and if there had been, I do not think that the ancients gave any conscious attention

to the matter at all. How they did recognise them was by their work, and all, or practically all, the Methods in use to-day date from the first part of the eighteenth century or earlier.

There is one other rule that I might have included with these three, viz., that you must have what are known as "Bob Major Lead Ends." But this is not so much a rule as the recognition of a fact. For the Bob Major lead-ends are not, as is generally supposed, the most convenient set selected out of many other sets; they are the only set of lead-ends on which any and every Method can be built. They exist in every Method, but in illegitimate Methods they are covered up by other work. This is rather a hard thing to understand, but my meaning may be made clear by considering Canterbury Pleasure. The following is the lead-end of the Method:—

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

Before the lead end you have the 3rd and 4th lying still. That is that at the lead end these two bells are reversed in coursing order to what they were in the middle of the lead. Directly the lead end is passed these two bells change back again, and the original coursing order is regained. The second pair of Places in 3-4 counteracts the work of the first pair, and consequently these Places have no permanent effect on the construction of the Method. Omit them and you have exactly the same rows in the interior of the lead, and Bob Major lead ends. The correct plain course of the Method starts not from 23456, but from 24356, and if you will write it out you will find that the Method and the coursing order are Plain Bob, and that the Places have no more effect than the similar Places in Kent have, but that, since they are made, one pair in one lead and the other in the next, they give irregular lead ends. But for all that the true lead ends of the Method on which it is constructed are Bob Major lead ends. In the same way every Method with irregular lead ends which has as many leads as there are working bells (and one with any other number of leads would offend against the law of symmetry) is really based on the Bob Major lead ends, and the extra work that obscures them may be cleared away.

On these few rules that I have mentioned all Method construction is based. Anything that follows logically from them is legitimate; anything that offends against them is illegitimate. They all can be thoroughly justified. The first two because they supply the essence of ringing, and without them what we know as ringing could not exist; the others because the experience of nearly three centuries has shown that they are necessary for the development and regulation of change-ringing, and Bob Major lead ends, because they are a logical consequence of the first two rules, and are a fact that you may ignore but you cannot disprove.

No one has any right to say that any other rules than these are necessary for making a legitimate method, but the curious fact is that people suppose that the Methods Committee wish to restrict the term "legitimate," while ordinary persons would use it in a wider sense. The contrary is the fact. There are few people who have thought about these matters, and who would not require other rules to be laid down; and from time to time we

come across people saying that every legitimate Method should have such and such qualities. It is worth while to examine a few of these proposed rules. Some men will tell you that any Method which brings up the tenors the wrong way is illegitimate. I should not myself care about ringing such a Method, but on what grounds can we say that it is not legitimate? Because, I suppose, and only because its music must be bad. Music, I repeat, and shall presently prove, has nothing to do with the matter so that rule will not stand. Of greater interest are one or two rules that have been declared necessary by leading composers. Turn to the Glossary and you will find the following definition of a Method. "Any special way in which continuous 'changes' on five or more bells are produced by the regular and orderly movement of all, without repetition of any one change, which is also capable of yielding either the full possible number of distinct changes, or not less than 5000." What one goes to a Glossary for is not original research but to find what terms mean in common use to ordinary people. This definition does, as a matter of fact, say pretty much what the best people thought of a Method fifteen or so years ago. But notice the restrictions it implies. According to it you cannot have a Method on four bells—why does not seem very clear. And, again, it says that unless it can produce at least 5000 changes on seven bells and upwards it is not a Method. As I have pointed out the selection of 5000 changes to be a peal is quite arbitrary—you could have 4000 or 6000 if either were more convenient. Now a Method in which you cannot ring a peal is, in these days of much peal ringing, not a very useful Method. But it is not the same thing to say that a Method is not useful and that it is not legitimate. Was Cambridge illegitimate till Middleton composed his Five-part? or Stedman Triples till Thurstans' time? Is Forward a legitimate Method on eight bells and not on six?

Two other rules were given by Sir Arthur Heywood in a recent letter to the "BELL NEWS," and, apparently, he considered them the only ones that really matter. They are: First that the maximum number of pairs of bells must change at every change: that on five bells you must ring continuous Doubles, on seven continuous Triples, Caters on nine and Cinques on eleven. On eight bells the changes must be alternate Triples and Caters, on ten alternate Caters and Cinques, and so forth. Now, however much anyone may hold that this is a desirable thing, and I will not dispute the arguments that are brought to support it, I cannot find any argument that can really justify its being considered a mark of a legitimate Method, not even when it is applied only to the odd-bell Methods. Mr. Law James with an inconsistency and want of logic which he appears to glory in, but which is really not worthy of his mental abilities, would break the rule to the uttermost so far as some numbers are concerned, while refusing the least departure from it on the other numbers. He is welcome to his opinion. But however you try to apply this rule, it breaks down badly; and even if you could apply it logically there is nothing in the fundamental nature of change-ringing to justify it, as the rules I have given can be justified.

Sir Arthur Heywood's second rule is that you must not have adjoining Places, his reason being apparently because of the music. I rule out of court all considerations of music, but it would be interesting to discuss whether adjoining Places are in themselves unmusical, whether a sensitive ear that is not searching for them would be offended by them. Personally, I think not. Shift the

3-4 Places of Kent Maximus to 9-10 and they would spoil the music of the dodges; but retained in 3-4 they are not only not unmusical, but make the characteristic and excellent music of Treble Bob possible. Adjoining Places in certain positions, like many places, may mean bad music, but that is not the same thing as saying that they are in themselves bad, and therefore must be banned.

But, say many people, adjoining Places are bad construction. I cannot help thinking that people who say this talk in ignorance, for the only way in which you can judge of the value of Places is by the work they do. Every Place has some function to perform, and that work is very varied. You cannot lump all adjoining Places together and judge them *en bloc*. In one instance they may be bad construction; in another they may do work which cannot be done so well in any other way. A similar case is the four Places in one change of Cambridge. They have been called all manner of hard names. Yet the fact is that they do perfectly a piece of work that cannot be done otherwise. They justify themselves by their success, and it is only want of knowledge that calls them bad construction.

Correspondence

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PRINCIPLE OR METHOD.

To the Editor.

SIR,—In reply to the Rev. H. L. James I have a question to ask in which, Mr. Trollope is also interested. It is this:—

Does the wording of the arbitrary definition as to what constitutes a legitimate Principle preclude No. 1 System?

The private correspondence that lasted for over six months led me to believe that No. 1 System satisfied the conditions laid down.

I may be mistaken in my conclusions, but in any case I will repeat here what I said more than once during the correspondence *i.e.* "Neither Mr. Ridgway nor I am concerned as to what denomination the Leek System belongs." What we are concerned about is the fact that Mr. Trollope described "Leek" as "Mongrel."

Mr. James in his letter admits that the four systems you published for me "ARE ALL THE SAME," also, "so long as I am content to call them systems and nothing more, he is prepared to say that they are perfectly legitimate."

This effectually disposes of Mr. Trollope's adverse criticism with regard to Leek Major, and that is all I have contended for.

The four systems published are nothing to me excepting so far as they have helped to prove that Leek Major is perfectly legitimate and one of the best systems yet discovered.

Yours etc.,

GEORGE BAKER.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1914

The correct time for the peal on the new bells at Holy Trinity Church, Oselt, referred to in the testimonial to Messrs. J. F. Mallaby & Co., was 3 hrs. and 2 mins. It was given as 3 hrs. and 7 mins., and this difference of 5 minutes means a great deal in favour of the 'go' of the bells.

Referring to the note in a recent issue we are asked to point out that the composition of the "Thomas" Peal at Brentwood, on December 21st, 1911 conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, was Thurstan's One-part, and not the Four-part as stated, although, by an error it was published as the Four-part and corrected in a subsequent issue.

The address of Mr. G. Edwards, late of Chiddingstone, is now Elliot's House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch on Saturday last, was the 50th peal of Cinques rung by Mr. James George of Rugby.

The peal was the fourth on the bells since their opening on November 3rd. On the conclusion of the peal the opinion was expressed by the members of the band that the bells "went like tops."

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Thomas H. Taffender .. Treble	Reuben Sanders 6
William Truss 2	William H. Theobald .. 7
Arthur D. Barker 3	C. W. Robert Grimwood .. 8
Christopher H. Hughes .. 4	Alfred W. Grimes 8
James Scholes 5	Arthur J. Neale Tenor

Composed by George R. Fardon and Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

SHOREDITCH, N.E.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.****Tenor 28 cwt.**

George R. Pye Treble	Bertram Prewatt 7
William Pye 2	James E. Davis 8
Alfred W. Grimes 3	John H. Cheesman 9
Charles T. Colles 4	Reuben Sanders 10
Isaac G. Shade 5	James George 11
Edwin F. Pike * 6	Ernest Pye Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by William Pye.

*First peal on 12 bells.

BLOOMSBURY, W.C.**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY).***On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;****Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18 cwt.**

Thomas Walker Treble	Arthur D. Barker 5
Thomas H. Taffender .. 2	Albert E. Brightman .. 6
Christopher H. Hughes .. 3	Richard Bevan 7
Walter G. Matthews .. 4	Henry Boxall Tenor

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

The Provinces.**BLAXALL, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, January 19, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

Ernest Hammond .. Treble	Alfred Ling 4
James Wardley 2	Henry Puttock 5
Alderman Ling 3	William Sawyer Tenor

Conducted by William Sawyer.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDEKNOT.—On Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Minor (1914) consisting of 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Single Bob, 108 of Plain Bob, and 6 odd changes. S. Woolacott, Albert Croucher, Alfred Croucher, G. Fisher, W. Fisher, and Corpl. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor). Rung by an entirely local band.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.****In the Oxford Variation. Tenor 17 cwt.**

Herbert Day Treble	Fred. W. Hill 5
Sydney Lander 2	Frank F. Hill 6
G. Arthur Bowmer 3	William C. Pilcher 7
Alex. Hutchinson 4	Henry George Tenor

Composed by T. Plate, and Conducted by Henry George.

First peal by Sydney Lander. First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method by all except the ringer of the Treble. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Harry Price, who has resigned the head-mastership of St. John's Schools, Ripley, to read for Holy Orders.

KILNDOWN, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, January 24, 1914, in Three Hours,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Frederick Pankhurst* .. Treble	Frederick Foreman 4
George Fuller 2	James Wagborn 5
Frank E. Pattenden 3	Edwin Lambert Tenor

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

*First peal in five methods.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;****Being seven 720s of Plain Bob.**

William Smith Treble	Ernest Hammond 4
Alfred Ling 2	Henry Puttock 5
Alderman Ling 3	James Wardley Tenor

Conducted by H. Puttock

This was the first peal rung by the local company.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, January 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Charles Nunn Treble	George Cattarmole 4
Edward Yonngs 2	William Clover 5
Alphaeus J. Berry 3	William Rose Tenor

Conducted by Wm. Rose.

Rung in the afternoon, as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker, the owner of the Thornham Estate.

AYLESFORD, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF ORANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 14½ cwt.**

Percy Burgess Treble	Mrs. Victor A. Jarrett, R.E. 5
Harry Hogarth 2	Frank Belsey 6
Harold Roberts 3	Lance-Sgt. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. 7
John R. Homewood 4	George R. Lawrence Tenor

Conducted by F. Belsey.

First peal by ringers of 3 and 4. First in the method with a bob bell by the ringer of the 5th. John R. Homewood belongs to Aylesford; the rest to St. Mary's, Chatham. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Roberts, who attained the age of 21 on Feb. 1st.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

Henry G. Naish Treble	Charles Slade 6
John Howes 2	John H. B. Hesse 7
George E. Naish 3	George Spencer 8
William Sheppard 4	James N. Frossell 9
Frederick G. Goddard 5	James Chandler Tenor

Composed by John Wright and Conducted by John Howes

Rung in celebration of the 81st birthday of Mr. J. Wright, who has been a ringer at the above church for more than 60 years. It was Mr. Hesse's 200th peal

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

Rev. Reginald Bond .. Treble	Charles Chester 5
E. Maurice Atkins 2	Ernest Vickers 6
John W. Watson 3	William Clarke 7
Tom Pyle 4	John A. Freeman Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and
Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

This is the first peal by all except the ringers of 2, 3 and 7, and was arranged for E. Maurice Atkins.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Manchester Branch.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

J. T. Bottrill Treble	George Garnett 5
John Hall* 2	John Harrison 6
Charles Broadbent 3	Walter W. Wolstencroft 7
Robert Wimpenny 4	Herbert Palmer Tenor

Conducted by W. W. Wolstencroft.

*First peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt.

Clarence O. Hobbs .. Treble	Alban E. Slatter* 6
Charles H. Perry 2	Benjamin Thorp 7
Frederick B. Stedman* .. 3	Fred Chamberlain 8
William B. Biss 4	Joseph E. Sykes 9
John W. Jones 5	Seymour R. Barker Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by Benjamin Thorp.

*First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Clarence O. Hobbs.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD—At the Cathedral, on Thursday, Jan. 29th, for practice. 1056 Grandsire Cinques. A. Whight, A. Edwards, H. W. Kirton, F. W. Edwards, T. Lincoln, H. Richell, H. Allen, F. Gill, H. Head, W. Lincoln, H. F. Cooper (conductor), A. Head. Longest length by all, and on the bells.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Thursday, January 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part.

Thomas Hughes .. Treble	Alfred Rowley 5
Reuben Hall 2	William Fisher 6
Albert Little 3	Benjamin Gough 7
Horace Howell 4	Arthur Baker* Tenor

Conducted by Wm. Fisher.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., Vicar of the above parish and an honorary member of the above society.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Abraham Greenfield .. Treble	Richard Round 5
Harry Hill 2	Walter Prestidge 6
Albert Prestidge 3	Joseph Faulkner 7
Harry Hubble* 4	Alfred Davies Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Abraham Greenfield.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. I. W. Barnsley, of Spring Hill, Netherton a prominent member of the above church; to the late Mr. Thomas Plimmer, late chorister at the above church; and to Mr. J. Hodgetts, father-in-law of the ringer of the tenor.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs.

Lionel H. Page .. Treble	William G. Edwards 5
Matthew Ellsmore 2	Edwin J. Harding 6
Henry Jennings 3	George Williams 7
Joseph H. Wheeler* 4	Henry C. Ingram Tenor

Conducted by George Williams.

*First peal of Stedman.

YOULGREAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Darley Dale Branch.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

John Siddall, Jun.* .. Treble	William Fox 5
Alfred C. Wright 2	Thomas White 6
Henry Gregory 3	Benjamin Greateorex 7
William Barker* 4	James L. Wright Tenor

Conducted by B. Greateorex.

*First peal in the method.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service at the Church of St. Giles, a ½-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. F. V. Marks, T. Walker, A. D. Barker (conductor), C. H. Hughes, A. Jones, C. W. R. Grimwood, T. H. Taffender, H. C. Waite (first quarter peal).

THURMASTON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5160 CHANGES;

Being forty-three 6-scores, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb. in G.

Miss Selina Martin Treble	Ernest Morris 4
Alfred Ballard† 2	Arthur J. Ballard† 5
Albert Martin 3	Fred Staniforth Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

*First peal, and was proposed a member before starting. †First peal of Doubles, also on the bells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

John R. Barton* Treble	George F. Alexander 5
William T. Holmes 2	John Waters† 6
William A. Breckon 3	Rev. William P. Wright 7
Henry Gibson 4	Thomas Metcalfe Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker and Conducted by Thomas Metcalfe.

First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal of Kent Major. † First peal in the method. Other references on page 558.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch).

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

George Withers* Treble	Allan J. Cartwright* 5
Ernest Baylin 2	George N. Cockin* 6
Wilfred Mumford* 3	Alfred Hackett 7
Victor White 4	George Pigott Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and Conducted by George Pigott.

*First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday peal to Victor White. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 Changes: Middleton's.

William A. Garraway .. Treble	Richard Buckland 5
George H. Gutteridge .. 2	James Blackmore* 6
John Evans 3	George Martin 7
Herbert Cox 4	Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn .. Tenor

Conducted by George Martin.

G. Martin's rooth peal; list elsewhere. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

N. J. Pittsow's Variation.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Rowland Fenn Treble	Ebenezer Andrews 5
Walter Beard 2	Albert C. Hardy 6
Ernest J. Butler 3	Caleb Fenn 7
George W. Faulkner 4	William G. Jackson Tenor

Conducted by Caleb Fenn.

First peal of Stedman by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Charles A. Catchpole .. Treble	Henry C. Gillingham 5
Rev. Wm. C. Pearson .. 2	William J. Nevard 6
William Motts 3	James Motts 7
Charles J. Sedgley 4	Edward Evans Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton, and Conducted by James Motts.

STONEY STANTON LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR; 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Henry Briggs Treble	Charles Briggs 5
William A. Needham .. 2	W. Hyde Inglesant 6
Harry Wright* 3	George P. Garner, jun. .. 7
George Wood* 4	Arthur R. Aldham Tenor

Composed by Hyde Inglesant and Conducted by Arthur R. Aldham.

*First peal of Major, and rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Needham, Garner and Aldham are from Barwell; H. Wright from Sappote; Wood from Sharnford; W. H. Inglesant from Broughton Astley; Henry and Charles Briggs from Stoney Stanton. The composition, now rung for the first time, contains some of the best musical qualities possible in the method. 4, 5 and 6 only in this place; the 2nd never a 5th place bell at course ends.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

Matthias Hobbs Treble	Robert F. Turner 3
J. Edward Chapman .. 2	Frederick Kilborn 4
Frederick W. Sawfoot ..	Tenor.

Conducted by Matthias Hobbs.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, and the first for the Association. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the go being all that can be desired.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's 6-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

Henry Cornwell Treble	Robert Tracy 5
George Maxim 2	Henry G. Rowe 6
Walter G. Darlington .. 3	Horace Simmons 7
Lawrence G. Thurgood .. 4	George Cole Tenor

Conducted by Henry George Rowe.

Messrs. L. G. Thurgood and G. Cole were elected members before starting, and belong to the local band; R. Tracy bails from Letchworth; the rest from Cheshunt. Rung in honour of the 88th birthday of Mr. G. Rowe, of Aldenham, uncle of the conductor.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes (called differently), on the back bells, in 45 mins., with 1 and 2 leading. H. Wigmore, Rev. M. H. Waller, W. Bradley, F. Wigmore, F. Denty (conductor), J. Portsmouth; E. Austin and G. Cook took the two front bells. This was the longest length for all the band except the conductor. The band only commenced ringing when the bells were installed last Easter.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL;

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

William Davies Treble	Edward Cannice 4
John Allen 2	George R. Newton 5
Henry Fyles 3	John Turner Tenor

Conducted by George R. Newton.

First peal on the bells, which are the heaviest six-bell peal in Lancashire. The band desire to express their gratitude to Canon Sanderson for his generous hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

By the kindness of Major Lord Henniker, the ringers of Thornham were entertained to supper at the Horse Shoes Inn on Monday Jan. 26th. The absence of the rector (the Rev. E. F. Bingley) through a domestic bereavement was much regretted; a most genial chairman was found in Mr. William Rose (churchwarden of Thornham Magna), who was supported by his colleague, Mr. Phillip Palmer, and by the churchwardens of Thornham Parva, Messrs. G. Craggs and H. Locke. Mr. George Seagar and Mr. Jno. Stammers were present, and after the supper, which was provided by Host and Hostess Bull, the remainder of the evening was spent in toast and song.

STOKE ABBOT, DORSET.

For some time the ring of five bells of the above church has been in a very bad state and the walls of the tower much dilapidated, very much cut into, in some places more than half through, to allow the bells to be rung up. About eighteen months ago the vicar, the Rev. D. C. Owen consulted the Diocesan architect with a view of restoring the tower and bells. The effort has proved successful, as the old bell cage has been removed, the tower walls built up to their original thickness, a new cage of oak and iron erected, and the five bells rehung with entire new fittings on the newest principle. The work of repairing the tower walls has been carried out by Messrs. Hann & Sons, builders, of Beaminster, and the work of erecting the new cage and the rehanging of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. T. Doble & Sons of Taunton, who have carried out their contract in a very satisfactory manner. The "go" of the bells is everything that could be desired. At the re-opening service the Church was completely filled. The rededication service was conducted by Archdeacon Dundas, and many of the neighbouring clergy was present in their robes. Between forty and fifty ringers members of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild were present and the bells were kept merrily ringing until late in the evening.

BARKING (ESSEX).—On Sunday, Jan. 11th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Margaret, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. Carter's Odd-bob C. Fenn (conductor), W. Beard, A. C. Hardy, H. E. Parker, G. W. Faulkner, J. Norris, G. Cottis, W. G. Jackson.—On Sunday, Jan. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. B. Agar (first quarter-peal on the treble), C. Fenn, W. G. Jackson, H. E. Parker (composer and conductor), G. W. Faulkner, A. C. Hardy, R. Fenn, H. Wagstaff.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARY'S.

The following references apply to the peal rung at St. Mary's, Scarborough on January 31st, a record of which appears on page 585:—

The Treble and 4th ringers are local men, 2nd bails from Skelton in Cleveland, 3rd and 6th from Whitby, 5th from Fylingdale, 7th from Hemingborough and the tenor ringer from Ormesby.

This peal was rung as a farewell peal to the 2nd ringer who is leaving Skelton to take up a most important position under the Education Authority in Cumberland and his removal from Skelton will be greatly felt, as he is a most ardent and a very attentive ringer both at his church service ringing and peal ringing. Men who take such great interest in their work can be ill-spared in any town and church. It is hoped that Mr. Hones' new position will not only prove a blessing but a most successful one, and that his loss to the Cleveland district will prove a gain to the town to which he is going.

MR. G. MARTIN'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Mmor 4 Methods	1	
Minor 2 Methods	1	1
Grandsire Triples	9	3
Grandsire Caters	2	
Oxford Bob Triples	2	
Stedman Triples	18	4
Stedman Caters	2	
Bob Major	6	5
Kent Treble Bob Major	8	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Double Norwich Major	26	15
Superlative Surprise Major	13	8
Cambridge Surprise Major	8	6
London Surprise Major	3	
Total 100. Conducted 46.		

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Wednesday, January 28th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Richard Crofts Powell, and Miss Dora Mary Penny, only daughter of the Rev. Prebendary Alfred Penny, Rector of Wolverhampton, 519 Stedman Cinques H. Hawkswood, J. Purser, W. G. Hall, F. Darrell, H. Mitchell, T. O'Connor, A. Little, H. Farlow, W. H. Lawley, B. Clark, H. Knight (conductor), T. Smith. Also 615 Grandsire Cinques with E. Mitchell and R. Cartwright standing in.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 336 and 168 Stedman Triples; on Sunday Feb. 1st, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples; on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. A. H. Took, J. Spalding, C. Moss, J. Larter, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert (conductor), W. Pierce.

ANOTHER NEW PEAL IN WALES.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The dedication of the new peal of bells at St. Catherine's Church, Goeseinon. (Glam.) took place on Thursday afternoon, January 22nd, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of St. Davids. The bells which are the gift of Messrs. Lewis, well-known gentlemen in the district, are a very good ring of 8 by Messrs. Carr Ltd., of Smethwick, the tenor being 12 cwt. Ringers from Swansea attended. After the service the bells were immediately set going, ringing continuing until evening service. Satisfaction was expressed by all at both the tone and "go" of the bells.

Several reports have been unavoidably held over,

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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From Holt's Ten-Part Peal, which shews nine of its part-ends, as under:—

1234567
 2134567
 1243657 P.E.
 2146375
 1264735 P.E.
 2167453
 1276543 P.E.
 2175634
 1257364 P.E.
 2153746
 1235476 P.E.

First ten changes, shewing five of Holt's part-ends.

Go as usual with—

2135476
 2314567

752634 1
 347265 2
 243576 5
 542637 5
 765342 1
 367254 5
 543726 2
 745632 5
 647253 5
 246375 5
 532746 1
 465273 2
 264357 5
 362745 5
 453276 2
 374562 3
 573246 5
 275634 5

462375 1
 754236 2
 257643 5
 652374 5
 436752 1
 734265 5
 657423 2
 456372 5
 354267 5
 253746 5

672453 1
 536247 2
 235764 5
 732456 5
 647532 1
 546273 5
 735624 2

Continued—

637452 5
 436275 5
 234567 5

Rung at St. Mary's Parish Church, Stockport, for Divine Service, on Sunday evening, February 1st, 1914, conducted by Wm. Gordon. Time 1 hr. 12 mins. Wm. Gordon, 1; D. Pendlebury, 2; J. H. Mason, 3; Allan Gordon, 4; Alfred Gordon, 5; Peter Briskell, 6; Allan S. Gordon, 7; *Allan G. Clarke, 8, *Longest length with tenor. Rung to commemorate the 76th birthday of the conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By H. PRICE,

5008.

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 32654 - -
 26354 -
 63254 -
 52364 - -
 23564 -
 65324 - -
 53624 -
 36524 -
 62534 -
 32465 - - -
 24365 - -
 43265 - -
 62345 - -
 23645 - -
 46325 s -
 63425 - -
 34625 - -
 26435 - -
 64235 - -
 34562 - - -
 45362 - -
 34256 5
 5243 - -
 2453 - -
 3542 - -
 5432 - -
 4235 - -
 2534 - -
 4352 - -
 3254 - -
 4523 - -
 5324 - -
 3245 - s

Repeat last 12 courses, calling first bob at 6.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday Feb. 1st. at the Church of St. John, Waterloo Bridge Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1216 changes, in 48 mins. E. S. Garnett, A. Walton, H. J. Walton, T. W. Wyatt, F. J. Hardy, Arch. Miller, Alec. Miller (conductor), C. W. Welbourne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Miles, F. Goddard J. Stewart (first quarter-peal), W. New, T. Beadle, C. Dell, G. Spencer (conductor), A. Beckensale.

BECKENHAM (KENT).—On Thursday, Jan. 29th, 1914, for practice, at the Church of St. George, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. F. W. Rice, A. James, sen., G. W. Clarke, F. King, F. Terrv. E. Tigwell, G. Durling (conductor), F. Scutcher (first quarter-peal).

BURNHAM (SOMERSET).—On Monday, Jan. 26th, 1914, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. Evans, A. Routley, G. Chamberlain, F. Iley, G. Pruen, W. Worgan, H. Lawrence (first quarter-peal of Stedman) E. Reed. Conducted by A. Evans.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, for Men's Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. Watkins, E. J. Ridler, W. Wormsley, A. Cutmore, E. Reeves, W. Essery, H. Burton (conductor), F. Gibbard, First quarter in the method the ringer of the 3rd, and first as conductor.

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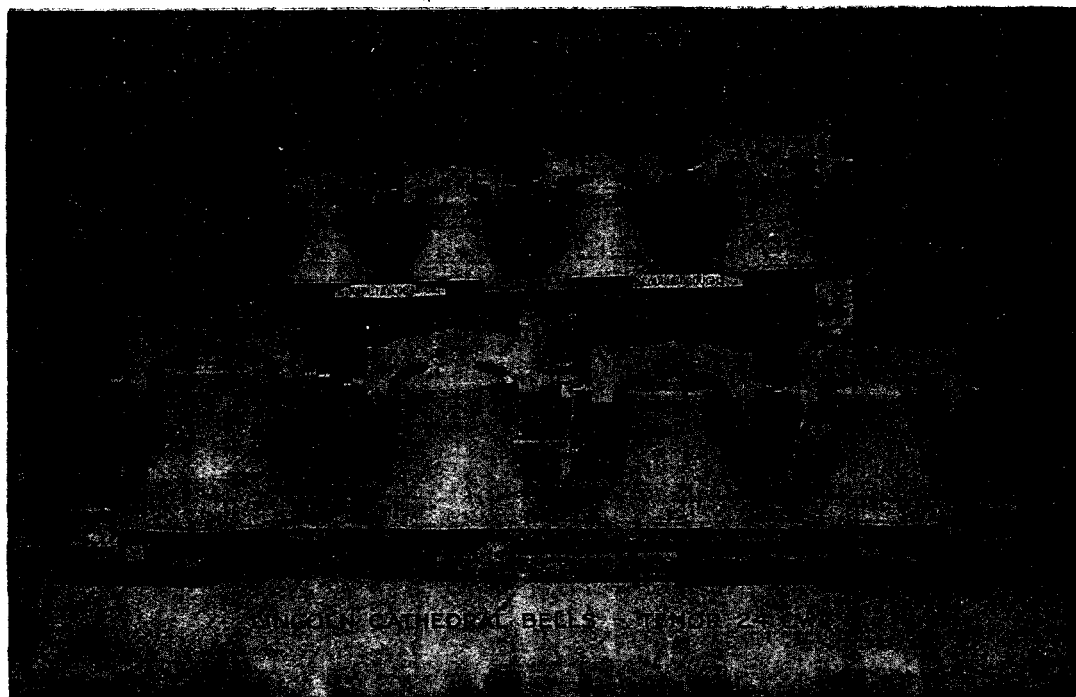
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Notices.

The charge for the insertion of Notices under this heading Sixpence for 36 words, for the first insertion repetitions at half that price. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 12th and 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. 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's Society.—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30. Tea at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at 7 p.m., at 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bocking on February 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service with address by the Very Rev. Canon Brownrigg, M.A., Dean of Bocking, at the parish church, at 5 p.m. The Dean has very kindly promised to provide tea free to members at the Deanery at 5.45 p.m. to all those giving notice not later than Wednesday, February 4th. Braintree (8 bells), Rayne (6 bells) also open for ringing. Subscriptions for 1914 are now due. The Street, Rayne.

B. Redgewell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Green Dragon Hotel at 5.30., at 10d. each to members notifying me by Wednesday, February 4th.

William Watts, District Secretary.

Mont House Cottage, Stansted Essex.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wooburn, Bucks. on Saturday, February 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15. Preacher—Rev. R. Unsworth, Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting at 5.45. Tea will be provided free to all members who send in their names before February 4th to

R. Coles, Hon. Sec.

Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District. The annual meeting of the District will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 7th. The bells of St. Paul's Church will be available from 2.30. Business meeting at 6.

H. Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association—The monthly meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, February 7th. Tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. E. Steele, 26, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, not later than February 4th.

Rev. Jno. Reay, } Hon. Secs.
J. Johnson, }

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the Dis. Sec. before February 12th.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.
20, Culver Road, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung. A good attendance is requested.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

32, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings on Saturday, February 14th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those giving notice of attendance. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

Madresfield, Malvern.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock.

Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present, please communicate not later than February 16th, with

R. Stephenson.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden on Sat., February 21st. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 a good attendance requested. Subscriptions are also due.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31 St. Pauls St., Ramsbottom.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church Prestwich, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Guild of Change-Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday February 1st, 1914, at the Church of St. John, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins. F. S. Bacon, A. G. Bennington, T. A. Easterby, W. H. Daynes, F. W. Richardson, E. B. Crowder, W. J. Jeffries (conductor), and C. H. Macklin.

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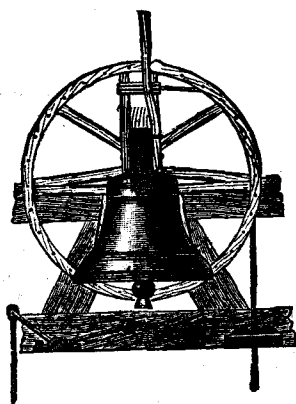
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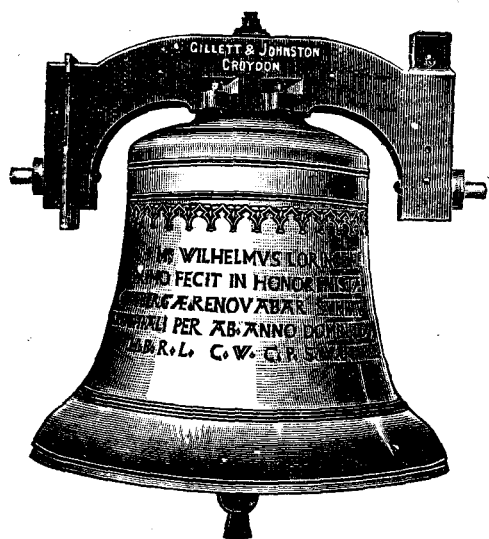
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NEW MEMORIAL BELLS AT DITCHLING.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER.

The Bishop of Chichester, on the afternoon of Sunday Feb. 1st., dedicated the new bells presented by the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Norton, to the Parish Church of Ditchling, Sussex, as a memorial to his two brothers, who died in 1910 and 1913. Some 30 years ago a new bell was added to the five then in the tower, as a memorial to the Rev. Thomas Hutchinson, a former Vicar of Ditchling. These six have recently been rehung in the old oak frame, which has been considerably strengthened by wrought iron bolts, angle plates and tie bars. Each bell has been fitted with new hard gun metal bearings and new steel gudgeons, whilst all the other fittings have been overhauled and repaired. The new bells are two trebles, to complete the octave. They bear the following inscriptions:—1 "To the Glory of God, and in memory of George Norton, of Liverpool. 1910." 2 "To the Glory of God, and in memory of Thomas Herbert Norton, B.A., Ch. Ch. Oxon., of Westminster. 1913." They have been cast and tuned upon the five-tone harmonical principle, which ensures that the bells are not only in perfect tune with the remainder of the peal, as single notes, but that the harmonics (or over-tones) of each are also in accurate accord with its own fundamental, or strike note. Thus tuned each bell, when struck, gives a perfect chord, and the purity of tone is considerably enhanced. The new bells are fitted with ringing fittings of the most modern type, including cast-iron headstocks, and are hung in a new and independent steel and iron frame fixed above the original timber frame. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry.

A SACRED TRUST.

For the dedication service the Lord Bishop was attended by the Rev. F. A. Norton (Vicar), Prebendary Mallaby, and the Rev. R. J. Lee (Vicar of Henfield and Rural Dean), who bore the Bishop's crozier. A very full congregation was present. Miss Mayston was at the organ, which was presented to the church by the Rev. F. C. Norton, in 1894, in memory of his mother. Messrs. J. S. Fieldwick and Henry Grainger (churchwardens) and James Muggeridge and George Mayston (sidesmen) were also present, with a number of ringers from neighbouring towers. The service commenced with the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God." After the opening prayers had been said, the Bishop, standing in the chancel, entreated the congregation to "humbly hope that our Heavenly Father will favourably accept this charitable work of ours in consecrating these two new bells for the performance of the several offices of public worship." Then the Bishop, attended by the clergy and churchwardens, proceeded to a position below the belfry for the appointed prayers, most beautiful in their appropriateness and significance. All standing again the Bishop said: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and in memory of George and Thomas Herbert Norton, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen." Delivering the ropes to the Vicar, his Lordship said; "Receive these bells as a sacred trust committed to thee as the appointed Minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be used only in His service and for the benefit of His people."

THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

A band of ringers then manned the ropes, and rang a few rounds, sufficient to prove the true melody of the bells. Between the hymns "Let saints on earth in concert sing" and "the Church's one foundation" an able address was delivered by the Bishop. His text was Zechariah xiv, 20 "In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord." Starting out with the vision of the old prophet that the people of the city would one day have one predominating thought—the honour of God, he went on to deal with the invention and early history of bells. Bells were in use before Christ came into the world. Romans used bells for a variety of purposes among others to let people know when the baths of the city were ready for use, when war with another nation broke out, when the Senate met, and for part of the music of street processions. The Christian did not say "We don't have anything to do with bells, but remembering the vision of the prophet they said "We will take them and use them for God's service." The bells had a message. They told the people, even those who did not go to church, that a parson was praying for them. They woke the folks up with their message "Wake up Christians, wake up." There was the passing bell, which said "Say a prayer for that soul; it is passing from Time into Eternity," and the funeral bell, whose story was: Brief life is here our portion." In that church they now had the bells completed by the kind gift of their Vicar, in memory of two who were known to many of them. They were bells upon which the giver by his hand, by his prayer, and by his thought, had written "Holiness unto the Lord." He, as Bishop, and the congregation had come to write the same.

HAPPY CHRISTIANS.

The bellringers, every time they rang them should remember that they belonged to God. The bells brought to each of them God's message. Let them, on Sundays, call the congregation regularly and punctually to church. When they heard them while at their work let them lift up their hearts to God, and ask for His blessing on them all. A melancholy Christian was like a bell out of tune, or a jarring or clanging bell. Let their lives be like a well-tuned bell. Let each go and be a bell in the world. Stop jarring words, don't gossip unkindly, don't be ill-natured, but try to think kindly of others. Bring sweet tunes among your friends and neighbours. Take care that you begin at home. Don't forget that those bells have a message from God, because you have given them to God; and on those bells we will put to-day "Holiness unto the Lord."

RINGERS AT TEA.

Afterwards the bells were again rung, ringers being

present from Henfield, Brighton, Lewes, Barcombe, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Burgess Hill, Bolney and other places. Mr. E. Bish is head of the Ditchling belfry. About fifty sat down to a meat tea kindly provided by the Vicar. Mr. G. Mayston, on behalf of the Vicar, said how pleased he was to see so many ringers present from different parts. Mr. A. B. Bennett expressed gratitude for himself and all the ringers, and a vote of thanks was passed accordingly. The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Superlative. The ringers in the opening peal stood as follows:—R. Dawes (Seaford), 1; A. Gravett (Brighton), 2; C. Tyler (Henfield), 3; H. Gravett (Burgess Hill), 4; F. Protherough (Burgess Hill), 5; A. B. Bennett (Brighton), 6; A. Turner (Lewes), 7; J. Parsons (Keymer), 8.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

INTER-AFFILIATION,

To the Editor.

SIR,—The following is abstracted from "The Bell-ringer" dated June 1st, 1907, No. 9 Vol. 1 page 216, and no doubt it will be most interesting at the present time:—

It is a remarkable fact that the Central Council is slow to act. Not only that, but it cannot be claimed by its strongest adherent that it is any too prolific in ideas. (We are quite aware that we are committing les majeste by these remarks, and cheerfully invite the penalty). Possibly the reason is because ringers as a body are very conservative themselves. The present system of life membership would in any other sphere have been taken in hand and placed upon a vastly different footing. When a ringer goes for a holiday it sometimes occurs that opportunity offers for a peal. Before he starts to ring, however, he is saddled with a levy of five shillings in order to become a life member. How many working men ringers have crown pieces to spare, especially after train fare is paid? He has no rights to exercise in the Association. He is an alien except for peal ringing. Why should he be taxed so heavily by a society of no use to him and which he may never visit again? Is there no other way? We submit that there is. Through the machinery of the Central Council it is possible for all Societies to offer equal facilities to ringers by a general

AFFILIATION SCHEME,

To bring this to pass it would be necessary for the Council to issue to all its component Societies affiliation cards of membership annually. Ever ringer could, who wished to do so, obtain from the Secretary of his particular Society his card at a cost say of one shilling per year. Its possession would entitle him to the ordinary privilege of peal-ringing anywhere for the current year. The names of the affiliated Societies could be printed upon the card, and that would be his ringing passport wherever he might travel. We believe all Societies concerned would benefit materially by such a scheme as this. At present only a limited number can afford the luxury (?) of life membership, but affiliation opens up a field of ringing to thousands otherwise unable to explore it. He would not expect the ordinary privileges of a local member, viz., certificate, report, and the right to vote, the latter being

of no use to him, but the two former could be purchased at the proper price. The income from the sale of the affiliation cards would be divided pro ratio among the societies combined.

It may be asked "Would not certain Societies suffer from lack of ordinary life membership?" We answer: That might be so, but the aggregation of affiliation fees would counter-balance and more than compensate. Moreover, the main object is not the benefit of any particular Society, but the well-being and the advantages gained by the whole.

Would ordinary members let their yearly subscriptions lapse in favour of the affiliation clause? We answer, no. Because only financial members of any Society would be able to obtain their cards. Although we are quite prepared to do so, it is scarcely within our province in this particular place to produce an elaborate scheme in all its details.

Suffice to say that although the launching of it would, of course entail some little extra work upon the officers of the C.C., once the organization was complete the affiliation scheme would virtually work itself. We are aware that it is too late for any expression of opinion to be given at the Council meeting this year, but we throw out the idea in the hope that our readers and ringers generally will discuss it among themselves.

Now, Sir, I am of opinion, and an insistent one, that after such a lapse of time our C. C. should be shook up, aye, and that roughly over the matter.

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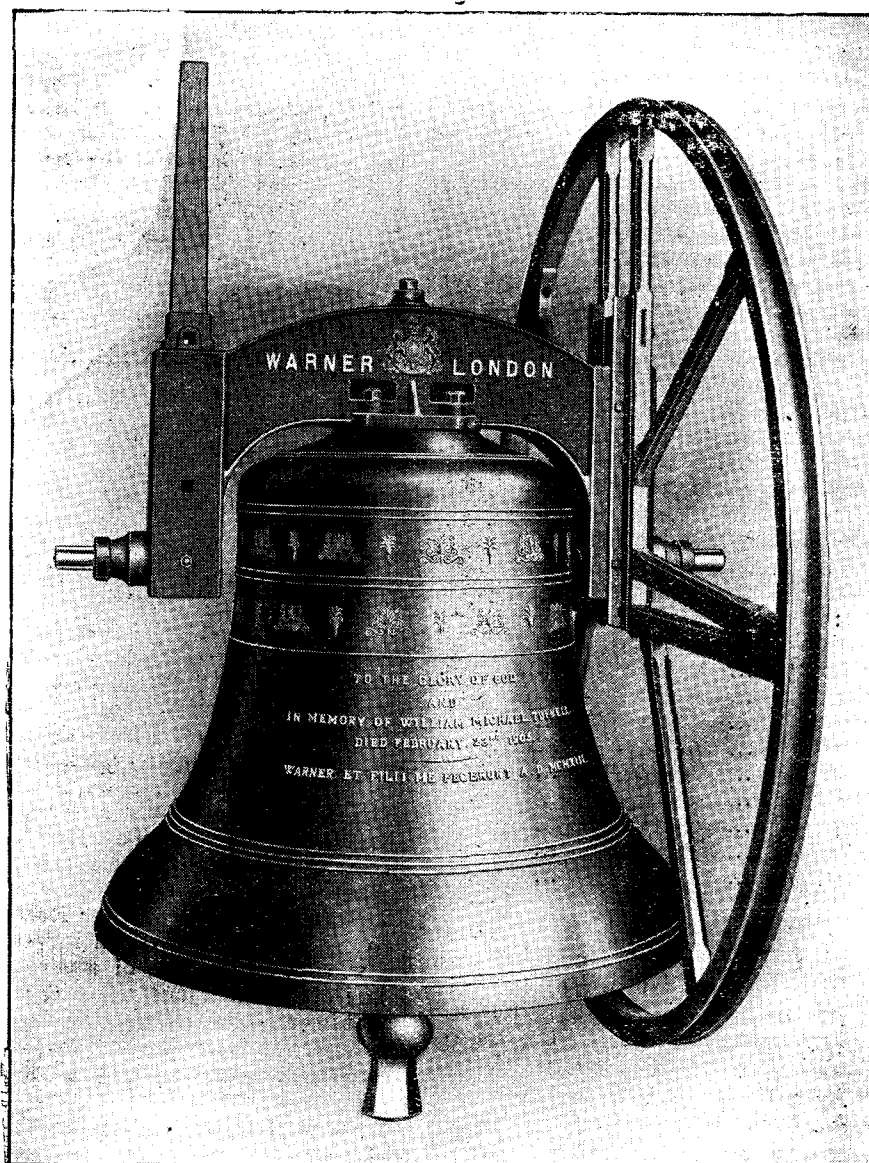
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The death took place on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, at Crewe, of a much respected member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. R. T. Holding, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Holding commenced his ringing career in 1883, at Whitchurch, about the time that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate there. At the end of 1889 he came to Crewe, where he was at once appointed to succeed the late Charles Thorpe as conductor in the local tower. Change-ringing at that time was at a very low ebb in the district, Stoney predominating everywhere. After a time with the senior ringers who were of that order, he formed practically a new band, and then conducted the first on the bells by a local band at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, November 28th, 1891, and shortly afterwards he was appointed as Instructor to the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Having to rely upon his own efforts for peals, and that in a chiefly agricultural district, his peals were rung in methods that perhaps do not rise to the height which they would certainly have done, had he lived in some of our chief ringing centres. The following are the peals which he had rung in 27 different towers:—

	Rung	Conducted
Plain Bob Triples	2	2
Plain Bob Major	10	8
Plain Bob Royal	1	—
Grandsire Triples	53	40
Grandsire Caters	6	2
Stedman Triples	4	3
Treble Bob Minor	2	2
Treble Bob Major	4	2
Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Totals	83	59

The Crewe belfry has undoubtedly lost a good member, whose place it will be very difficult to fill. The funeral took place at the Cemetery on the following Friday, when most of the towers in the Crewe Branch were represented by a large number of ringers. A short service was held in Christ Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake, M.A.) read the first portion of the service, and the Rev. D. R. James (curate) read the lesson. Throughout the afternoon the local band rang several touches, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to their late conductor. After the service at the Cemetery (which was conducted by the Vicar) four of his fellow-ringers rang the handbells over the grave, and the members, in addition to the Rev. A. T. Beeston (Secretary of the Guild) then returned to the tower and rang 503 Grandsire Caters. Rev. A. T. Beeston, 1; W. T. Holding, 2; J. H. Riding, 3; R. Langford, 4; A. Crawley, 5; G. Crawley, 6; W. F. Hartshore (conductor), 7; J. Dentith, 8; G. Harding, 9; R. D. Lanford, 10.

Amongst the large number of wreaths was one in the shape of a bell from the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe.

MR. H. ROBERTS.

One of the best known of the ringers in the West of England has passed away, in the person of Mr. H. Roberts, of Cheltenham, tidings of whose death reached us too late to enable us to get any particulars further than those contained in the brief letter conveying the intimation.

From this we gather that Mr. Roberts was born at Prestbury, near Cheltenham, 47 years ago. He was a noted ringer and conductor, and took part in a large number of peals, his most notable performances being the two long peals of Stedman and Grandsire rung at Cheltenham in the years 1888 and 1889. Many old friends attended the funeral, when his remains were laid to rest in the family grave. After the interment a muffled quartar peal of Grandsire was rung, followed by the usual whole pull and stand,

[We shall be pleased to receive any particulars of the career of Mr. Roberts that our readers can furnish.—ED]

AFTER MANY YEARS.

NOTE TO PEAL AT OLDSWINFORD.

It was twelve years to a day since Dick Grove, Tom Salter, and A. E. P. rang their last peal together. The former had on several occasions expressed his desire to ring one more peal with the band who did good work in the nineties, and at the birthday celebration in Birmingham of Mr. James George, of Rugby, Dolph Roberts, of Coventry, clinched the decision with Tommy and A. E. P., and the latter was commissioned to get together, if possible, the "bhoys."

Difficulties, not unexpectedly, presented themselves. Bill Short was pinned to his duties in Herefordshire; Noah Davies was, unfortunately, on the sick list; and Harry Smith had important business he could not postpone. Sam Grove, of Selly Oak, filled the first vacancy, and Bob Matthews and Jack Bass, the "Siamese twins," the other two. (By the way, it is not generally known that Jack Bass rang his first hundred peals with Bob, a record certainly.) The Rector of Oldswinford kindly granted permission on his bells, and at 4.10 they (the bells) went into Stedman Triples, and an excellent peal finished at 7.9. But for "Robert calling Bob" almost absolute silence prevailed in the belfry. A smile might have covered the face of a stranger could he have seen the treble man almost the length of his rope, Dolph with his fifteen stone odd hanging on to the 3rd, a bell little heavier than himself, and little Tommy Salter in between, perched on a hassock either, because his rope was short, or he was ashamed of his stature; Dick in the middle of the crowd; little Jack Bass on the 5th; Bob the pilot at 6; whilst the word "go" to Sam Grove on the 7th, and Jack the "drummer boy" was like opening the steam valve of a couple of twenty-five horse power engines. A point of interest may be seen from the following facts that all were good century men, and all of them "not out": A. E. P., 109; Tom Salter, 267; Dolph Roberts, 166; Dick Grove, 126; Jack Bass, 192; Rob Matthews, 225; Sam Grove, 260; Jack Barber, 151. May we all meet again.

A. E. P.

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HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Tuesday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Merrison, T. Stockdale, G. F. Williams (conductor), G. Dowling, J. Hodds, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson, J. Chamberlain. Rung as a birthday complement to the conductor.

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By C. JACKSON, Hull.

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THE DISPUTE OVER HANDBELLS AT LEE, LEWISHAM.

We have been requested to publish the following letter, and gladly do so:—

SIR,—In view of the local interest excited in this case by paragraphs in St. Margaret's Parish Magazine, and by the report in a recent issue of proceedings in the High Court in reference to the Rev. Richard Meddings, we think it only fair to our client that you should publish the fact that the churchwardens have now served formal notice of discontinuance. Consequently the handbells that have caused all the trouble will remain, as heretofore, the personal property of Mr. George Simmonds and his colleagues, the late bellringers of St. Margaret's.

We are, Sir, etc.,

JAMES AND CHARLES DODD,

Solicitors for the defendant.

11, New Square, Lincoln's Inn.

LUTON (Beds)—At the Parish Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, a quarter-peal (1344 changes) of Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. Rookwood, A. King, E. White (Eistow), G. Newson, B. Wilson, H. J. Burgess (Toronto, Canada), C. Wing, F. Hunt (conductor). Rung for the wedding of Mr. John Davies, of Barry Dock, South Wales, and Miss M. Burgess, of Luton. Mr. Davies was for some years a member of the Luton Parish Church Society.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1914

BELL RESTORATIONS AND EXPERTS.

The letter published in a recent issue over the signature of Mr. O'Meara has not drawn from the Exercise the criticism that might have been anticipated.

The writer uses the term engineer in a general sense, but the name is applied to a variety of sections each distinct from the other. It may be used of heating or sanitary engineers, or of civil engineers, and these are as wide apart as the poles.

The great difficulty would seem to be to get an expert who was not prejudiced, since only those who have had some experience in a bell foundry can claim to have the knowledge necessary to make the perfect expert, and such a man would almost invariably be prejudiced in favour of the firm with whom he gained his experience.

Then the bell expert must have a most varied education. He would be expected to know something of building construction, since he would have to determine what weight a tower would bear, and how best to fix a bell frame in it so as to get the minimum of strain with the minimum of weight and the maximum of strength.

He would need to have had some experience as a CONSTRUCTIONAL engineer, especially of girder work, since only one with such knowledge could tell whether a bell frame was properly made and strong enough to bear the strain placed on it by the ringing of the bells. Combined with this knowledge he must know just the right amount of hang-out and tuck necessary to ensure that bell's of varying sizes would swing in the same time; be able to calculate the strength and weight of headstocks, diameter and length of gudgeons necessary for each bell, weight of clappers, the moment of inertia of moving bells, and numerous other theoretical and practical problems incidental to the hanging of bells in frames and the towers in which they are to be fixed. It would be necessary, too, that he should have a knowledge of dynamics, and the theory of stresses and strains in iron and steel as well as in stone and wood structures.

So much for the mechanical side. Now for the musical side of the question, and this is what is of most importance in the mind of the public. The man in the street does not trouble his head as to how a bell is hung, but he does

care whether a peal has a musical sound or not. The expert would have to test the tuning of the bells, and to enable him to do this he would need a long and careful musical training. Otherwise he could not accurately test the harmonics of a peal. This testing cannot be done by the ear alone. It is a well known fact that the human ear can not detect in bells a variation of less than four vibrations, sharp or flat, but the delicate apparatus used in testing bells indicates variations of two vibrations. This apparatus is rather too complicated to carry about in the waistcoat pocket.

How much experience is necessary to enable a man to judge of the bells best suited to a tower built perhaps hundreds of years ago, the form of which has, in certain circumstances, a distinct influence on the sound of bells.

An expert must also possess a knowledge of the mixture of alloys, and the effect of such alloys on the tone of a bell. He should also be able to detect defects in the casting, such as sponginess, which, though undiscernable on the surface, may be there all the same, and which may not affect the tone at the moment. Then there is the possibility of an expert becoming prejudiced in favour of some particular firm, or style of work, or to have old-fashioned likes and dislikes with regard to improvements brought about by up-to-date knowledge.

The getting of a really unprejudiced expert is the main issue, and the surest way to attain this end is to adopt the plan in vogue in Germany. In that country the Government retains experts in every branch of trade, whose duty it is to examine and report on all work where they are called in. When handing in the report they have to attest, on oath, that they have no bias in favour of, or prejudicial to, any particular firm. Moreover they are paid a salary sufficient to keep them free from the temptation to accept a bribe or to commit perjury.

But where are we to find such an expert as would meet all the requirements laid down. Surely the nearest approach to the ideal is the bellfounder himself, who has spent his time and money in gaining the requisite knowledge and experience, and who is not likely to risk his reputation by knowingly putting in bad work. Further, each of the bell-founding firms has upon the staff men who are experts, each in his own particular branch, whose aim it is to give of their best to serve the interests of the firm.

Again, Church authorities, be they clergy or laymen, are not so ignorant of the ways of the world as not to be able to judge whether a man is to be trusted to do his best; neither are they likely to be put off with bad work, even though it necessitate the delay incidental to doing the work over again. The best safeguard for the public is that these authorities should, before commencing operations, make sure that they know which firms are doing the best work. But, after all, as in all business transactions, the customer is the one the tradesman has to please, and if the church authorities are pleased, the public are pleased, and the bell founder is satisfied, why call in any one else to find fault.

STOURBRIDGE (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 20th, for practice at St. Thomas's Church, 672 Bob Major. W. Cooper, W. Hand, T. Heathcock, W. Meredith, R. More, G. H. Pagett, W. A. Pugh, A. W. Dodd (first as conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 6th and tenor covering. H. Thomas (first 720), W. Meredith, W. Hand, W. A. Pugh, G. H. Pagett, W. Cooper, A. W. Dodd (conductor), P. Thomas. On Sunday, February 8th, for morning service, 252 Bob Triples. H. Thomas, W. Cooper (first inside), G. H. Pagett (conductor), W. Meredith, W. Hand, A. W. Dodd, W. A. Pugh, P. Thomas.

The Metropolis.

LONDON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

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

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

John H. B. Hesse Treble	Ernest E. Grimes 5
Albert A. Hughes 2	J. Armiger Trollope 6
Alfred W. Grimes 3	Frank I. Hairs 7
Edwin F. Pike 4	James E. Davis Tenor

Composed by Frederick A. Holden, and
Conducted by James E. Davis.

BOW, E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES.

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

York Green Treble	William Truss 5
Arthur J. Neale 2	William Miller 6
William H. Theobald 3	Reuben Sanders 7
Thomas Cranfield 4	Henry Torble Tenor

Composed and Conducted by York Green.

The composition, now rung for the first time, has the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th placed four course ends each way in 5-6, the extent in those positions without the 2nd in 5ths or 6ths at the course ends, and is the first published on this plan with these qualities. Figures published in the "Bell News," June 14th, 1913.

The Provinces.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brook's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick Webb Treble	William Stone 5
Albert E. Lock 2	George Holifield, sen. 6
Miss K. Holifield 3	George Holifield, jun. 7
Harry Holifield 4	William Cox Tenor

Conducted by G. Holifield.

First peal on the bells.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Fredk. W. Stone Treble	John W. Glew 4
George Freebrey* 2	John Flower 5
Charles Draper 3	Joseph Lord Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Lord.

*First peal of Minor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Rev. R. P. Farrow Treble	Gerald Griffin 5
Walter Fern 2	E. Harry Stoneley 6
Joseph Cadle 3	Harry Powdrill 7
Ernest W. Beadsmore 4	Henry Cornford Tenor

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

Rung on the Eve of the Festival of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5555 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

William J. Mears Treble	John Corrigan 6
Alfred T. Hyland 2	George Garrison 7
James Jones 3	William G. Ellis 8
John Carter 4	George F. Swann 9
Morris J. Morris 5	William Davies Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Carter.

This peal has the 6th the extent behind the 8th and 9th, with a second bell fixed at every course-end, and is now rung for the first time.

SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

John Cooper Treble	John F. Ballinger 3
Harold Halford 2	James Causon 4
Joseph T. Dyke 3	.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

*First peal, and elected a member before starting.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 20 cwt.

Henry G. Rowe Treble	George Gray 5
Frederick W. Richardson .. 2	George Radley 6
Jesse Pnplett 3	William Saban 7
William Irons 4	Horace Simmons Tenor

Conducted by George Radley.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

James T. Ward Treble	Alfred Martin 5
John J. Mawby 2	William Willson 6
James Garrett 3	James Houghton 7
J. Hubert Horn 4	Walter Perkins Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff, and Conducted by W. Perkins

Arranged for Mr. William Willson, of Leicester, who was working in the locality, and rung as a birthday compliment to J. J. Mawby.

BENFIELD SIDE, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTBERT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Newcastle, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. W. Forster Treble	T. H. Surtees 4
J. Marshall 2	A. Charlton 5
R. Dixon 3	F. Barron Tenor

Conducted by F. Barron.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all. First peal ever rung upon the bells. Rung at the first attempt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(The Nuneaton Society).

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.

Harry Argyle Treble	E. Harry Stoneley 5
Roland O. Pollard 2	James F. Clarke, jun. .. 6
Ernest Stone 3	Thomas W. Chapman .. 7
Walter Horton 4	John Greasley Tenor

Conducted by T. W. Chapman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

James' 5-Part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

Rev. E. Banks James .. Treble	Charles J. Fray 5
Rev. H. B. Woolley 2	William T. Tucker 6
George Williams 3	William H. George 7
William G. Edwards 4	Owen H. Giles Tenor

Composed and Conducted by the Rev. E. Banks James.

Mr. Woolley, for whom the peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting, and it was his first peal of Grandsire.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

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

Charles A. Layton Treble	Christopher Bowers .. 4
Charles Layton 2	Andrew Layton 4
Charles Powell 3	George Jordan 6

Conducted by Andrew Layton.

First peal by C. A. Layton; first with a bob bell by C. Powell.

SUNDERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'.

Tenor 13 cwt.

George S. Taylor Treble	Michael F. Harrison .. 5
Cecil O. Sayer 2	Joseph W. Parker 6
James Ayers 3	Robert L. Patterson .. 7
Frederick P. Howcroft .. 4	William Oxley Tenor

Conducted by R. L. Patterson.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. Arranged for F. P. Howcroft, of West Hartlepool.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

John W. Lakin, sen. .. Treble	John W. Lakin, jun. .. 4
John Taylor 2	Harry Willerton 5
Arthur Riggall 3	Rupert Richardson .. Tenor

Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

* First peal.

FARNHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas Scammell* Treble	George Williams 5
Miss W. Carden* 2	Edwin J. Harding.. .. 6
Lionel H. Page 3	William H. George 7
William G. Edwards 4	William T. Tucker Tenor

Composed by Henry Daies, and Conducted by George Williams.

*First peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tbirstan's Four-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert E. Parsons Treble	John Bass 5
Thomas J. Salter 2	Robert Matthews.. .. 6
Adolphus Roberts 3	Samuel Grove 7
Richard E. Grove 4	John Barber Tenor

Conducted by R. Matthews.

An interesting note on this peal will be found on page 592.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR: CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Reginald Brough Treble	Frederick W. Richardson .. 5
Ernest B. Crowder 2	Isaac Emery 6
Hubert J. Blackwell 3	George Durling 7
John Wheadon 4	Edwin Barnett, sen. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edwin Barnett, sen.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

John Overton Treble	Bertram Head 5
Walter Hayward* 2	Ernest Foxall.. .. 6
George Cass 3	Wilfred Overton 7
John Elcock 4	Horace W. Overton Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and Conducted by Wilfred Overton.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major by all, and on the bells.

STOCKPORT.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

Thomas Jackson Treble	Rev. A. T. Beeston 6
Alfred Barnes 2	Henry W. Wilde 7
Harold Jackson 3	Rev. H. S. Richardson* .. 8
William Bibby 4	J. Thomas Bottrill* 9
William Jackson 5	Harry Chapman Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Henry W. Wilde.

This is the first peal of Royal to be rung in the method. *First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on ten bells. This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths place, and the 4th never there.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 41 for Sale, cheap. Taylor's make. Particulars from THORP, 57, Regent Road, Leicester.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR.

5024 Changes.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Fred Davies* Treble	Thomas Riley 5
George Hollis* 2	Arthur Knights 6
Charles Mason 3	George W. Bemrose 7
William Lambert 4	John Flint Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights and Conducted by John Flint.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. The "go" is excellent.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

Thomas Russam Treble	John Neal 6
James E. Groves.. .. 2	James George 7
Joseph W. Timms 3	Stanley Bragg 8
Alfred J. Hessian.. .. 4	John Bragg* 9
Ernest T. Allaway 5	Sidney G. Chaplin Tenor

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

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal on ten bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

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

Arthur Cattermole Treble	William Clover 4
Edward Youngs.. .. 2	William Rose 5
Thomas Davey 3	Leonard E. Last Tenor

Conducted by L. E. Last.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Youngs, of Thornham Magna, who has attained the age of fifty years.

PETERSTONE, WENTLOOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

John W. Jones Treble	Frederick Atwell 5
Joseph E. Sykes 2	Fred Chamberlain 6
William B. Biss 3	Sidney Dawe 7
Charles Greedy 4	Benjamin Thorp Tenor

Composed by John Thorp, and Conducted by Benjamin Thorp.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, it being her 23rd birthday.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Tuesday evening, February 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins. J. W. Chandler, J. A. Fenton, B. W. Haywood, H. O. White, C. E. Joynes, C. W. Wheeler, W. Malins, R. W. Jesson. Composed and Conducted by Walter Malins. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Richard Over, an ex-churchwarden, who was interred at Rugby on this date.

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (Stroud and District Branch).

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, called differently.

Frank Ponting ...	...Treble	Harry Barratt ...	... 4
Charles East ...	... 2	Arthur Summers ...	... 5
Albert Wright ...	... 3	Frank Cole ...	... Tenor

Conducted by Albert Wright.

First peal of 5040 on the bells.

BOLDMEZE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

William G. Anker * ...	...Treble	Thomas Bloore ...	... 5
John Jennings ...	... 2	Frederick J. Cope... ..	... 4
Charles Waithman * ...	... 3	George Roberts ...	... 5
George Parsons * ...	... 4	Bertram G. Leedham† ...	Tenor

Composed by John Carter and Conducted by B. G. Leedham.

*First peal of Major. † First peal as conductor, to whom it was rung as a birthday compliment, the band tendering him the usual good wishes.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
 (The Heavitree Society).

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 26 cwt.

Richard HamiltonTreble	John R. Sandover 5
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Frederick W. Richards... 3	Herbert V. Richards† 7
Thomas Laver 4	Sergt.-Major C. Warner	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert V. Richards.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen 6-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Jasper Emerson* ...	...Treble	James P. Hyett... ..	... 4
William H. Williams ...	... 2	Walter Taylor ...	... 5
Charles Clifford... ..	... 3	Edmund Brooks ...	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Williams.

*First peal. Rung for evening service.

KILBURN, N.W.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St Augustine,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

William J. Nudds ...	Treble	Alfred W. Grimes ...	... 5
William Pye ...	... 2	Reuben Sanders ...	... 6
Bertram Prewett ...	... 3	Charles T. Coles ...	... 7
George R. Pye ...	... 4	Ernest Pye ...	... Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by Wm. Pye.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

George Booth * ...	...Treble	John Warrilow * ...	... 3
Fredk V. Haggis† ...	... 2	Wm. H. Jones * ...	... 4
John J. Taylor ...	...Tenor		

Conducted by John J. Taylor.

* First Peal. † First with a bob bell. First as conductor Rung with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Bettelley, a generous donor towards re-hanging the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914 in 3 Hours 13 Minutes,

At the Parish Church.

A AL OF BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

William Last... ..	...Treble	George Farnish ...	... 5
William Weedon ...	... 2	Ernest E. Lanham ...	... 6
George Farnish ...	... 3	George Whiting ...	... 7
Sydney Pilgrim ...	... 4	Edward Jenkins ...	... Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross and Conducted by George Whiting.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. W. Thirkettle, churchwarden of this parish.

N.B.—This peal may be found in Norwich Diocesan Association Report for 1912, No. 2391.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1914, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

On Handbells, retained in hand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett ..	.. 1-2	Ernest Pye ..	.. 7-8
William Pye ..	.. 3-4	James Hunt ..	.. 9-10
George R. Pye ..	.. 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes ..	.. 11-12

Composed by Henry Johnson, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—M. F. R. Hibbert. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Grimes.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At the residence of S. H. Symonds, 5, Church Street.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent, and three of Bob Minor.

William R. J. Poulson ..	1-2	Arthur Symonds ..	.. 3-4
Stedman H. Symonds ..	.. 5-6		

Conducted by S. H. Symonds,

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday evening, for service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins. J. Barry, A. Bunn, H. Dains, A. Hart, R. Green, J. Cornford, G. Charge, A. Turner (conductor). On Sunday evening, February 9th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Barry, R. Green, T. Walker, H. Franks, A. Bunn, A. Hart, A. Turner (conductor), A. Riley. First quarter-peal in both methods as conductor.

RINGERS AT THE FEAST.

ST. URBRIDGE, WORCESTER-HIRE.

On Monday, January 26th, for the third year in succession the band of ringers associated with St. Thomas's Church were entertained to supper by Mr. C. O. Gallimore, Peoples' Warden, at Norton Grange. The assembly also included Mrs. Gallimore, Mr. W. Fiddian (Vicar's Warden) and Miss Newland. To the regret of the company the Vicar was unable to be present owing to illness. After an excellent supper a social evening followed, and the ringers played tunes and rang courses on the handbells. Mr. G. H. Pagett, conductor of the band, voiced the thanks of the guests for Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore's hospitality, and spoke of the progress the band had made during the year, all being able to ring Triples and Major.

Mr. Gallimore, responding, expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Gallimore and himself to entertain the ringers of St. Thomas' Church.

Mr. Fiddian also tendered thanks to the ringers for their services, and Mr. Gallimore added his testimony to the progress the band had made. The evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

FEN DITTON, CAMBS.

The members of the Fen Ditton Church Ringers Club held their annual dinner at the Club Room of the "Ancient Shepherd," when a large company of members and friends sat down to an excellent repast served by Host and Hostess Hancock.

The Rector, Rev. H. W. Forbes, occupied the chair, but the churchwardens (Professor Ridgeway and Mr. J. H. Thornton) were unavoidably absent, much to the regret of the company. Mr. H. Newman conductor and hon. sec., proposed "Success to the Club," which was well received, and Mr. L. Mallion, in reply, said he would like to see a subscription list started for placing three additional bells in the tower. The Rector proposed the health of Mr. F. Dench, and said they ought to think it an honour to have the company of a professional ringer. Mr. Dench, in responding, thanked the members for the kind invitation to the dinner, and said he had been about the country, but he had never met with a more united band of ringers than they were at Fen Ditton. Mr. H. Lees proposed the health of the Conductor and Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Newman, which was received with musical honours. Mr. Newman briefly replied. The health of the President, proposed by Mr. Mallion, was also accorded musical honours, and the Rector replied, thanking them, and hoping they would have many more such pleasant evenings. Thanks were tendered to the Host and Hostess, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The proceedings were interspersed with songs and handbell selections, among those who contributed being Messrs. A. Palmer, A. Turner, Wm. Reeves, T. Ward, H. Newman, J. Ward, H. Lees, J. Nichols, A. Arch, L. Mallion, H. Wisbeach, E. Hibbins, J. Martin, E. Cracknell, F. Dench and Walter Newman.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE TONBRIDGE SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge Branch of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Jan. 31, the proceedings including, beside the formal business of the meeting, the presentation of a handsome clock to Mr. W. Latter, the Hon. Sec. of the District, in appreciation of the services he has rendered. The first part of the meeting was at St. Peter's Church, where a bright service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the Association.

Some 75 ringers were present from towers in the district, and these afterwards sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Parish Hall. Following this the business meeting was held. After the usual preliminaries,

Miss Leny, in a graceful little speech, presented to Mr. W. Latter a handsome marble chiming clock, which bore the following inscription on a brass plate:—"Presented to W. Latter, by the members of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, in recognition of his 20 years' service as Hon. Secretary, Jan 31, 1914."

The Chairman, in a brief speech eulogised the work of Mr. Latter as their hon. secretary for 20 years. Few knew, he said, the amount of work involved in ensuring that the work of the Association went smoothly, and it was fitting that the members should show, in some practical form, their appreciation of Mr. Latter's untiring energy. In conclusion, the speaker urged the members not to rest till they had made the Kent Association one of the foremost in the kingdom.

Mr. Latter, in returning thanks, said that the secretarial work had been to him a labour of love, and he was always pleased to do what he could for the Association. He assured the members that he would prize the gift all his life.

In his report to the annual meeting Mr. Latter said that 15 new members had been elected during the year. The loss of a few members left the District with a net gain of two. The District included 19 towers, with 170 practising and 19 hon. members. The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £21 16s. and expenditure £7 7s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £14 8s. 6d.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected hon. sec., and Mr. G. Edwards representative on the Central Committee.

Meetings were arranged for Staplehurst in the spring, Speldhurst in the summer, Shipbourne in the autumn, and Tonbridge for the annual meeting next January.

Mr. Latter writes:—"Will you grant me a small space to return my sincere thanks to the members for the very handsome present they gave me at the annual meeting. I was so taken by surprise that I am afraid I did not express the thanks I felt at their kindness. Also I desire to thank Miss Leny for her kindness in coming to present me with the gift, and for her kind remarks. I have, further, to thank our esteemed Hon. Sec. for so kindly coming to conduct the service and preside at the meeting, and for his appreciation of my work."

Any member who picked up a pair of lined gloves at the meeting on Jan. 31st is requested to return them to 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

RAUNDS (Northants).—On Tuesday, January 27th at the Parish Church, 560 Double Norwich Major. A. Fairie, F. Stubbs, H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, F. Kirk, W. Gilbert, H. Copperwheat, W. Willson (conductor). Arranged for Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HYTHE.—On Saturday, February 7th, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 29 mins. S. T. Birfield, A. R. Manning, Ernest Cheesman, W. Bidwell, W. H. Wood, S. A. Gower, P. Pierce (conductor), W. Knight.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, February 8th, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. B. Lucas, W. Cooper, G. Cooper (first quarter-peal in the method), W. J. E. Jones, E. D. Lillywhite, H. Rumens, F. Hull (conductor), O. L. Twist. Rung for evening service, and on the occasion of the christening of a daughter of C. J. Bartlett, a member of St. Saviour's band of ringers.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Holloway, H. W. Cotton, W. Phillips, J. W. Frin, V. Holloway, R. Holloway (conductor), J. R. Mackman, J. R. Sims. First quarter-peal as conductor.

BRADING (Isle of Wight).—On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. P. Pain, F. Chaffey, E. Squibb, G. Wilkins, I. W. Pain, C. Price, H. Jennings (conductor), A. Pain.

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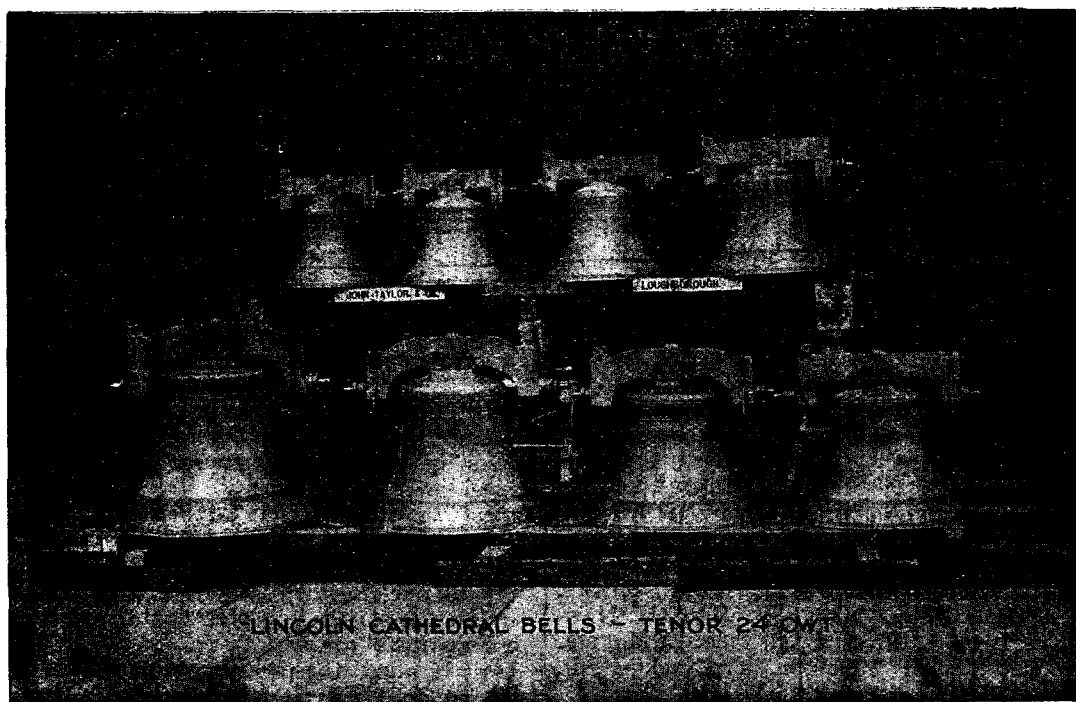
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 12th and 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. 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's Society.—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 14th. The tower of St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4.30 to 6.30. Tea at The King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at 7 p.m., at 7d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.

F. J. Hardy, Hon. Gen. Sec.

54, Thurlow Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.15. Members requiring tea will oblige by informing the Dis. Sec. before February 12th.

Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

20, Culver Road, Winchester.

The Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

The Lancashire Association—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung. A good attendance is requested.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

32, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Areley Kings on Saturday, February 14th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided for those giving notice of attendance. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.

R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec.

Madresfield, Malvern.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock.

Walter Hughes Branch Sec.

3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present, please communicate not later than February 16th, with

R. Stephenson.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Aldershot, on Saturday, February 21st. 3.30, St. Michael's bells (6) available till 9 p.m.; 5.30, Service, preacher Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes, Vicar; 6, Tea in the Parish Hall.—Tickets 6d. each to members, 1s. to visitors. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

North Street, Guildford.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7; service in church at 7.15; bells 8 to 9 p.m.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Guild of Change-Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

Worcestershire and Districts Association (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening; business meeting at 6 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

29 Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden on Sat., February 21st. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 a good attendance requested. Subscriptions are also due.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31 St. Paul's St., Ramsbottom.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30; service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.,

113, Himley Road, Dudley.

Herts Association (Western Division).—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on the 21st instant. The bells at the former church will be available at 3.30, and those of the latter after tea. Tea at the Institute, Bushey, at 5.30.

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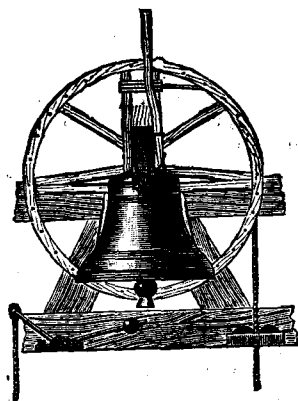
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WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I propose to break the proper order of this series of articles and deal with the question of music, which ought, perhaps, to be left to the end. But unless you understand the position that music really has in the science and art of change-ringing, you will not be able to appreciate the value and work of the different laws of construction. I start with the plain statement that change-ringing, in its fundamental nature, is not music, nor is the making of music its object; and therefore music has nothing whatever to do with settling what are the rules of construction, or with making a legitimate method. That is a statement which a good many people will be disposed to deny. Their judgement on a method amounts to this: it is very musical, therefore it *MUST* be legitimate; or it is very unmusical, therefore it *MUST* be bad construction. Certainly in practice change-ringing is a most curious mixture of music and mathematics, two things which one would think could agree rather less easily than fire and water. And certainly, since we have this strange compromise, the natural tendency is to accept it, and not to trouble as to whether it is logical or not. But the whole charm of theoretic ringing consists in the fact that it is an *EXACT* science. If it were not so, the making of peals and methods would be no more than children making patterns out of coloured beads. To the man who takes no interest in problems of theoretic ringing all this talking about legitimate methods is so much splitting of hairs. He is a practical man; give him a method that is good to ring and he tells you that he cares not one jot whether it be legitimate or not. Each to his taste. No one need bother his head about method construction, but if you do you must be prepared to follow some very close reasoning, and do some pretty deep thinking.

A bell is a musical instrument, designed entirely with the idea of giving a musical sound, an instrument as complex and advanced in design as the finest violin, or any musical instrument that exists. And ringing, using the word to cover all methods of sounding bells, is certainly a branch of music. Some is very high, as the Belgian carillon, which is comparable to the full orchestra. Lower in the scale is the mechanical carillon; much lower still ringing or chiming any set changes. All these are properly classed as music, for the reason that the whole object of the ringers is to produce musical sounds. But there are uses of bells which may be musical, but which are certainly not music, because their object is not primarily to produce musical sounds, but is something entirely different. The bell that strikes the hour is not music, but something quite different, and the object is equally well obtained whether the bell is good or bad, whether it be a perfect note or whether it be cracked. It may be unpleasant to hear a cracked bell strike twelve, but your object is fully attained if you learn the correct time. My point is that the real object for which a thing exists determines its fundamental nature. Now, what is the object of change-ringing? Why is it that we ringers

use that form of ringing in preference to any other? Certainly not because it is more musical. Sometimes Stoney is excellent music, sometimes change-ringing is very bad music; and that when the method is a highly esteemed one and the striking good. The fact is that all the interest of change-ringing lies not in the actual rows that are rung, but in the process by which they are rung. In ordinary music the interest lies in the particular sounds that are produced; they are the things for which the art exists. In painting the interest lies in the finished picture, that is the thing that really counts. But it is not so in change-ringing, the result, *i.e.* the music of the bells, is only a comparatively unimportant accident; the thing that really is change-ringing is the mental process that produces the sounds, and you can have the whole essence of the thing without any sound at all. Is this difficult to understand? Then look at the matter from another point of view. Ring a course of Double Norwich on an ordinary peal of eight and then go and ring the same thing on the front eight of a peal of ten. The music of the two is widely different; in one case as good as you want, in the other simply villianous. Yet they are absolutely and identically the same thing in change-ringing. Could this be so if music were of the essence of the matter? I am speaking of course entirely from the point of view of the change-ringer. To the outsider all ringing is music, or it is nothing; but the outsider neither cares about change-ringing nor distinguishes it from other ringing.

We talk, I talk as much as other people, about methods being musical or peal compositions being musical, yet, strictly speaking, no method and no peal composition is in itself musical; they are quite impartial, and the method or the composition that will give you good music will just as easily give you bad. Look at the three following:—

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23456	-	I	-	-	23456	-	-	-	-
234567	W	5ths	IN	R					
572364	-	-	I	-					
234567	-	-	-	-					

The music is widely different in these three, yet they are all one and the same composition; not merely variations of each other, but one and the same. What laws of composition apply to one apply equally to all. Surely that is sufficient proof that music has nothing to do with the fundamental laws of change-ringing.

But while I find that change-ringing is not, in its essence, music, and that music and musical laws had nothing to do with forming its fundamental rules, I do not say that music has nothing at all to do with the matter. That would be absurd, and not true. Into the fundamentals of change-ringing music does not enter, but once those fundamentals are settled the laws of music tell you what to select and what to avoid. Double Norwich is a method which will give you good or bad music, as you please; it

is only by selection that you would avoid using a course with 2-3 in 5-6 at the course end.

There are few things that we ringers talk more about, and understand less, than music. I am not at all sure that I have any right to express any opinion as to what the music of change-ringing is. At any rate it need not trouble me now. What I want to make clear is that when we are considering the fundamental laws of method construction we must rule out all considerations of music; that is a matter that comes in later on.

BELL RESTORATION AND INSPECTION.

To the Editor.

DEAR SIR,—The article under the head of "Bell Restorations and Experts," in this week's issue, in reply to a letter from my pen, compels me once more to write upon the subject. The writer of the article in question cannot, I feel perfectly sure, claim to have no interest in any firm of bell-founders or bell-hangers, as anyone who is accustomed to read between the lines will see, urging, as he does, "that the nearest approach to the ideal is the bell-founder himself." Now, sir, I will relate a true incident of a couple of years ago. I was invited to go to a foundry, in company with two of our most able ringers, to meet some Church officials regarding their bells, at that time lying in the foundry. One of these bells had five holes bored through the crown, and we were calmly informed that "it would be necessary to drill THREE MORE HOLES AS THE EXISTING ONES DID NOT COME IN THE RIGHT POSITION TO FIT THEIR CAST IRON STOCK, WHICH WAS MADE BEFORE THE BELLS WERE BROUGHT FROM THE CHURCH TOWER." Is this the ideal the writer of the article would suggest as the best man to advise upon the carrying out of this work? Here is a man, posing as an expert, talking flippantly of mutilating this bell because, forsooth, the position of the holes at present in the crown of the bell did not correspond with those in the lugs cast on the stock, which was made to their usual pattern. This is only one instance. I can give many, but this is sufficient to show your readers the fallacy of such argument. Again, the writer of the article asserts: "Church authorities are not ignorant of the ways of the world," but I gave an instance in my previous letter, and that is only one of many known to me, where the authorities had been HAD (which is the only way to describe it) to the tune of £200. My previous letter mentioned "engineer," and that word was used to describe the man with theoretical as well as practical knowledge of general engineering, who would be the one to oversee the work in the interests of both Church authorities and ringers, and I therefore combined the two words "engineer-ringer," meaning that he should be a capable ringer as well as an engineer. The writer this week mentions civil, sanitary and heating engineers, but some of these gentlemen might be of more use to Church authorities than some of those whom I have mentioned previously who pose as experts. I am not, and never have been, connected in any shape or form with any firm in the bell-founding or bell-hanging industry, so claim to be absolutely disinterested and unprejudiced; and I claim to know a good deal about constructional iron and steel work. Upon one occasion I visited one foundry and remarked upon some work in progress, red-hot gudgeons being driven into cast iron stocks and the ends rivetted over instead of being turned taper and screwed to receive a nut and washer with a split pin, and the stock reamed to the same taper, which would be a good engineering job,

and the former method is not. I asked, "How if one of those gudgeons fractured?—It would necessitate taking the bell off the stock and the stock from the tower to have the broken piece bored out;" and was answered that, if that did happen, whoever was called in would have to get over the job as best they might. Do either the clerical or lay authorities understand these matters generally? I say they do not, and are leaving far too much to the firm or firms, who are out in some cases (I do not say all) to make as much out of the job as possible. With regard to the metals used in bell founding, surely that has been an open secret for years, and no skill is required, only a knowledge of the correct proportions; and I could mention instances of bells being sent into towers with spongy crowns, where the expert I am advocating would have condemned them and sent them to their proper place—the melting pot. I have yet to learn that tuning forks, which the writer describes as "apparatus" (there is nothing like making these things as mysterious as possible), are too complicated and cumbersome to carry about in the waistcoat pocket, but there are many others more capable than I who will, no doubt, benefit by the information (?). I will conclude by wishing I had more space to give actual experiences that I have encountered, but these will keep for some future time. I trust that I have said enough to make the matter more thoroughly discussed by ringers who, like myself, have no axe to grind, but who desire to see bell restorations carried out as they should be, and as some are, but, I regret to say, not all by a very long way. If you will find room for further interesting matter on this subject I will be pleased, when we have heard other people's views and experiences; and in the meantime I beg to remain,

Faithfully yours,

EDWARD P. O'MEARA.

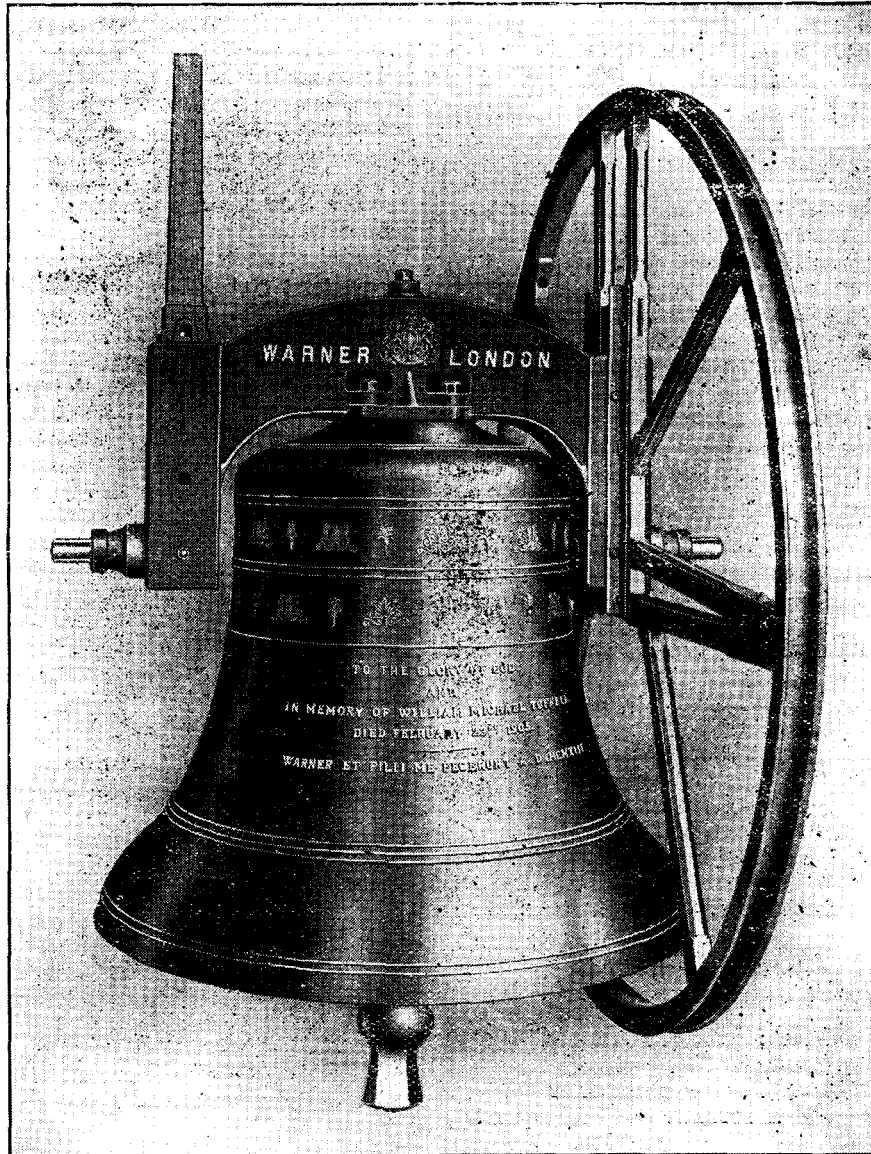
GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christian, of South Market Road, Great Yarmouth, in honour of their golden wedding, invited the Parish Church Ringers and a few friends to dinner and a musical evening, at the Savoy Hotel. Among the guests were Mr. A. J. Christian, Mr. C. Christian, Mr. W. Crowson, Mr. G. E. Lupson (Parish Clerk), Mr. J. Iugram (Sexton), and several others.

The chair was taken by Mr. Denison Hayward, who said that on behalf of all those present he offered to Mr. and Mrs. Christian their heartiest congratulations and trusted they would be spared to see a diamond jubilee. He came to Yarmouth from Stamford, in Lincolnshire, in 1872, as a good nger, and in December, 1874, was elected a member of St. Nicholas' Company. He (Mr. Christian) was an excellent striker, and there was not another ringer in Yarmouth who could raise and fall a treble bell in peal like him; he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in Yarmouth, in November, 1881. In honour of this event, a peal of 5,040 changes was rang at Gorleston Parish Church, also a quarter peal at Belton Church, in Rutlandshire. He also had 30 peals of various kinds to his credit.

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MR. TROLLOPE'S RULES.

In the valuable articles he has given us under the title "What is a Legitimate Method," Mr. Trollope has advanced the matter considerably. He has not, however, yet gone far enough. There is no doubt that we are getting much clearer ideas of the Art by simplifying its fundamental ideas, but we want a little more of this work yet.

Thus Mr. Trollope says: "A false peal of Stedman is not less Stedman because it is not true, nor have the ringers or the conductor shewn less ability. It is simply that a certain condition has not been fulfilled. This and the last two rules, A and B, are rules that can be, and often are broken, and yet you can still have change-ringing. You could not break the first two rules without destroying the nature of change-ringing itself." Again, on another point, he says: "This is not so much a rule as the recognition of a fact."

Here we have confusion and inconsistency run riot, and we may well use Mr. Trollope's own words about someone else, and say that this "is really not worthy of his mental abilities."

Joking apart, we know that in other Sciences, investigators have worked out what are called "Laws of Nature," or, it may be, "Laws of the particular Science." One occurs to my memory:—"Action and re-action are equal and opposite."

Why these are called "Laws" I could never understand, as they certainly have not the nature of law, and as the word would for other reasons mislead us, we will find some other name for such statements.

Euclid used to call similar propositions in geometry by the name of Axiom. "Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to one another." is one of his axioms. Euclid is, I fear, somewhat out of fashion just now, but for the present we will use his term, until we can find a better one. But first of all we must agree as to the exact things that we are talking about. So before Axioms come Definitions.

When we have worked over sufficient ground with our Definitions and Axioms we can apply them to work out Theorems, such as whether the extent of Grandsire Triples can be got without a single; or, what is the correct proof scale for any given Method.

So far we have discussed the NECESSARY parts of a Science. There are also ARBITRARY matters. [Of course I use "arbitrary" in the sense in which Mr. Trollope uses it when he says the "selection of 5000 changes to be a peal is quite arbitrary." That is, as meaning that something chosen by deliberate judgement out of others, as being the best, and therefore to be the one solely employed. Too often nowadays the word implies "chosen without judgement," and "in arbitrarily" would express the meaning better.]

We usually find then that it is advisable to limit our work by setting standards. Such a standard may be one of pure Science, I believe, such as that by which we always make the Treble the Hunt.

Or, it may be, more usually a Standard of Applied Science. That is one in which reasons of utility prevail: such as that by which we confine our investigations to twelve bells or less.

Again, we may have Standards of Art. Such are those by which we condemn an unsymmetrical arrangement of a peal when a more symmetrical one is available. Such, of course, also, are musical Qualities and Defects.

All these Standards may vary as the Science develops,

and it will be noticed that in each example I have selected they have actually varied in course of time.

II.

Now, let us take Mr. Trollope's rules. His first is that "a bell can only change with its next neighbour, etc."

Now, surely, this is nothing like a rule, but is simply a definition. There is nothing unscientific in writing changes in which bells jump two places at a time; or strike twice in one row and miss the next; or other similar arrangements; we have simply decided that we will not take any notice of such, nor will we call them "Change-Ringing."

The second rule I cannot understand, owing to the vagueness of the terms. (The word "must" alone has several meanings, and is quite doubtful here). We will assume, however, that it might read—"Change-ringing always progresses in cycles." If so, this is a real axiom, and, I should say, a valuable one.

But, then, his next sentence, instead of being, as he seems to think, a Corollary, becomes a Definition—"A complete Cycle with all the rows it contains is called a "Round Block."

As to the bells coming round at handstroke in a plain-course, I am afraid my imagination boggles at such a catastrophe! But, perhaps, that is because this is written on a bed of sickness.

The next rule is that "Methods must be Symmetrical." Now this is surely a Standard, not a rule. We cannot be certain, because, although we are told it is "necessary," we are not told why it is so. And, till we know whether Mr. Trollope means this as an Axiom or a Definition we cannot tell what he means exactly. And that is just why there has been so much wasted argument on this matter lately. Even if we assume that it is to be a Standard, we still want to know whether it is a Standard of Pure or Applied Science, or of Art. I fancy Mr. Trollope would say of the first of these, and his critics would say it was the last.

The next rule is that no bell may strike more than two consecutive blows in any one position. Now this was certainly not "settled as necessary in the infancy of the Art"; witness the Single in Grandsire. It is simply a standard of Art which has gradually been attained. And now Mr. Trollope wishes to make it a Standard of Science. To do this he must improve his argument. He says it "arises from the things that specially distinguish change-ringing from other kinds of ringing: for change-ringing is first and last, the continual movement of the bells among themselves." If so, it is simply a matter of Definition: and that one which has never yet been agreed upon.

If, therefore, Mr. Trollope wants this Standard agreed to, he should give us further reasons for it. Moreover, he perhaps would explain wherein it differs from the Standard of Sir Arthur Heywood:—"That the maximum number of pairs of bells must change at every change." This seems to me the complement to Mr. Trollope's Standard, and I do not think one ought to be sustained without considering the other.

One can suggest reasons for a bell not striking as often as four blows in one place; such as, that it is clumsy, or, it spoils the music—questions of Art; or that it conceals some movement that should be shown, or, duplicates some action which should be simple—questions of Science. And I am sure Mr. Trollope can give us a better reason; but, whatever it is, we should decide which one it is to be, or else we shall meet with difficulties later on.

Again, I do not think any reason has ever been given for a bell not striking three times in one place. I remember something about an Estcourt Single in Grandsire, which seemed to me at one time to have possibilities.

The last of the rules is that about "truth." Mr. Trollope hesitates whether to call it a "rule" or a "standard." Of course, as a matter of fact, it has always been considered a definition, and might read: "True change-ringing is that in which no row is repeated between the first and the last."

Perhaps it does not very much matter, in a case like this, which one of the three categories it is put into, as far as the proposition itself is concerned. Only it alters the whole manner in which we investigate the Science. Just as it does not matter whether we begin to measure the height of a wall from the top or from the bottom. But having begun one way we must stick to it. Therefore, if we are to alter the status of long-standing definitions, we shall have to re-write the whole science.

I think I know Mr. Trollope's reasons for the alterations, but I am sure the reasons against it are more weighty.

Last of all he refers to the "lead ends." He calls his proposition here the "recognition of a fact." Now this is an excellent description of what I have called an Axiom. This one, for instance, might be worded:—

"The lead ends of all methods are the same as in Plain Bob."

From this we draw this Standard of applied Science:—

"The Bob Major Lead Ends may never be concealed."

III.

So far we have not referred to the term "Illegitimate." Now by illegitimate we mean something which naturally would be all right, but which has been condemned by an arbitrary law, which it is advisable to make. Ordinarily however, the greater is made to include the less; and all such wrong things, whether naturally or artificially so, are called illegitimate. But it should always be remembered that, strictly speaking, this is incorrect; and therefore, so far from Mr. Trollope being right in maintaining that only Methods naturally wrong are illegitimate, we might even say that no methods naturally wrong are illegitimate, but only those that have arbitrarily been made so.

Thus he maintains that a Method which brings up the tenors the wrong way cannot be illegitimate, because its only offence is a musical one. This is not so. It cannot be illegitimate because, and solely because, no Law enforcing a Musical Standard has been made. I suppose it is not considered necessary, and that a Method which is bad musically is, as a rule, sufficiently condemned by that very fact. But there is no reason why such a law should not be made, and then that method would be illegitimate.

I have always thought that the word five ("five or more bells") in the Glossary definition was a slip for two. Otherwise, I agree with Mr. Trollope's condemnation of the Definition. But, while it stands, all Methods that do not conform to it are illegitimate. If we think it wrong, we ought to get it changed at once; and that ought not to be a difficult matter.

He suggests that the restriction of the Glossary is USEFUL, and that of Sir Arthur Heywood is DESIRABLE, but says that such argument is not the same as making the Methods illegitimate. No, but both are good reasons for making them so: but, in a case like this, we need reasons which are not only good, but also sufficient.

Perhaps it would be better if we avoided the use of the word illegitimate when a more definite term can be used.

Thus we often apply it to Bob Triples and Grandsire Major: now it would be much better, from every point of view, to say that these are INCORRECT ways of ringing Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

IV.

In conclusion, let me tabulate my analysis of the article which appears in BELL NEWS of February 7th, and we can see whether it forms a good basis to work from, and whether the method is a good one.

DEFINITIONS.

1. Change-ringing is a movement by which a bell changes only with its next neighbour (*i.e.*, up or down, one step only at a time).
2. True Change-ringing is that in which no row is repeated between the first and the last.
3. A complete cycle with all the rows it contains is called a "Round Block."

AXIOMS.

(Recognitions of fact.)

1. Change-ringing always progresses in cycles.
2. The Lead Ends of all Methods are the same as in Bob Major.

STANDARDS OF SCIENCE.

1. Methods which are not to be dealt with, are such as are not symmetrical, or,
2. Cause a bell to strike more than two consecutive blows in one position, or,
3. Conceal the true Lead Ends.

Of course, the above is subject to Mr. Trollope's correction, as it is more than possible I have not correctly interpreted him in places. I am afraid he will say I have spoiled his argument, but I hope he will find I have given him a better one in its place.

HERBERT DRAKE.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting this year of the Winchester district was held at Alton last Saturday—St. Lawrence Tower, with a ring of eight bells, was open at 2.30, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. Having such excellent ringers among the company as Messrs. H. White (Basingstoke), G. Williams (N. Stoneham), J. J. Jones (Guildford), F. E. Dawe (Woking) and C. Edwards (Farnham), there was no lack of good conductors. The ladies' guild was also well represented by Miss Belcher (Bramley), Miss Alice White (Basingstoke), Miss M. Edwards (Farnham), and Mrs. Williams (N. Stoneham). An excellent tea was provided by Mr. Kerridge, of High Street, Alton, in the Church Room (which had been kindly lent by the vicar) at which 45 members were present. The vicar of Alton (Rev. C. R. S. Elvin) very cordially welcomed the visitors and hoped they would pay him another visit, when he would be able to spend more time with them than he had been able to do that day. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for the use of the bells and Church Room. Members were present from N. Stoneham, Twyford, Owslebury, Selborne, Basingstoke, Farnham, Guildford, Bishopstoke, Woking, Alton, Bramley, Aldershot, Binsted, and Winchester.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1914.

DEATH OF MR. NATHAN PITSTOW.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we announce the death of Mr. Nathan Pitstow, which took place at his residence, at Saffron Walden, on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, after a lingering illness.

Although not unexpected, his decease will cause a shock to his numerous ringing friends, who looked up to him as a stalwart guide and counsellor, and an ardent enthusiast in matters campanological.

The funeral takes place to-day (Saturday) at three o'clock, at Saffron Walden.

We hope next week to give a sketch of his career.

Meanwhile we tender to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy and pray that God will send them comfort in their distress.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of peals and other matter till next week,

The Metropolis.**BETHNAL GREEN (E.)****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

Bertram Prewett Treble	Reuben Sanders 5
William Pye 2	Charles T. Coles 6
Alfred W. Grimes 3	William Grimes 7
Isaac G. Shade 4	Cornelius Charge Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by William Pye.

The Provinces.**HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.****THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(The St. James's Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GEANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs.

Arthur E. Moore Treble	Arthur Rolfe 5
Frank J. Levitt 2	Harry A. Turner 6
Charles Quantrill 3	Walter Salisbury 7
George Debenham 4	James Debenham Tenor

Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.

First peal of Grandsire Triples by the 3rd, 5th and tenor.

BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

George Tomkins* Treble	Alfred E. Reeves 5
Harry Brownjohn* 2	George Condick jun 6
Albert Stowell* 3	John A. Burford 7
Edgar Pemberton 4	William A. Cave Tenor

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William A. Cave.

*First peal of Double Norwich. It is twelve years since a peal in this method was rung in Bristol, and was rung on the same bells, with the same ringers on 7th and tenor, and in the same time.

DUFFIELD DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

Joseph Lord Treble	Henry Litts 6
Charles Draper 2	John Flower 7
George Freebrey 3	Joseph Davies 8
John W. Glew 4	Frederick Hickling 9
William Poyser 5	Arthur B. Stone Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris and Conducted by Fredk. Hickling.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 7, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

George Whiting Treble	George Farnish 5
William Weedon 2	Ernest E. Lanham† 6
George Pryke* 3	Sydney W. Pilgrim 7
George Bennett 4	Thomas W. Last Tenor

Composed by H. Dains, and Conducted by Thomas W. Last.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †2nd peal.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, February 8, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.

Albert Fleming Treble	George Fleming 4
George Bennett 2	Edward Jenkins 5
George Pryke 3	George Farnish Tenor

Conducted by G. Farnish.

This is the first peal on the bells, and first in seven methods by all the band.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

Alfred E. Reeves Treble	William White 6
Albert Stowell 2	Henry B. Burt 7
Fred G. May 3	Gilbert Wiltshire 8
Fredk. W. Wade 4	Isaac Long 9
Henry Howell 5	Uriah Braven Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Fred G. May.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Robert H. Hayward Treble	Hobart E. Smith 5
Rev. William C. Pearson 2	David G. Wightman 6
George E. Symonds 3	William Flory 7
Stanley Bonney 4	Charles A. Ward Tenor

Conducted by George E. Symonds.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, February 12, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lbs.

Henry Beardsley* Treble	Cecil J. Baker 5
Henry Harrison 2	Edward C. Gobey 6
Isaac Hufon 3	James F. George 7
Joseph Hall 4	Frederick W. Shaw† Tenor

Conducted by E. C. Gobey.

*First peal away from the tenor, †First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting. Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. J. Turton, who always took a great interest in the bells and ringing. Also as a mark of respect to Joseph Iliffe, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Iliffe, who is a member of the band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 Changes. Tenor 13 cwt.

Arthur Jordan Treble	Arthur B. Wiffen 5
William T. Prior 2	Thomas Jordan 6
George Jordan 3	Thomas J. Watts 7
Walter Prior 4	William Watts Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench and Conducted by William Watts.

Rung as a farewell peal to P.C. Wiffen, who is shortly leaving the district for Southend.

LONG ASHTON, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

Fred G. May Treble	Albert Stowell 5
Alfred Pearce 2	Henry B. Burt 6
Alfred E. Reeves 3	Walter Farley 7
George Tomkins 4	Uriah Braven Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and
Conducted by Fred G. May.

MEOPHAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

H. Lynds* Treble	H. Holden 4
G. A. Jones 2	S. Brenchley* 5
B. C. Owen 3	J. Burles Tenor

Conducted by J. Burles.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Holden. The band take this opportunity to thank the Rev. A. F. C. Owen for the use of the bells.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Alfred Ballard* Treble	Edward Geary 4
George H. Geary 2	Fred Staniforth 5
Arthur J. Ballard* 3	Ernest Morris Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

*First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on these bells. The peal contained 232 Singles and no Bobs. Rung on St. Valentine's Day.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Walter Canner Treble	Herbert Hurdman 5
John H. Swinfield 2	William W. Worthington 6
Walter Hair 3	Ernest W. Beadsmore 7
John Hought 4	Reuben Stevenson* Tenor

Conducted by E. W. Beadsmore.

*First peal in the method. 150th peal.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

Albert Gilbert Treble	Robert Wilkerson 4
Abraham Wilkerson 2	Samuel E. Roberts 5
William D. James 3	Robert G. King Tenor

Conducted by Robert G. King.

This was the first peal on the bells (rung at the first attempt), which have lately been rehung in new steel frames and a new treble added by Mr. Howell, of Ipswich, the "go" and tone being splendid. Messrs. James and Wilkerson hail from Cambridge; the rest are members of the Royston Society. The band wish to thank the Rev. M. de Courcy Ireland for the use of the bells.

DARLEY, DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(Darley Dale Branch.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Lindoff's Ten-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

John Siddall Treble	Benjamin Greatorex 5
Thomas White 2	Alfred C. Wright 6
Henry Gregory 3	John L. Derbyshire 7
William Taylor 4	John W. Derbyshire Tenor

Conducted by James L. Wright.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred A. Atwell and Mr. Joseph Derbyshire.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Arthur E. Chaplin Treble	George R. Pye 5
Leonard A. Pye* 2	Alfred Pye 6
Ernest J. Butler* 3	John Dale 7
William Billenness 4	Ernest Pps Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton, and Conducted by Ernest Pittsow.

*First peal in the method.

YORK TOWN, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Rev. G. F. Coleridge Treble	Charles Giles 5
Alfred H. Pulling 2	Charles Hazeldene 6
Clarence H. Dobbie* 3	Rev. Cyril Jenkyns 7
George Martin 4	Richard T. Hibbert Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and Conducted by R. T. Hibbert.

*First peal in the method.

BERROW, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

William Coombs Treble	George Griffin 4
John Harris 2	William H. Thorne 5
John Rawlings 3	William Rose Tenor

Conducted by William H. Thorne.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd; first peal on the bells; first peal as conductor.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Stroud and District Branch.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

Noah Coates Treble	George Packer 4
George Edmonds 2	Albert Wright 5
Henry Newman 3	Frank Cole Tenor

Conducted by Albert Wright.

The ringers of 1 and 4 were from Avening; 3 and 4 from Minchinhampton; 5 and 6 from Fainswick. The bells of this church are steel bells.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(Northern Division).

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

Charles W. Cooper Treble	Charles E. Perkins 5
William Hand 2	John Bass 6
Walter J. Bretherton 3	Joseph Pigott 7
William At Pugh 4	Robert Matthews Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and Conducted by Joseph Pigott.

* First peal of Major.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Roland O. Pollard Treble	Ernest Stone 5
Harry Argyle 2	Thomas W. Chapman 6
E. Maurice Atkins 3	Douglas H. Argyle 7
James F. Clarke, jun. 4	E. Harry Stoneley Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and by the Guild. Also first peal in the method as conductor on tower bells.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's 6-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. T. Pates Treble	C. Tovey 5
J. Major 2	J. Davis 6
A. Humphries 3	T. Pendry 7
G. Phillott 4	G. Caunce Tenor

Conducted by T. Pendry.

The above was rung as a compliment to Mr. Daniel Davis, of Prestbury, Master of the above Guild, and also of the Prestbury Society. Mr. Davis has been a constant attendant in the belfry, and last New Year's Eve was the 50th time on which he has assisted in ringing the old year out and the new year in, without having missed doing so on any occasion for 50 years. Mr. J. Davis is nephew to Mr. D. Davis.

Handbell Peals.

CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Robert Quantrill Treble	Robert Morfit 3
Edward Clarke 2	Charles Quantrill 4

Arthur W. Rolfe Tenor.

Conducted by Arthur W. Rolfe.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex)—On Wednesday, February 4th, for practice at the Parish Church, 576 London Surprise Major. G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, W. Watts (conductor). On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, 588 Stedman Triples. G. Gray, T. Jordan, G. Jordan, F. M. Butler, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts (conductor). F. Potter. On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major and 252 Stedman Triples. Tenor 13 cwt.

Correspondence

Whilst always ready to insert correspondence on subjects of interest to ringers, the Editor does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed.

METHOD OR PRINCIPLE?

To the Editor.

SIR,—Neither Mr. James nor Mr. Trollope have replied to my question in your issue of the 7th inst. Am I to take their silence as an admission that they have no adequate answer?

I agree with Mr. James that the Major Principle he gave is a legitimate slow eight. I also agree with him when he says that the middle eight changes of No. 1 System are also a legitimate slow eight.

For comparison I give a repetition of the figures:—

12345678	34872156
21354687	43827165
12536478	34281756
21563487	43218765
12654378	34127856
21645387	43172865
12463578	34718256
21436587	43781265
24163857	47318625

Considered separately we have at least two legitimate slow eights which will run the full plain course of 64 changes, and these, by amalgamation, will give a plain course of 128 changes.

The Systems which are given below contain the whole of the 128 changes mentioned—no more, no less—and all four Systems are one and the same. It seems very strange to me we should be told that the two slow eights when considered separately are legitimate, but when spliced together—as below—they are something else.

12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21354687	21354687	21354687	21354687
12536478	13254768	12536478	21436587
21563487	31245786	21563487	12463578
25136847	13427568	25136847	21645387
52163874	31472586	52163874	12654378
25618347	34127856	25618347	16245738
52681374	43172865	52681374	61254783
25863147	34718256	56218734	16527438
52836174	43781265	65281743	61572483
25381647	34872156	56827134	65127843
52318674	43827165	65872143	56172834
53281764	34281756	68527413	65718243
35218746	43218765	86572431	56781234
53127864	42381675	68754213	57618324
35172846	24318657	86745231	75681342
	42136875		57863124
31527486	24163857	68472513	75836142

It was rather amusing—and nothing new to me—to see Mr. James's analysis of No. 1 System.

Mr. James must know very well if one is out for extents in Systems—as in peal composition—that one cannot pick and choose, and, as I mentioned at the time, the twenty-two change division is only two changes short of the full extent possible in Major Systems that have reciprocal relationship.

Yours etc.,

GEORGE BAKER.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A district meeting was held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Feb. 7th, but there was only a small attendance, owing to the bad weather. The tea and business meeting was held at the Green Dragon Hotel, the Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presiding, supported by the Secretary (Mr. W. Watts) and Mr. W. A. Alps (Master of the Waltham Abbey Society). Mr. John Nugas, of Elmdon, was elected a probationary member, and Mr. W. A. Alps, a life member, on his leaving the county. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Stansted.

Mr. G. Dent proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. D. Tarling, steeple keeper. Mr. W. A. Alps replying on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, said they were always pleased to welcome the association to Waltham Abbey. The following places were represented:—London, Walthamstow, Cheshunt, Saffron Walden, Stansted, Harlow St. Marys, Harlow Common, Broxbourne, and the local company. Various touches were rung on the Abbey Bells, including Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Plain Bob.

DEAN ON THE BELLS OF HEAVEN.

Preaching at the Ringers' Service at Bocking, the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking (Canon Brownrigg) preached from the text "The song of the Lord began with the trumpets," from Chronicles II. The Dean said the use of bells for summoning worshippers to God's House was not known to the Jews, who used trumpets for the purpose. The first application of bells to church use was by Bishop Paulinus, A.D. 400. In England, bells did not come into use in our churches until 900 years ago, about the time when Bocking Church was built. Just over 900 years ago, the church and the land at Bocking were given by two Saxon gentlemen to the Church at Canterbury, the gift being witnessed by King Ethelred, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishop of Winchester. The first Norman Church at Bocking stood upon the site of the present parish church, and here bells had always marked the beginning of the services. From year to year the bells had spoken the same clear and distinct note; the bells changed not, and the old truth which they proclaimed remained. The world was not made by chance, nor left to chance, but at the beginning it depended upon God. As the bells were rung in perfect harmony, so they illustrated the life of Christ from the Manger to the Cross—nothing out of tune or harmony. And so in the life of the Church—every doctrine and sacrament was in harmony, nothing was out of place or superfluous, and nothing could be dispensed with. They dare not blot out any doctrine or sacrament from the Church, because to do so would mean throwing the whole system out of joint; it would be just as wise to take one bell from the church tower and try to ring a peal. Church bells were a picture of the Church system, from which nothing could be taken without serious loss. In the present day the passing bell had lost much of its meaning, because it was so long delayed after death; it was meant to remind parishioners of the passing of a soul, that the prayers of the faithful might be raised. He thought the passing bell might sound earlier, in order to bring comfort to the hearts of those who were sorrowing, and prayers to the lips of those who heard. The Dean added that he did not know whether there would be bells in heaven, as well as trumpets and harps and all that was good, but perhaps there would be bells. Whatever God's servants loved and appreciated on earth would be in heaven to meet them after passing through the valley of the shadow of death. All the trumpets would be sounding and it might be the bells would be ringing when those who had been faithful in God's service were welcomed on the other side, where Jesus stood to bring all into perfect harmony.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea by the Dean and Mrs. Brownrigg at the Deanery. Mr. C. H. Howard presided at the business meeting, when twelve new members were elected. There were ringers present, in spite of the inclement weather, from Bocking, Braintree, Earls Colne, Colne Engaine, Sible Hedingham, Maldon, Rayne, Stebbing, and Stisted. At the close the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, vicar of Great Totham, and hon. sec. to the Essex Association of Change Ringers, proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Mrs. Brown-

rigg for their hospitality, and at the same time thanked the Dean for his excellent sermon.—Mr. Eyre said he had heard a great many sermons preached on bells and ringing, but never had he heard before the text taken which the Dean of Bocking chose, and from that sermon ringers and other Church people could take many sacred and inspiring thoughts.—The Dean of Bocking said he had been delighted to welcome the ringers, and he hoped they would come again.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

The Annual Supper, in connection with the above guild took place at the Hop Market Hotel, Worcester on Friday, February 13th. About 25 members and friends sat down, including ringers from Upton, Soodsbry, Madresfield, and Hallow. The Warden (Rev. F. L. Whateley) presiding, announced apologies for absence from the following:—Rev. Tupper, Rev. Canon Wilson, the Dean, Rev. Dr. Moore Ede, Mr. J. R. Newman, and Mr. A. Hill. After showing that they could ring the changes on other good things besides bells, a musical programme was arranged and carried through, as follows:—Overture, Mr. H. Johnson. A course of Grandsire Caters and other selections on handbells were rung by Messrs. W. C. Jones, W. H. Johnson, R. G. Knowles, G. Hinton, and J. Morris. Songs, recitations, etc., were rendered by Rev. F. L. Whateley, Messrs. J. Morris, G. Richings, G. Perry, T. Brown, J. Clements, H. Johnson, R. G. Knowles. Accompanist, Mr. H. Johnson.

NEW BELLS AT DARESURY.

Owing to the lack of space, the account of the dedication of the new ring of 8 bells, tenor 16½ cwt., for All Saints' Church, Daresbury, nr. Warrington, is held over until next week.

It is interesting to note that a peal was rung upon the bells on Sunday afternoon after the dedication, in which two of Messrs. Warner's bell hangers took part.

Several interesting and unusual features are embodied in this work of restoration, and, in view of the various opinions of well-known ringers with regard to the position of the main girders, it will be found that the main girders, as generally known in bell work, have been entirely eliminated, and Messrs. Warner's new steel frame is only supported at the four corners of the tower by diagonal steel set-offs, thus taking a bearing at the strongest point of the tower, and also tying all four walls together.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, February 14th, a mixed band of the Lancashire Association met at the Town Hall to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters, on the noble peal of ten (tenor 52 cwt.) in honour of the birthday of Mr. Richard Newton, now in Boston, U.S.A.

Mr. Newton was for over 27 years a member of the Manchester City Police Force, and a well-known and respected member of the Town Hall Band of ringers.

Unfortunately, owing to a trip in the slow, the attempt for the peal came to an untimely end in the sixth course, time not permitting for another start to be made, a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung in grand style by the following:—H. W. Wilde 1, H. Jackson 2, J. T. Bottrill 3, F. Page 4, C. Page 5, J. Ridyard 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, W. Davies 8, H. Chapman 9, R. F. Williams (tenor), after which an adjournment was made to the Midland Hotel, where by the kind forethought of Mr. Newton, refreshment had been provided, his brother strings wishing him many happy returns of the day.

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23465	-	-	-
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

The first meeting of the year, for this Branch, was held at Areley Kings on Saturday, February 14th. The Rector of the Parish conducted a service in the Church at four o'clock. In his address he said how pleased he was to welcome the members to his Church on this the first visit of the Association. His remarks on the history of the bells, which date from 1621 to 1905, was listened to very attentively, this, with the help of the organist and choir-men, making a pleasant and enjoyable service.

Tea followed in the Parish Room, kindly provided by friends and nicely arranged by the local ringers. The business meeting followed with the Rector presiding, members attending from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester; Upton-on-Severn, Suckley, Marley, Hallow, Powick, Ombersley, Shrawley, Malvern Link, Madresfield, and the local ringers, with Mr. T. J. Salter, of Kidderminster, and others.

The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Areley Kings, and Mr. J. Reynolds to be conductor. Welland was the place selected for the next meeting, to be held on June 20th. One life hon. member, two hon. members, one life performing and five performing members were elected. The bells at the Church were rung before and after the service; this included touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Stedman and Plain Bob Minor, also several six-scores of Doubles for the young ringers. The handbells being rung in the Parish Room to Caters and Triples, was much appreciated. The members who visited Areley Kings are very pleased with the arrangements made for their comfort, this greatly helping to make a very successful meeting.

RINGERS AT THE FEAST.

ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE, NORWICH.

The annual complimentary dinner to the ringers and members of the Choir took place on Thursday, February 12th, at the Criterion Cafe. Several gentlemen of the congregation, and friends from St. Peter Mancroft were also present. Between 40 and 50 sat down to an excellent dinner, the Vicar (Rev. G. N. Herbert, M.A.) presiding, supported by both Churchwardens (Mr. F. P. Pear and Mr. W. B. Greenfield, J.P.), Mr. Geo. Smith, Mr. Chas. E. Borrett (Secretary of the Diocesan Association of Ringers), Mr. Geo. Tyrrell (Choirmaster), Mr. F. R. Franklin (Organist), Mr. Geo. Mayers (Ringing Master), Mr. W. W. Goodbourn (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. S. Robertson, Mr. Wellington, Mr. Cogman, and others. The Toast of "The King" was proposed by the Rev. G. N. Herbert, M.A., while Mr. F. P. Pear gave "The Vicar," to which Mr. Herbert responded; "The Ringers, Choir, and Officials," was proposed by Mr. G. Smith, and responded to by Mr. Platten; while Mr. Wellington gave "The Visitors," to which Mr. Sedley Robertson made reply. A capital musical programme was contributed by Mr. F. Carrington, Mr. G. Tyrrell, Mr. C. Brundell, Mr. W. W. Goodbourn, Mr. H. Chamberlin, Mr. E. Cogman, Mr. Harry Carver, and Mr. Mobbs. The accompanist was Mr. F. R. Franklin. A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, on the proposition of Mr. C. E. Borrett, seconded by Mr. W. Tyrrell, which ended a most enjoyable evening.

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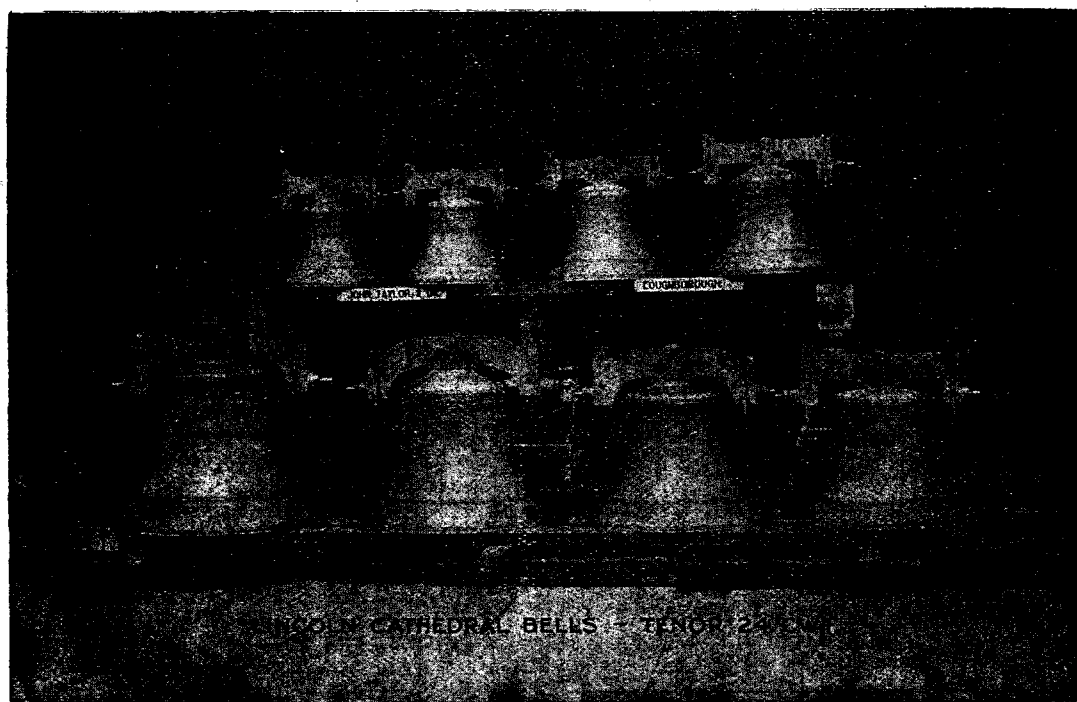
CHESHUNT Herts).—On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service, 726 Stedman Triples. W. G. Darlington, G. Maxim, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, H. G. Rowe (conductor), R. Tracey, H. Simmons, R. Smith. On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. G. Rowe, G. Andrews, G. Maxim, W. G. Darlington, F. Jelf, C. Dilling, H. Simmons (conductor), R. Smith. For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples and 392 Grandsire Triples. G. Andrews, G. Maxim, W. G. Darlington, H. Cornwell, F. Jelf, H. Simmons, H. G. Rowe (conductor), R. Smith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND —On Sunday morning, February 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Argent, J. Burler, G. Jones, F. Hayes, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor). In the evening, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Argent, J. Burler, G. Jones, G. Ambrose, F. Mitchell (conductor), F. Hayes. Ring to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Holden, of Eopham.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, Feb. 10th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 33 mins. R. Hookham, H. Gillett, F. E. Davis, F. Bird, E. Pardon, W. Stratford, W. Large (conductor), G. Pugh.

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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 February 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 12th and 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m. 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.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—The Pre-Lent meeting of the above Association will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening by kind permission of the Vicar. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m., and tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Those intending to be present, please communicate not later than February 16th, with

R. Stephenson.

2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Aldershot, on Saturday, February 21st 3.30, St. Michael's bells (6) available till 9 p.m.; 5.30, Service, preacher Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes, Vicar; 6. Tea in the Parish Hall—Tickets 6d. each to members, 1s. to visitors. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

John J. Jones, Hon. Sec.

North Street, Guildford.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church Prestwich, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available from 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Bells available from 3.30; meeting at 7; service in church at 7.15; bells 8 to 9 p.m.

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

Guild of Change-Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st, 1914. Ringing at 3.0 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.

Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Sec.

Ridgemonnt, Shrewsbury.

Worcestershire and Districts Association (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropthorne on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening; business meeting at 6 p.m.

J. Hemming, Branch Sec.

29 Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch Meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden on Sat., February 21st. Bells ready at 5.30 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 a good attendance requested. Subscriptions are also due.

J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

31 St. Pauls St., Ramsbottom.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting, principally for Stedman practice, will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 28th, commencing at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30; service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.,

113, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Church of St. James, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914. By kind permission of the Vicar the peal of eight bells will be available at noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the local ringers after the meeting.

W. Robinson, Branch Secretary.

Thorn Field, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks, Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanbourne, on Saturday, March 7th. Service at 3.0 p.m.

Thos. Best, Secretary.

Bletchley.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Herts Association (Western Division).—A meeting will be held at Oxhey and Bushey on the 21st instant. The bells at the former church will be available at 3.30, and those of the latter after tea. Tea at the Institute, Bushey, at 5.30.

43, Heath Road,
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H. Eden, Hon. Sec.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTON.—For C.E.M.S. Service at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 15th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. *R. H. Boddington, H. W. Cotton †H. Holloway, Robt. Holloway, V. Holloway, J. W. Frun, J. R. Mackman conductor, *A Roker *First quarter-peal. †First on an inside bell

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, February 14th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. G. Booth, F. V. Haggis, W. H. Jones, F. Ryell, J. Warri low, J. J. Taylor, A. Moreton (conductor) J. Spencer.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. W. Latter, G. Thompson (conductor), S. Faithful, A. Barden, W. Smith, H. Sellars (first quarter-peal), H. Porter, K. Ruth. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor.

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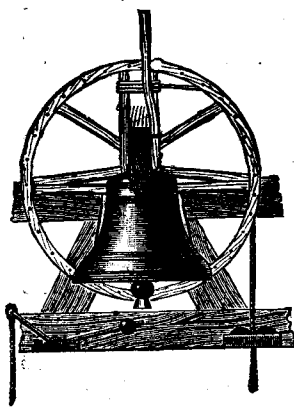
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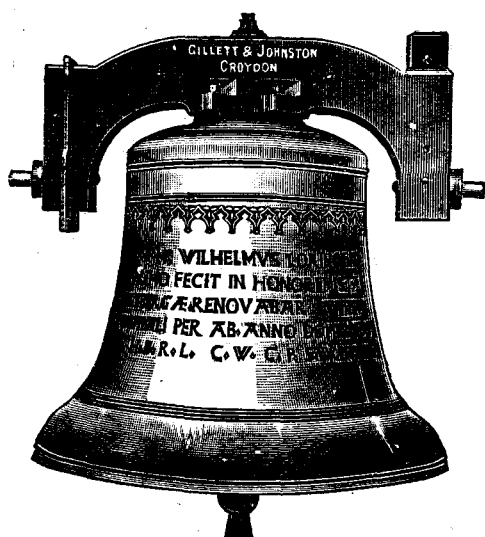
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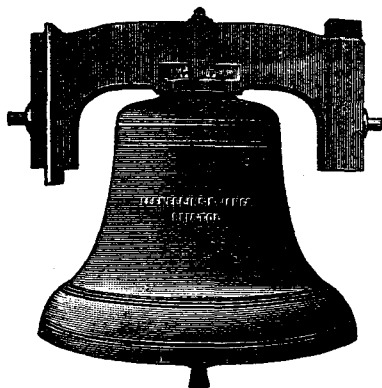
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READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held on Saturday, February 7th. Service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. R. W. Wickham Legge gave a very appropriate address. The supper and business meeting followed. Between 50 and 60 members sat down to a capital spread at the Dairy Company, Broad Street. The business meeting followed, Mr. W. P. Routh in the chair. There were also present the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (Treasurer), the Rev. R. W. Wickham Legge; the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver (Caversham), Mr. S. Goodhall, Churchwarden, St. Marys, Mr. A. J. Wright and Members from the Towers of Shiplake, Henley, Tilehurst, Caversham, St. Marys, St. Laurence, and St. Giles, Reading. Mr. W. P. Routh was again elected President of the Branch, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer; Mr. R. T. Hibbert was elected to serve on the Guild Committee. It was most gratifying to hear the branch affairs were in a very satisfactory state. The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves, who was ill at the time, regret being expressed by all, gave a few interesting details on the finance of the General Guild. This, he was sorry to say, was not so progressive as he would like to see it. The balance was slowly diminishing, and he urged the members to try and get a few more honorary members to join their Guild. During the evening the Shiplake ringers rang some excellent tunes on their handbells. Songs were also sung by Mr. W. Newel, C. Higgs; W. Dormer; H. Simmons and J. Goodenough, Mr. A. Lusty being the pianist. This proved to be the most successful gathering of the Branch ever held.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Aldershot, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, and was attended by 40 members. Service was held at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, when an address was given by the Vicar. Tea was taken at the Church Room, presided over by Mr. F. E. Dawe, a letter resigning the office of Chairman having been read from Mr. C. Willshire. The letter stated that it was with very deep regret he was compelled to sever his connection with the Guild, as he was leaving the Diocese, probably the country. Amid universal expressions of regret at losing "Charlie" it was resolved that the question of a successor be deferred to the Shere meeting. Fourteen new members were elected, including six from Seale. Mr. C. Edwards said he had £4 10s. in hand toward increasing the peal to eight, and that the pits were ready for them. Mr. Fisher was afraid it would be a long time before they could raise the money locally, as it was a poor neighborhood with no resident gentry at all.

Mr. Whittington gave a resume of the Central committee meeting at Winchester on the preceding Wednesday, and said they had been granted permission to hold an extra

meeting at Capel, making 8 meetings altogether in 1914.

During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in the following Minor methods, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge and London Surprise, Double and Single Oxford, Double Court and Stedman Doubles.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association was held at Cramlington, Northumberland, on Saturday, Feb. 21st, 1914. Good weather favoured those who made the journey and all seemed to enjoy the outing. The peal of six at St. Nicholas was kept going well up to train time. The committee meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m. and with the business over all sat down to an excellent repast in the same place. The president (Mr. C. L. Routledge) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and hall; to the Cramlington ringers and the several ladies who looked after and provided such a capital tea. In the course of his remarks he urged the ringers to stick in and let the Association know they could do something. They were very fortunate in having such an all-round ringer as Mr. Lymin amongst them and they should realize this and give him all the help they could. The Vicar (The Rev. I. P. Allen), in responding on behalf of all, said it was a pleasure to be honoured with a visit from the Association and hoped it would not be long ere they visited Cramlington again. He took an interest in the ringing and the ringers in so much that he took an active part himself. It was a pleasure to him to visit the belfry on practice night and he hoped some day he would be a ringer. Although the attendance of the ringers was not all that could be desired he trusted the president's words would be an incentive to them to stick in. As regards the ladies he knew it was a pleasure to them to look after the comfort of the ringers that day, which was manifested by the number who gave their services. The president mentioned the fact that the two new trebles for Newcastle Cathedral were to be cast on the following day at Messrs Taylors' foundry at Loughborough and were to be dedicated on Easter Sunday. The bells would be available to all who cared to have a pull on twelve on Easter Monday, and he specially invited as many as possible to turn up and make the meeting a success. Mr. and Mrs. Lymin returned thanks on behalf of the ringers and lady helpers respectively, their remarks being received with acclamation. After new members had been enrolled, touches were rung on hand-bells. The ringers then wended their way to the Tower where ringing was indulged in till 7.30. All having enjoyed themselves, they went home satisfied with their afternoon's work.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 8th, for evening service at All Hallows, Barking, Great Tower Street, E.C. a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. W. Truss, H. Springall, T. H. Taffender (conductor), J. Scholes, T. Langdon, E. Hall, H. Torble, A. Joyce.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

BY E. M. ATKINS.

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*NOTE.—This course end does not come up as the bob "before" is immediately followed by the single at wrong.

Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their full course extent in sixths place.

First rung at Bedworth by the Warwick Guild on Saturday, February 14, conducted by the composer.

OBITUARY.

MR. NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

A NOTED RINGER AND COMPOSER.

As we briefly announced last week Mr. Nathan J. Pitstow, of Saffron Waldron, passed to his long rest on Wednesday, February 18th, at the age of 67, after an illness extending over three months.

Mr. Pitstow was born at Saffron Walden on August 6th, 1846. He was educated at the British Schools and became one of the Masters. He left teaching in 1865 to take a clerkship in the offices of Messrs. Collin, solicitors of this town, and remained with them until his death. In his younger days he was a very good cricketer, and once in it was a job to get him out. He was a member of the Church choir for many years and was a very good cellist, taking part in most of the local Concerts. His brother Fred having started ringing, Nathan made up his mind to learn, which he did very quickly. As they could only get Bob Major at Saffron Walden the brothers used to meet Squire Proctor and his men whenever they had an outing, and sometimes went to Bennington, walking from Ware 9 miles and back. They also visited London and other centres of Change Ringing, and rang peals where it was possible to do so. It has been unfortunate that the people of Saffron Walden are very much opposed to peal ringing, for which reason so few peals have been rung by them.

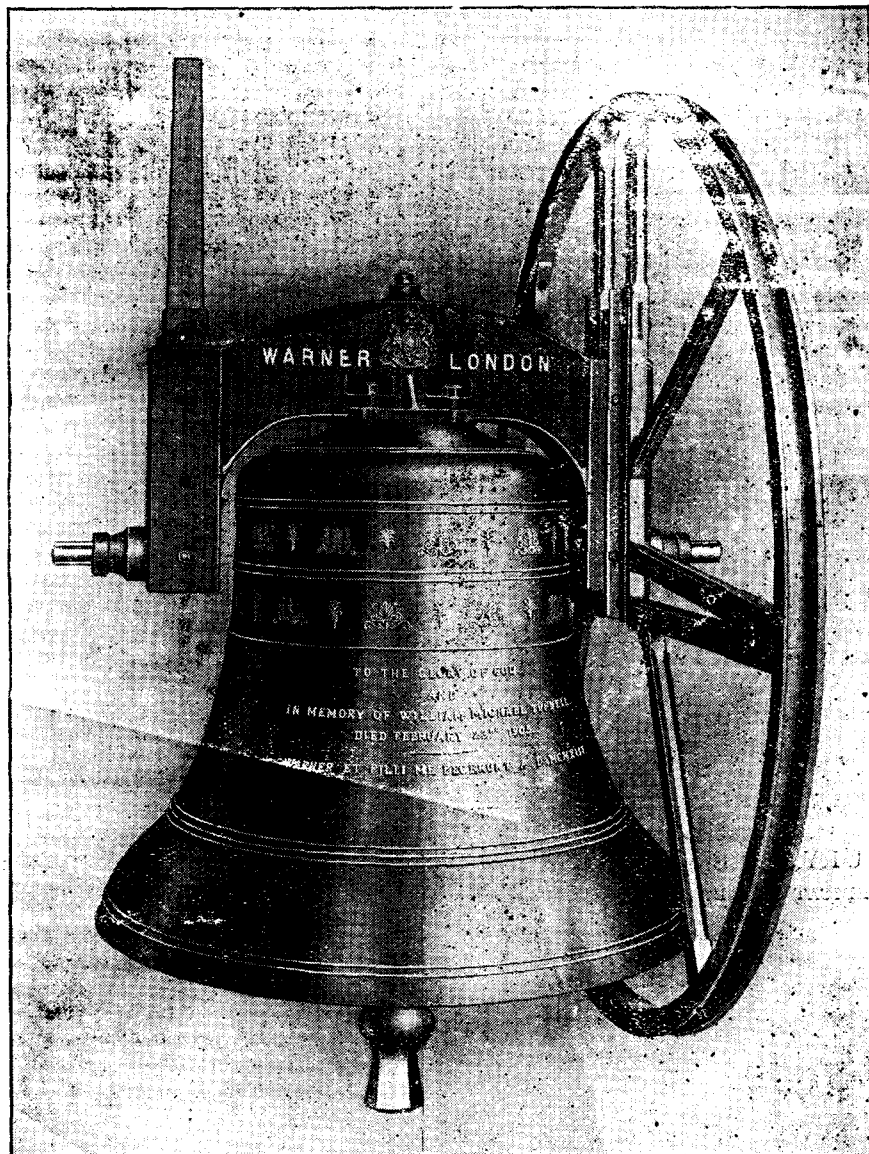
Mr. Nathan Pitstow was a member of the Cumberlands but, after a time, changed over to the College Youths. He was also a member of the Essex Association (Representative on Central Council) Norwich, Midland, Yorkshire, Ely, Oxford and other Associations. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at 3.30. The Vicar, Rev. J. J. Antrobus officiating. The mourners were his 3 brothers: Fred, Ernest and Herbert; Alfred and Fred J. Pitstow, Harold and Leonard Pitstow, Nephews; William and George Pitstow, cousins; A. James, J. Harris and T. Portway, brothers-in-law. A number of ringers also followed representing Bishop Stortford, Standed, London, Cambridge, Ickleton and Gt. Bentley, &c. Many of the inhabitants of Saffron Walden also followed and no doubt there would have been many others but for the rain. Afterwards all the mourners and ringers sat down to tea at the Cafe. A peal of Double Norwich Court was then attempted by the following ringers: H. J. Tucker (Conductor), R. Strong 2; W. J. Nevard 3; York Green 4; J. F. Penning 5; G. R. Dennis 6; Arthur James 7; W. Watts, Tenor. This came to grief after ringing an hour. A touch of Stedman Triples was then rung and the bells lowered. On Sunday morning the bells were again rung muffled for morning service, and in the evening before commencing his sermon the Vicar alluded to the loss the Church had sustained by deaths of Mr. Nathan Pitstow and Mr. Jonathan Freeman, two of the oldest ringers. The organist played "The Lord is mindful of His Own" and Chopin March Funerale.

Mr. Pitstow rang 182 peals as under:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	3	...
Grandsire Caters	7	...
Stedman Triples	31	...
Stedman Caters	10	...
Stedman Cinques	3	...
Bob Major	6	4
Bob Royal	2	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	41	15
Kent Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Kent Treble Bob Max	5	1
Oxford T. B. Major	2	...
Oxford T. B. Royal	2	...
D. N. Court	20	2
D. Oxford Bob Triples	1	...
D. Oxford Bob Major	1	...
Superlative	26	5
Cambridge	8	...
London	3	...
	182	28

MR. J. FREEMAN.

The death has also occurred at Saffron Walden of Mr. Jonathan Freeman, one of the oldest members of the local society of change ringers, at the advanced age of 78 years. He was one of the old members of the company of chimers. Although he did not profess to be a peal ringer he was in regular attendance in the belfry. The interment took place at the Cemetery on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, the Rev. G. F. Hart officiating. Mr. Freeman being a member of the local Court of Foresters, brethren of the Order acted as bearers, and Bro. J. F. Penning read the address at the grave. The wreaths included one from the Saffron Walden Company of Change Ringers. In the evening, as a tribute to his memory touches were rung with the bells muffled.

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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DARESBUURY'S NEW BELLS.

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The dedication of the new bells on Sunday morning excited considerable interest not only among the people of Daresbury, Hatton, Moore and Preston Brook, but in many adjoining parishes. The congregation was an exceptionally large one.

The six old bells have been re-cast, and two new ones added, so that the peal is now complete. The new bells are the gift of Miss Milner, of Moore, and of Mrs. Whitley and her son, Mr. J. J. Whitley, each of whom takes a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the Church and parish. The total cost of the work, which includes a new all-steel independent framework, steel rope guides and belfry floor, is over £500, and the whole amount has been subscribed by present and past parishioners.

The inscriptions on the bells read:—

On tenor bell, given by Miss Milner—"Given by Mary Milner, 1913, to commemorate the Coronation of George V., June 22nd, 1911."

Treble bell, given by Mr. J. J. Whitley and Mrs. T. Whitley—"In memory of Rev. Thomas Whitley, Vicar, 1884—1896. Given by his widow, Ann Catherine Whitley, and his son, John James Whitley, 1913."

On the six old bells which have been re-cast and retuned:—

- 1, "Peace and good neighbourhood, 1725"
- 2, "Sir G. Greenall, Bart., patron, Rev. T. T. Lee-Jones, Vicar. J. J. Whitley and C. H. Tinsley, Wardens, 1913."
- 3, "Prosperity to the Church of England, 1725."

- 4, "Prosperity to the Parish, 1808."
- 5, "Peter Woods, gent., and Saml. Burrows, Churchwardens, 1725."
- 6, "Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1874; re-cast by J. Warner & Sons, 1913."

All the bells are fitted with Messrs. Warner's patent self-aligning oil bath bearings, which are so designed as to ensure efficient lubrication, and which eliminate all shock to the framework or tower. The notes and weights of the bells are as follows:—

	Note	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Treble	E	4	1	20
2nd	D sharp	4	2	25
3rd	C "	5	0	17
4th	B "	5	3	20
5th	A	7	1	21
6th	G sharp	8	3	11
7th	F sharp	12	0	0
Tenor	E	16	1	5
Total	...	64	3	7

Messrs. John Warner & Sons were represented by Mr. Robert Warner, who was spending the week-end at Daresbury Hall.

The service was conducted by the Rev. T. T. Lee-Johns, vicar, and the Rev. W. S. Adams, curate. The bells were dedicated by the Rev. Canon Binney, of Chester, who read a number of special prayers, after which the bells were rung for one minute.

The Canon took for his text the words, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear," and pointed out that in God's

creation, everything was meant to minister to His glory, and everything had a spiritual use—eyes, lips, hands, feet, ears. And they were responsible for the employment of their powers. There was the satisfaction and pleasure of listening to the sound of the bells, but there was, or should be, something more. There was the message of the bells through the ears to the innermost being. There was help in the bells to the spiritual life. What, then, had they to say to them? They were certainly a call to worship which they could not understand. They proclaimed aloud the importance and need of worship which was man's privilege. People had ceased to go to Church, largely because the idea of worship had been lost, and the bells rang out their message, "Come and worship, come and worship, Christ the King," but the response had been small. To hear their beautiful music, to listen to a popular preacher, to satisfy the dictates of conscience, were reasons why certain persons were more or less regular in attending the House of God, but there was something higher and grander—the adoration which the whole being could give to the Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, the thankful remembrance of the inestimable love of God. The bells were also a call to remembrance. It was not possible for everyone to attend public worship whenever it was offered, but everyone might be reminded that he lived in a Christian country, and that there was the claim of God upon him when he heard the church bells. He might find inspiration and help in the knowledge that the needs of his country, his parish and his friends (some of whom might be among the sick), and his own needs were being placed before God. The bells were a reminder, a call to reflection, and helped them to realize that religion was not all a dull and gloomy thing, but could fill them with lasting joy and peace. They were also used to express their rejoicing on special occasions; they called upon them to rejoice with those who rejoiced, and to weep with those who wept. As they had just said in one of the special prayers—"they ministered to God's service."

A THREE HOURS' PEAL.

During the afternoon, a band of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Bellringers rang a peal consisting of 5,008 changes of Bob Major in three hours and twelve minutes, standing as follows:—F. Smith (London), treble; E. H. Lewis (Frodsham), 2; A. Ryder (Daresbury), 3; F. Unsworth (Frodsham), 4; W. Bibby (Frodsham), 5; F. Gleave (Frodsham), 6; T. E. Lightfoot (Frodsham), 7; C. F. White (London), tenor. The peal was composed by Mr. E. M. Atkins, and conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis. Messrs. Smith and White are members of the staff of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the founders of the bells. After evensong, 209 Grandsire Triples were rung, with Mr. T. Houghton on the tenor.

The bells have been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five tone principle, which ensures that each bell is in tune with itself, and also in its place in the peal.

The new steel frame is one of Messrs. Warner's latest design, and a most unique feature is that the main girders have been entirely done away with, and the frame is only supported by diagonal steel set-offs in each corner of the tower. Much discussion has taken place as to the correct position of main girders for bell frames, and certainly a better answer cannot possibly be given than by doing away with them altogether. Before this method was finally adopted, the opinions of many eminent Church architects were ascertained, and one and all expressed their entire approval. It would be interesting to have other opinions in this new field, for thought, as it may be found to be

possible to instal bells in towers where hitherto it has been considered an impossibility. By this method all four walls are tied together, and it makes no difference if there are any weak walls, as the pull is in the length of the walls, and the weight is taken at the corners of the tower. The new type of bell frame now universally installed by Messrs. Warner and Sons is entirely independent of the walls, and acts as A TIE TO THE TOWER, and the walls do not act as A TIE TO THE FRAME, as so often happens in the case of many existing frames. (A History of the Bells next week.)

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

ANNUAL SUPPER.

On Friday, February 20th, the members and friends of the above Society held their Annual Supper at the "Maltshovel Inn," Church Gate. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony and handbell ringing. Mr. W. P. Cooper was voted to the chair, and the following splendid programme was rendered:—First a course of Grandsire Caters by C. H. Fowler, 1-2; E. Morris, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; S. Cotton, 7-8; J. Morris, 9-10; followed by a song, "Ashore," by Mr. G. Pilmore; Handbell selections, "the Soldier's Joy" and "Blue Bells of Scotland," were given by Messrs. S. Cotton, J. and E. Morris, accompanied by Mr. W. Weston. Mr. Joe Morris then sang his well-known "Johnny used to Grind," Mr. H. Broughton "The Diver," and Mr. Bert Hunt a comic song, "When Father did the Cooking."

At this juncture of the programme, the chairman, Mr. Wm. Cooper, said it was his pleasing duty to propose the toast, "Success to St. Martin's Society." It was very fitting that he should propose this, as it was exactly sixty years ago—the year of the Crimean War—since he first had the pleasure of ringing at St. Martin's. He remarked on the difference in ringing of the present day, compared with what it was then, when to ring a peal was a thing to boast about, and talk for years after. Now it was quite a common occurrence. He also recalled the names of some of those eminent Leicester ringers now passed beyond the veil, and who had done so much in the past to keep change-ringing alive in our midst. He often listened to St. Martin's bells ringing for Sunday evening service, and when he heard their splendid striking, felt how dearly he would love to come amongst them once again, and take a rope with them, but such a pleasure was denied him, his occupation as Verger at St. Leonards not allowing him the opportunity. He complimented the Society on their past successes, and wished them hearty prosperity for the future.

Mr. C. H. Fowler, in supporting the toast, said he could testify to their good fellowship and friendly disposition. He was pleased to note their advancement in ringing and striking, and especially now they were able to ring anything up to London Surprise. He wished the Society every prosperity and success.

Mr. Alf. Martin thanked them for their good wishes and kind remarks.

Mr. F. H. Dexter, Secretary to the Society, said he trusted that he would have the support and co-operation of the members, especially some of the younger ones, in coming more regularly to practices and for peal ringing which he arranged for them.

Then followed a course of Grandsire Cinques by F. H. Dexter, 1-2; C. H. Fowler, 3-4; E. Morris, 5-6; G. Cleal, 7-8; S. Cotton, 9-10; J. Morris 11-12. Songs were rendered by Mr. A. Martin, Mr. G. Cleal, Mr. Bert Hunt and Mr. Joe Morris. Time forbidding any extension of programme, P. C. Jenny proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, and this brought to a close a most happy and enjoyable evening.

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The Bell News and Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1914.

Mr. James George writes:—"I wish to withdraw my name from the peal of Bob Royal, published in your issue of the 21st inst., as a similar peal was published in the "Bell News" of 26th January, 1895, by Mr. Cornelius Charge, of Fulham."

The following back numbers of the "Bell News" are required to complete a file:—1906. January 13th, January 27th, May 19th, June 2nd, September 8th. 1907. July 20th, July 27th, August 3rd, August 10th. 1908. May 16th, May 30th, August 8th, September 26th, November 7th. 1910. June 4th, June 18th, July 30th, October 1st, October 8th, November 12th, November 19th, December 3rd. 1911. June 3rd. 1913. March 29th, April 26th, August 30th.

If any ringer has either of these numbers to spare will he send them to The Editor, "Bell News," Selborne Road, Walthamstow, who will remit any costs incurred.

The Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers suffered severely last week by the death of two of their oldest and most faithful ringers, Mr. Jonathan Freeman and Mr. Nathan John Pitstow. As a writer observes, it was truly a rough week.

Owing to pressure on our space we are unable to insert an interesting history of Daresbury bells, and also a number of peals, but these will appear next week.

Correspondence

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—It would be interesting if one of your talented contributors on the above subject would explain on what ground we are bidden to consider the Bob Major plain course lead-ends the only permissible set. Music, we are assured, is wholly irrelevant to method-building, so that the Bob Major lead-ends bring up the bells in what is held—perhaps wrongly—the best musical coursing order cannot enter into the argument. It has not been made clear if we are also tied down to the order in which these lead-ends appear in the plain course, or whether its five variants may likewise be deemed legitimate. Of course there are scores of lead-ends that will produce a major septic cycle, e.g., the twelve ends of Steadman Triples but apparently we are authoritatively barred from all these.—Yours, etc., ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

Athenæum Club, February 25th, 1914

MORTLAKE.—On February 20th, at St. Mary's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. M. Jacobs, H. Barrett, G. Jntson, H. Cook, H. Stevens E. Cassell, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor), J. Wilmott.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Wednesday afternoon, February 18th, a Confirmation Service was held at St. Mary's Church by Bishop Corfe, on behalf of the Bishop of Oxford, when the local ringers rang 896 Grandsire Triples.

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

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5008 CHANGES.

J. Armiger Trollope Treble	Richard N. Runbam 5
Ernest E. Grimes 2	Edwin F. Pike 6
Alfred W. Grimes 3	William Grimes 7
Frank I. Hairs 4	James E. Davis Tenor

Composed by W. Willson and Conducted by James E. Davis.

This peal was arranged for W. Grimes, who hails from Debenham Suffolk.

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

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES: In the Kent Variation. Tenor 18 cwt.

William C. Lee* Treble	William T. Powell 5
Lawrence B. Porter* 2	Charles W. R. Grimwood .. 6
Thomas H. Taffender 3	Richard N. Runbam 7
Walter G. Matthews 4	Arthur D. Barker Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains and Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.

*First peal in the method.

STEPNEY, E.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES. Tenor 31 cwt.

Alfred B. Peck Treble	Ernest G. Fenn 6
Edwin Horrex 2	Ernest Brett 7
Robert W. Green 3	Emanuel Hall 8
Herbert Langdon 4	Alfred W. Grimes 9
James Scholes 5	Frederick J. Hardy Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING, GREAT TOWER STREET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' One-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

William Weatherstone .. Treble	Arthur D. Barker 5
Thomas H. Taffender 2	Emanuel Hall 6
James Scholes 3	Henry Torble 7
William Truss 4	Alfred Joyce Tenor

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

Rung on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, also to commemorate the first peal upon them, March 28th, 1814.

CUBITT TOWN, E.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, February 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: Holt's Original.

Charles T. Clark* Treble	George H. Daynes 5
Reuben Sanders 2	Thomas H. Hawkins 6
Edwin Barnett, sen. 3	Harold Clark 7
Arthur J. Neale 4	Dalby Hodgson Tenor

Conducted by George H. Daynes.

*First peal, and also a birthday compliment. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang throughout the peal. Rang on the eve of the 70th birthday of Mrs. G. Hawkins, mother of the ringer of the 6th, and a much respected member of the congregation at this church.

The Provinces.**MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.****THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, February 3, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST TYDFIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: J, Aspinwall's Tenor 20 cwt. oqr. 7lb,

Frank Chave Treble	Frederick B. Stedman .. 5
Alban E. Slatter 2	Albert Hunt 6
Charles Paley 3	Joseph E. Sykes 7
Benjamin Thorpe 4	P.C. John Coles Tenor

Conducted by Benjamin Thorpe.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. D. F. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, father of the ringer of the 7th.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt.

Alfred E. Bassett Treble	Thomas Self 5
Alfred L. Brown 2	Richard Kendall 6
William Shepherd 3	Ferris J. Shepherd 7
Chas. E. Read 4	Alfred Hart Tenor

Conducted by Ferris J. Shepherd.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES: In the Oxford Variation.

Samuel Wood Treble	Fred Page 6
Jonathan Broadbent 2	John Harrison 7
Thomas Jakeman 3	Albert Adams 8
Charles Broadbent 4	Benjamin Gill 9
Joseph Mellor 5	Samuel Booth Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Samuel Wood.

First peal of Royal in the method for 2, 6, 7 and 8.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCLIA.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES, Tenor 19½ cwt.

Percy J. Langston Treble	William Keeble 5
Walter Sadler 2	Ernest Newman 6
Andrew Shufflebotham .. 3	Ernest W. Beckwith .. 7
Frank Claydon 4	David Elliott Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook and Conducted by David Elliott.

First peal in the method by the Association, by all except the 5th and Tenor men, and first away from the Treble by the Tenor man. Rang at the third attempt, after three previous practices.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

Harry Smith Treble	Charles Giles 5
William Paice 2	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn 6
Frederick Pounds 3	Richard T. Hibbert 7
Ernest Menday 4	Henry Simmonds Tenor

Conducted by R. T. Hibbert.

Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (Rossendale Branch.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. H. Haydock	Treble	Stan'ey Pickup	5
Frank Ashworth	2	J. H. Banks	6
George Brown	3	J. B. Taylor	7
Robert Leach	4	J. W. Ormerod	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. Banks.

This is the first peal for the ringer of the 2nd, and was rung by a mixed band. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to the local company; the treble and 4th to Ramsbottom; the 6th to Helmshore; the 7th to Waterfoot; the tenor to Newchurch.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1914, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 500 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Frank Smith	Treble	William Bibby	5
Edwin H. Lewis	2	Frank Gleave	6
Albert Ryder	3	Thomas H. Lightfoot	7
Arthur Unsworth	4	Charles F. White	Tenor

Composed by E. M. Atkins, and Conducted by E. H. Lewis.

Rung for Evensong, the bells having been dedicated after Marius.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, February 15, 1914 in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Albert E. Harris*	Treble	John Oldham	5
William Trigg	2	William Thorley†	6
Harry Whittle	3	Edward Reader	7
William Smith	4	Alfred Harrad	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Whittle.

* First peal in any method. † First peal on an inside bell.

STONEHOUSE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I. Treble	Warren S. Hornbrook	5
Ernest W. Marsh	Joseph Woodley	6
William H. Hooper†	William Ford	7
Rev. Everard S. Powell	Harry Adams*	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest W. Marsh.

* First peal and first attempt, and was elected a member previous to starting. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

HECKINGTON LINCOLN
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

A transposition of Washbrook's Twenty-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Rev. H. Law James	Treble	Christopher Ward*	5
Arthur Andrews*	2	John H. Clark	6
John T. Holmes	3	William Dickinson	7
Walter H. Wood*	4	Arthur Dixon	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. Law James.

* First peal of Stedman.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 (Halesworth Society.)

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Minor.

William Pierce	Treble	Arthur H. Took	4
Frederick C. Lambert	2	James Howard	5
Walter Last	3	John Larter	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

First peal on these fine-toned bells, rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. The conductor's tooth peal.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (Hawkhurst Branch.)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.

Thomas Ashenden	Treble	Older Waghorn	5
Frank Chapman, jun.*	2	Alfred H. Wellard	6
John H. Darrant*	3	George Billenness	7
John Blake	4	Frank Chapman, sen.	Tenor

Conducted by George Billenness.

* First peal. First peal by a local band, and rung at the first attempt.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Joseph E. Sykes	Treble	William B. Biss	5
Clarence O. Hobbs	2	Alban E. Slatter*	6
Charles H. Perry	3	Sidney Dawe	7
Frederick B. Stedman	4	Benjamin Thorp	Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison, and Conducted by Benjamin Thorp.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. E. M. Williams Millar, who is shortly leaving the parish to take up new duties at St. Tidvil's, Merthyr.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday February 17, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

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

Rupert J. Goate	Treble	Clayton Parnell	6
Frederick C. Lambert	2	George B. Baxter	7
Edwin G. Pike	5	Denison Hayward	8
Thomas Beckett	4	Harry Ling	9
William S. Clark	5	Robert Rush	Tenor

Composed by Benjamin Annable, and

Conducted by Denison Hayward.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. First peal and first attempt on ten bells by the ringers of 4th and 5th. Hayward hails from Great Yarmouth; Lambert from Halesworth; the rest are members of the St. Michael's company. This peal was arranged for and rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. F. G. Millar, M.A., Rector of Beccles, and Miss Dorothy Aldred, only daughter of the late Rev. A. Aldred, Rector of Worlingham, Suffolk, the band wishing them every happiness. The ceremony took place on this day in St. Luke's Chapel, Norwich Cathedral.

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CHARLES BARBER, Littleton, Liversedge, Yorks.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary's Guild, Acton.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Parker's Twelve-part.

Harold Holloway* Treble	Victor R. Holloway 5
Horace W. Cotton 2	Joseph W. Fruin 6
Christopher R. Walker 3	James R. Mackman 7
Robert E. Holloway 4	James R. Sims* Tenor

Conducted by J. Mackman.

First peal by the Guild! * First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 17 cwt.

Thomas A. Elliott† Treble	Alex. Hutchison 5
G. Arthur Bowmer* 2	William J. Thyng 6
Herbert Day 3	Fred W. Hill 7
Alfred C. Wright 4	Henry George Tenor

Conducted by Fred W. Hill.

† First peal and first attempt. * First peal in the method.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES:

In the Kent Variation.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

James Motts Treble	George Jennings 5
Robert H. Hayward 2	George Andrews 6
Rev. Wm. C. Pearson 3	William J. Nevard 7
Arthur Edwards 4	Henry F. Cooper Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights and Conducted by James Motts.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

Isaac Purser* Treble	Albert Little 5
Christopher Wallater 2	William Fisher 6
George Hughes 3	Herbert Knight 7
Frank W. Ferrens 4	Joseph Pigott Tenor

Composed by William G. Hall and Conducted by Herbert Knight.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

Alfred F. Hillier Treble	Ernest E. Ferry 6
Joseph E. Keen 2	Joseph A. Gofion 7
William H. Barber 3	Benjamin C. Dixon 8
William W. Sinclair 4	Robert Richards 9
Robert W. Falconer 5	John Foreman Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains, and Conducted by Joseph E. Keen.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 41 for Sale, cheap. Taylor's make. Particulars from THORP, 57, Regent Road Leicester.

RAINHILL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of 720 changes each of College Single, Woodbine Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Herbert Ashton* .. Treble	Edward Counce 4
James R. Griffin* 2	George R. Newton 5
Henry Fyles 3	Thomas Murray Tenor

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Thomas W. Harrison* .. Treble	Daniel Meadley 5
Tom Stockdale† 2	A. Bernard Cook 6
Ernest Cusforth 3	Thomas Whitfield 7
Geo. F. Williams 4	Frederick Merrison Tenor

Conducted by George F. Williams.

* First peal. † 80th peal for the above Association.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Percy H. Doick Treble	William Henley 5
George H. Gutteridge 2	Albert E. Reeves 6
Leonard Stilwell 3	William Welling 7
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 4	Joseph Guttridge Tenor

Conducted by W. Welling.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Stilwell. The treble ringer, who hails from Pulborough, Sussex, was made a life member of the Guild previous to starting. This was his first peal of Stedman.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES, in seven methods, viz.:

London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest Stone Treble	Geoffrey J. Stoneley 4
Rev. R. P. Farrow 2	Thomas W. Chapman 5
Walter J. Horton 3	E. Harry Stoneley Tenor

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

This is the first peal on these bells since September last, owing to illness in the village.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Arthur Chapman .. Treble	James Houghton 5
J. Edward Chapman 2	Alfred H. Martin 6
Robert Turner 3	James T. Ward 7
James Garratt 4	John I. Mawby Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and Conducted by James Houghton.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Arthur Carder* Treble	Jesse Webb 4
Percy Webb 2	Eustace Webb 5
Herbert Carder 3	Arthur G. Lilley Tenor

Conducted by P. Webb.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell peal for the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley, who has been appointed Vicar of St. Alfego, Greenwich.

Handbell Peals.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1914, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Residence of A. W. Clark, 135, Brighton Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Amos W. Clark .. 1-2	Walter S. Wise .. 5-6
Challis F. Winney .. 3-4	Walter Rowe .. 7-8

Conducted by C. F. Winney.

Umpire—W. States. A. W. Clark's first peal on 1-2, and W. Rowe's first peal in hand.

HANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 13, 1914, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At "Auburn," Shakespeare Road.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

George E. Harbour .. 1-2	James R. Mackman .. 5-6
J. Armiger Trollope .. 3-4	William Lawrence .. 7-8

Conducted by J. R. Mackman.

Umpire—Arthur H. Harbour.

HAGGERSTON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 16, 1914, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At 129 Brunswick Street,

On handbells, retained in hand,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES.

Bertram Prewett .. 1-2	William Pye .. 7-8
George R. Pye .. 3-4	James Hunt .. 9-10
Ernest Pye .. 5-6	Alfred W. Grimes .. 11-12

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and Conducted by William Pye.

Umpire—W. Grimes. Witness—H. Franks. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1914, in Two Hours,

At 5, Church Street.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being one 720 of New London, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Arthur Symonds .. 1-2	Stedman H. Symonds .. 3-4
William R. J. Poulson .. 5-6	

Conducted by S. H. Symonds.

This the first peal in four methods on handbells by all.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1914, in 2 Hours,

At York Villa,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Stanley Andrews .. 1-2	Thomas Haines .. 3-4
Ralph Narborough .. 5-6	

Conducted by Ralph Narborough.

ST. PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) GUILD.

REPORT FOR 1913.

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Guild was held in the belfry. The chair was taken by the President (The Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Meyrick, R.D.), and there was a good attendance of the ringing members of the Guild.

For the ensuing year, Mr. F. H. Phillips was elected Ringing Master, whilst Mr. C. Thompson becomes Hon. Secretary: Mr. D. O. Holme was re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

Seven new performing members were elected, and this is considered one of the most satisfactory results of the past year's work.

During the discussion of general business, one or two alterations were made in the Rules, and a suggestion was made as to insuring the bells against cracking and other accidents, and it is to be hoped this will be carried out.

In his annual report of the work and doings of the Guild, the Secretary referred to the three peals rung on the bells by members during the year, viz., Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The two latter peals had been arranged for visitors, but the peal of Bob Royal, which was the first in the method on the bells, had been rung by members of the Guild only. It had also been found possible to undertake the much-needed work of cleaning and varnishing the peal boards in the belfry—a matter involving some considerable expense, which had been, however, defrayed entirely out of the funds of the Guild.

At the close of the meeting, the Vicar thanked the members for all they had done as volunteers, and referred to the regular ringing of the bells on Sundays, morning and evening, and for the Early Celebrations on all the great festivals of the Church.

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The two fundamental laws of method construction are:—

1. That a bell may change places only with its next neighbour.

2. That the bells must return at the finish to the row from which they set out.

Nobody will, I suppose, deny that these are fundamental laws; that is pretty obvious to all, and the danger is that because these are so very obvious they should be taken for granted, and their real significance overlooked. For it is a fact that the whole of change-ringing depends entirely on these two; given them, you can construct the whole system of Methods and peal compositions by a purely scientific and logical process, in exactly the same way that all Euclid's propositions are built up, step by step, from the simplest foundations. The great difficulty, and practically the only difficulty, is that the thing is so very simple, and simple things are the hardest to explain and the hardest to understand. People will seek for some complicated explanation where there is nothing complicated.

Suppose you have a number of bells, say six, and out of these six you select one, say the 3rd; you can move that bell one step upwards into 4ths, or one step downwards into 2nds, but you may not move it into 5ths or 6ths.

Before the bells can get back to the row from which they started you must move the 3rd back again from 2nds or 4ths, and there are two ways and two ways only in which this can be done. Either you can move it back again at once, and having made it hunt from 3rds to 4ths, make it hunt back again from 4ths to 3rds; or you can make it continue its path and hunt right up to behind, then down to lead and up again, regaining its original position from the opposite direction to what it set out. The first movement is a dodging, the second is plain hunting.

What is true of one bell is true of all the bells. You start with 123456; from this by each bell changing places with its next neighbour you get 214365. Before the second rule is complied with you must return back to 123456. There are two ways and two ways only in which it can be done. Either you can make the bells at once retrace their steps when you get 123456

214365
123456

or you can make all the bells plain hunt the double journey once from behind to before, and once from before to behind, which will give you:—

123456	
214365	
241635	
426153	123456
462513	214365
645231	241635
654321	426153
563412	241635
536142	214365
351624	123456
315264	
132546	
123456	

The first is a dodging movement, the second is a Hunting Course movement. A Hunting Course always consists of twice as many rows as there are bells. A dodging movement may be as above one step backward, after one step forward, or it may be several steps backward, after the same number of steps forward, as in the example given. Every possible method is based on these two movements and is only a combination of them in varying order and proportion. The important thing to remember about these two movements is this: each consists of a definite number of changes, that these come in a certain and definite order and that not one can possibly be omitted. It is a parallel case to the "q" sets of Grandsire Triples. Whenever you start from 123456 and get 214365 in any method whatsoever, when you have regained 123456 you will find that you have had all the members of one of these two movements in their proper order, although, as we shall presently see, they are very often covered up by other work. And, further, every bit of work in every method is a part of one or other of these two movements, and you must have all the other parts and in their correct order. This truth follows logically from the two fundamental laws and it contains all the essence of Method construction.

In the two instances I have given all the bells are doing the same work at the same time; they are all hunting forward at once, or they are all hunting backward at once. When all the bells are hunting forward, or all are hunting backwards, they keep a certain order among themselves, and that order is their coursing order. I want this term to be carefully understood, because in theoretic ringing it does not mean quite the same thing as in practical ringing; or rather in theoretic ringing it is used in a stricter sense

than in practical ringing. Coursing order means "hunting" order, and unless all the bells are hunting at the same time there can be no coursing order common to them. The whole pulls before and behind are a part of plain hunting and do not break the coursing order, but any internal Place makes any common coursing order in that change impossible, and produces a different coursing order in the succeeding changes.

12345678	C.O.=24687531.
21436587	no common C.O.
12463578	C.O.=26587341.
21645387	no common C.O.
12654378	C.O.=25387461.
21563487	C.O.=25387461.

25136847

In the same way we shall find that every method except Original has within its plain course many different coursing orders.

So long as there are no internal Places, that is so long as you confine all your bells to forward hunting or backward hunting or a combination of them you keep the same coursing order, and by these means you cannot produce a row that is not in the Hunting Course. On eight bells the Hunting Course consists of sixteen rows, and the whole 40,320 rows will divide into 2520 groups, in every one of which the bells are in the same coursing order, and no row and no coursing order can come in more than one group.

A Principle is a group of rows which can serve as the foundation of a Method. The simplest is the Plain Principle which consists of the Hunting Course. But it is not the only Principle. Any combination of forward and backward hunting which is in regular parts and is symmetrical is a Principle, and as long as you have only forward and backward hunting you keep the same coursing order. Principles in which the same coursing order is kept are Primary Principles. Besides the Plain Principle the simplest and the most used is the Treble Bob Principle. You will notice that this contains the same rows twice over, and that it is really the Plain Principle written out twice. But since this is not a finished Method but only the skeleton in which we may build Methods, the question of truth and falseness does not matter one scrap. When we come to use it we shall find its value. Other Primary Principles are the Double Dodging, Triple Dodging, &c.

I give the Double Dodging Principle on seven bells and it will be seen that not only is it very false but one bell remains on the lead for no fewer than six consecutive blows; of course, neither of these could be tolerated in a finished Method, but again this is not a finished Method, but merely the skeleton on which we may build the finished Method. If you consider the series of blows on the lead, you will find that they are naturally caused by backward hunting alternating with forward hunting.

The first logical consequence of our two fundamental laws is the Primary Principle. Any combination of forward hunting and backward hunting, whether symmetrical or not, could serve as the foundation of Method and would be a logical result of our two fundamental laws; but since it has been acknowledged that only symmetrical Methods are legitimate we shall take as our Primary Principles only such as divide into as many equal divisions as there are bells.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service at the Church of St. George—the Martyr, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1285 changes), in 47 mins. F. V. Martin, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. H. Hughes R. N. Runham, A. Jones, C. W. R. Grimwood, W. Berry, A. D. Barker.

ROTHERHITHE.—On Sunday, February 22nd, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 1248 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins. T. Walker, T. H. Taffender (conductor), C. R. Hughes, R. N. Runham, W. S. S. himmans C. W. R. Grimwood, W. Berry, A. D. Barker. On Monday, February 3rd at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Lewis (first quarter-peal), W. Weatherstone (conductor), T. H. Taffender, E. F. Pike, G. Harman (first quarter-peal), W. Berry, W. S. himmans, A. S. Pettit.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday morning, February 22nd, for Divine Service, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Avis, J. Burles, A. Constant, R. Smith, R. Tall, R. Constant A. Martin (conductor), J. Cheesman. Longest length in the method as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL.—On February 10th, for practice at the Cathedral, Shipway's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the twelve 7-48). A. J. Chamberlain, T. Foster, E. Foster, F. Pickard, G. Beckett, A. H. Wilson, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), H. F. Clulow. First quarter-peal in any method by F. Pickard. Also 360 and 120 Bob Minor. A. J. Chamberlain, A. H. Wilson, H. F. Clulow, E. Foster, G. Beckett, C. H. Chamberlain (conductor), F. Pickard.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Monday, February 23rd, at the Parish Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 42 mins. T. J. Watts, A. Jordan (first quarter-peal), W. Prior, W. T. Prior, J. Luckey, W. Watts (conductor), T. Jordan, G. Jordan. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden.

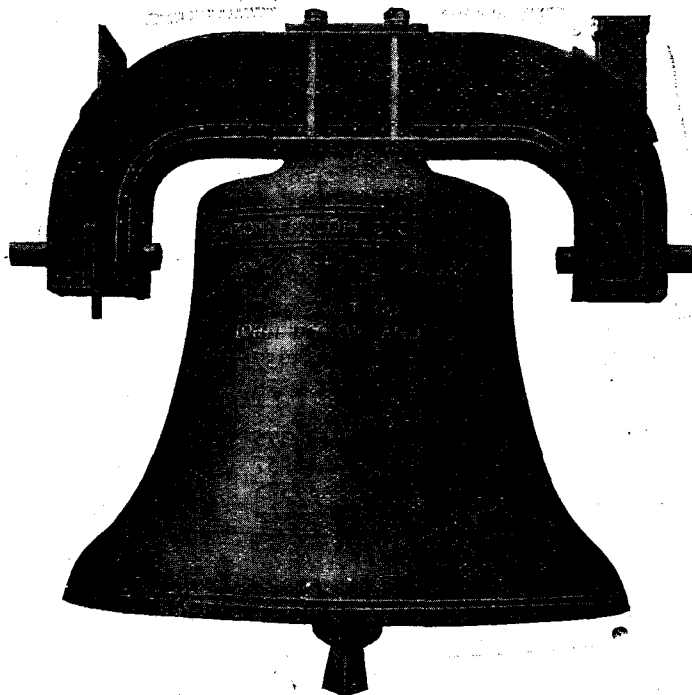
LUTON (Beds).—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 22nd, the occasion of the farewell visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely to Luton, which will in a few weeks come under the diocese of St. Albans, 504 Stedman Triples was rung for morning service, conducted by W. Payne. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1312 changes) in 50 mins. G. Newson, B. Wilson, T. Kendall, H. Walker, F. Hunt, J. Rookwood, W. Payne, A. King (conductor).

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William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Established 1755.—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, on Saturday, February 28th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Canon J. W. Willink, Rector of Birmingham. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.

A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec.

11 Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting, principally for Stedman practice, will be held at Chatham on Saturday, February 28th, commencing at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

E. Trendell, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Dudley and District Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open at 3.30; service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.

Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.,

113, Himley Road, Dudley.

The Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above Branch will be held at the Church of St. James, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 7th, 1914. By kind permission of the Vicar the peal of eight bells will be available at noon. Meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea kindly provided by the local ringers after the meeting.

W. Robinson, Branch Secretary

Thorn Field, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—North Bucks, Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swanbourne, on Saturday, March 7th. Service at 3.0 p.m.

Thos. Best, Secretary.

Bletchley.

The Midland Counties Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.

H. Wakley, Hon. Sec.

Victoria Street, Burton-on-Trent.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14th, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Half railway fares allowed. Subscriptions are now due.

Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch Meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at St. Mary's Balderstone, on Saturday, March 14. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting at 6.30.

135, Salts Street, Shaw,

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Birchington, on Saturday March 14, 1914. The bells of both the Parish Church and Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, will be available from 3 p.m. Divine service in the Parish Church at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting in the Institute Hall. Will all who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, March 10. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.

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St. James's Company, Bury St. Edmunds.—Mr. H. Turner having resigned the Secretaryship, all correspondence should be addressed to Mr. W. Radley, 4, Cornfields Road, Bury St. Edmunds.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Thursday, Feb. 19, on the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Harrison, mother of the Coroner for E. Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled. H. Coote W. Sadler, C. H. Howard (conductor), G. Melbourne, P. Holmes, F. Ely, F. Rudkin, H. J. Collins. On Saturday, February 21st, as a last token of esteem and respect for the late Mr. Nathan J. Pitstow, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, C. H. Howard, H. E. Hammond, G. Melbourne, W. H. Dyson, Ely, G. Lindridge, W. H. Hammond.

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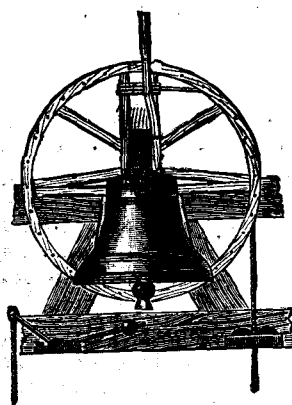
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