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St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton.

Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

BUSY FOUNDRIES.

The augmentation and restoration of bells seems to be going on all over the country at even greater pace than ever. All the principal founders are extremely busy and in this issue we publish reports of quite a number of dedication services which have taken place within the last week or so. One very gratifying feature of all this work is that in most cases the existing numbers of bells are being increased; fives are being made into sixes, sixes increased to octaves, and eights enlarged to tens. Ringers in that progressive little association operating in the Llandaff diocese will doubtless learn with infinite pleasure that another ring of ten is to be placed in their midst. Hitherto the only tower containing that number has been St. John's, Cardiff. Now, owing to the generosity of various donors, St. Woolos, Newport, is to have a similar peal, the old eight being recast and two trebles added. Hitherto ringers in South Wales have had but limited opportunities for ringing on ten, and this addition should do not a little to advance the practice on higher numbers in the southern half of the principality.

There is, however, even a greater satisfaction to be got from the activity now prevailing in the bell foundries. It used to be a reproach that things connected with the belfry —bells and ringers alike—have been the last consideration of the church authorities. A happy change has come over the scene in regard to ringers, and, with it is undoubtedly fast coming a fuller recognition of the value and importance of the bells themselves as church property. Where, formerly, they were allowed to hang in a state of disrepair, when their condition was such that they could be no longer rung, now, with the ringers in close touch with the authorities, whose sympathy they have, the bells receive the attention and care which, as valuable instruments, they ought to be given. And when bell hangers are called in, it is only natural that the ringers should use their endeavours to get the peals increased if possible. Thus the general awakening is having beneficial effects all round, and we hope that the "boom" that just at present exists in the bell founding world will continue to the advantage of the Church and the ringers, and incidentally to the benefit of the bell founders themselves. The great activity that is prevailing is undoubtedly a sign of the times, which are imbued with a spirit of progress, and, as ringers, we ought to be and are devoutly thankful. And may we not very rightly attribute a good deal of the increase in peal ringing to all this bell restoration. New rings are springing into existence, old ones are being rehung. They all add to the opportunities for peals.

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

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

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEAL.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5219 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS	...*Treble*	THOMAS MURRAY	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	ERNEST J. OLIVER	8
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	9
FRED DAVIES	5	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal on ten bells by T. Murray who hails from Egremont, Cheshire.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS OLIVE LUMLEY	...*Treble*	HENRY PARRISH	5
†FREDERICK LAVERICK ...	2	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	6
JOHN GEORGE HALL ...	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
WILLIAM HOLMES	4	*CAMPION HANSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method and first attempt. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal for this Association in which a lady has taken part, and great credit is due to Miss Lumley for the way in which she rang her bell throughout the peal, she never making a single mistake. It was the first time that she had rung changes on seven bells. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the Coronation of King George V; also in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th. The peal was arranged for the ringers of the treble and 5th who were spending a short holiday in the district.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER... ...	...*Treble*	JOHN C. SELF	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	2	WILLIAM BURGESS	6
WILLIAM FLORY	3	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	7
HOBART E. SMITH	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. W. E. Maulden hails from Guildford.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BRANT	5
RICHARD DUNN	2	GEORGE CLAYBROOK ...	6
DANIEL JONES	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
ANDREW JONES	4	CHARLES DARBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of the Rev. W. T. Milligan, M.A., vicar of the parish.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
WILLIAM SEELEY	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS	6
CHRISTOPHER MURRAY	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
RICHARD DARLOW	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.
Arranged for Mr. C. Murray, who hails from Dublin.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN ROBERTS	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
THOMAS JENNION	2	*WILLIAM TWIST	6
EDWARD CAUNCE	3	THOMAS MURRAY	7
†JAMES R. GRIFFIN	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HENRY MORGAN	...*Treble*	JOHN BUTLER	5
BENJAMIN THORP	2	FREDERICK ATWELL	6
JOSEPH E. SYKES	3	JOHN W. JONES	7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	4	FREDERICK STANBURY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.
* First peal.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

ALBERT TOUT	...*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	HENRY NORMAN	6
ROBERT SCOTT	3	ISAAC CREED	7
EDWIN CHAPMAN	4	WILLIAM D. WHITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. E. V. COX.
After the peal the band expressed the usual birthday compliment to T. Creed.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*CHARLES YOUNG	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM RANFORD	5
†WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	CHARLES CAMM	6
FREDERICK BRYAN	3	EDGAR MANNING	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES	4	WILLIAM DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON	...*Treble*	EDGAR VALLANCE	5
*MISS HILDA WILLSON	2	H. EDWARD NORMAN	6
THOMAS VALLANCE	3	*ALBERT H. BELL	7
WM. H. INGLESANT	4	E. MAURICE ATKINS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
* First peal in the method and first attempt. Mr. Bell kindly stood in after the band had met a man short. Rung for St. Thomas' garden fête. It was the conductor's 150th peal.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	...*Treble*	JOSEPH HALL	5
ALLAN R. HICKTON	2	FRANK JOHNSON	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
ALBERT COPPOCK	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	...*Tenor*

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

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART No. 1. Tenor 17 cwt.

*PERCY BENTLEY	...*Treble*	JOSEPH CLARKE	5
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY	6
THOMAS TUDOR	3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
*ALFRED COTON	4	GEORGE HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.
* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and tenor were proposed members of the above guild before starting for the peal. Rung on the eve of St. Peter's Day; also on the anniversary of Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

HARRY GIBSON	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5
HERBERT MILLNER	2	THOMAS METCALFE	6
JAMES B. BUDD	3	JOHN R. BARTON	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	4	FRANK DAVISON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. METCALFE.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Scarborough, the Rev. H. H. Cooper, M.A., whose induction took place at the close of the peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
RICHARD HOLDER	3	KEITH HART	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	GEORGE TOMSETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' ONE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON	*Treble*	HENRY J. TRIM	5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD	2	GILBERT H. HARDING	6
A. MARTIN DANIEL	3	FRED. G. LEAKER	7
WALTER FARLEY	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. G. LEAKER.

F. G. Leaker was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW	*Treble*	JAMES WILLSHIRE	5
HERBERT LANGDON	2	RICHARD KENDALL	6
HENRY S. ELLIS	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	4	WILLIAM CROPLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. B. PECK.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE,
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

LOUIS SPARROW	*Treble*	FRED JOHNSON	5
HERBERT JORDAN	2	FRANK COOK	6
JOSCELIN M. TURNER	3	JAMES ADDIS	7
FRED JORDAN	4	WILLIAM SPARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt., in D. flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JAMES MOTTS	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JAMES MOTTS	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band take this opportunity o thank the Vicar of Lavenham, and the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking for the use of the bells, the latter gentleman putting off a service to allow the attempt to be made; also Messrs. Symonds and Reed for having everything in readiness.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

DAVID COLLINS	*Treble*	HOBART E. SMITH	5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	2	WILLIAM FLORY	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	WILLIAM BURGESS	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, May 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

*HARRY WHYMARK	*Treble*	ARTHUR KEEBLE	4
*WILLIAM GRIMES	2	*LEONARD HEAD	5
VICTOR CORNELL	3	WILLIAM STIFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. STIFF.

* First peal. Messrs. Grimes and Cornell hail from Hadleigh and St. Waldingfield respectively.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, June 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILLIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. VERNALL	*Treble*	S. BOWEN	4
J. EDWARDS, Junr.	2	T. WILLIAMS	5
R. LONGVILLE	3	G. EVESHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by T. WILLIAMS.

First peal ever rung on the bells. First peal by all the band, except the conductor, who came from Ledbury. Rung as a farewell to Mr. S. Bowen, who was leaving the tower for another district.

PENGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST TIGWELL	*Treble*	HENRY BROWN	4
*ALBERT BRADLEY	2	FRANK J. KEECH	5
HENRY D. READER	4	GEORGE WICKENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. WICKENS.

* First peal and first peal in four methods on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wickens.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of College Single, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR FRENCH	*Treble*	GABRIEL CHALKLEY	4
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	†RICHARD KILBY	5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	3	THOMAS LANGDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son, also in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frederick Seer, one of the local ringers.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, College Single Reverse, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. FRANK PROCTOR ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WHITE ...	4
*HARRY THORPE	2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	5
REV. C. J. STURTON ...	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co, the "go" and tone being excellent.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

*JOHN T. BALL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ...	4
*WILLIAM HAYO	2	JAMES B. HUDSON	5
FRANCIS J. BALL	3	†WALTER GILBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. D. H. Meggy); also as a birthday compliment to William J. Gilbert.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Oxford, each called differently.

ERNEST G. COOPER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	4
GEORGE R. FINCH	2	DAVID LEGGETT	5
*CHARLES ABLITT	3	GEORGE ABLITT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal with a bob bell.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 Six-Scores of Canterbury Pleasure and 21 of Grandsire, 18 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRYCHAN JONES... ...	...*Treble*	JAMES P. HYETT	4
*FREDERICK R. SPARKES ...	2	EDGAR R. JONES	5
*ROBERT E. SPARKES ...	3	†THOMAS VAUGHAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. First peal as conductor in two methods. Rung on, and in honour of St. Peter's Day. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Great House, to whom they wish, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to tender their best thanks.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT YORK VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

STANLEY E. ANDREWS ...	1—2	THOMAS HAINES	3—4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	5—6		

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire: GEORGE YATE. Witness: ARTHUR WM. NARBOROUGH.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MISS BELL SYMONDS ...	1	*MISS ETHEL REED... ...	4
ARTHUR SYMONDS	2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	5—6
*CHARLES ROBINSON ...	3	WM. R. JOHN POULSON...	7—8

Composed by F. E. MEADOWS, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. This is the first peal in which a lady has rung in the Ely Diocese. Miss Reed and Mr. Robinson belong to Hadleigh, Suffolk.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOMS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1—2		GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5—6
HOBART E. SMITH	3—4	WILLIAM FLORY	7—8

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: STANLEY CLARKE.

No. 32 in the C.C. Collection. Rung in honour of the umpire's birthday.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 size, in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... ...	5—6
WILLIAM WILLSON	3—4	H. EDWARD NORMAN ...	7—8

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal, in one part, has 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in consecutive order in 6th's place.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	5—6
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	ERNEST PYE	7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES	9—10		

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: T. KING.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. JAMES' CLERKENWELL SOCIETY.)

On Friday, June 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 7B, PEABODY BUILDINGS, FARRINGDON ROAD, E.C.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

GEORGE C. ROGERS	1	GEORGE T. GREEN	3
WILLIAM A. J. GOODMAN...	2	CHAS. J. W. ALDERTON...	4
*ALBERT E. MILLETT... ...	5—6		

Conducted by A. E. MILLETT.
Witness: ERNEST V. MILLETT.

* First peal as conductor. First handbell peal by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Size 15, in C.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
HENRY L. GARFATH	9—10		

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpires: S. RADFORD, C. HAZELDEN.
Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MRS. HAZELDEN, and MDLLE. YVONNE ELOIE-LELOUE.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 29, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER...	1—2	*MERVYN DUCK	3—4
ALBERT COATES	5—6		

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.
Witness: GEORGE PATTENDEN.

*First peal on two inside bells. Rung on meeting short for Bob Major.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

UNAVAILING EFFORTS TO RE-OPEN SEVENOAKS TOWER.

A well-attended meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at Tonbridge. The Rev. —. McNeil officiated at the service, and gave an excellent address. The members then adjourned to the Castle Grounds where an excellent meat tea, to which upwards of 70 sat down, was provided by the kindness and generosity of Miss Leny, who, to the great delight of the members, was able to be with them again. The Rev McNeil presided, and at the conclusion of the tea, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter), in proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Leny, said he knew he was voicing the wish of the members in expressing their great pleasure in welcoming Miss Leny amongst them again after her severe illness He had hoped that that meeting would have been held at Sevenoaks, for when Miss Leny went to reside there, she said that her great object would be to get the Sevenoaks tower open to the Association. Early in the year, Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon, saw the Rector of Sevenoaks by appointment, and they no doubt eloquently pleaded the cause, and explained the objects of the Association. The Rector promised to consider the matter, and a week or two later sent the following letter to Miss Leny: "My dear lady,—I think for the present that St. Nicholas' belfry had better be left alone; perhaps some day we may be able to see our way clearer as regards the Association. With many thanks, I am, most truly yours, J. Rooker."

The District Secretary said he could not understand why the reverend gentleman should be so embittered against them, and also why he should refuse the opportunity of speaking to a body of men such as were present that day. He was very sorry for Miss Leny and Mrs. Mackinnon, as he took it that they had been snubbed for the members' sake, and he was sure that the members thanked them very much for their efforts to get the meeting at Sevenoaks.

Miss Leny, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it gave her to again meet the members, and she wished to personally thank them for the handsome brooch they had presented to her. She was very pleased with it, and always wore it when in company with ringers. Referring to her interview with the Rector of Sevenoaks, she said it was the first time that she had been refused admittance to a belfry, and she was very sorry that they were not successful in getting the tower, but if the members would like to come to Sevenoaks next summer without ringing, she would be pleased to entertain them at Speldhurst Close.

Votes of thanks to all concerned in arranging and carrying out the meeting, to which Mr. W. J. Wolfe replied, terminated the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9.30.—Mr. Wolfe read letters of apology for non-attendance from both churchwardens.

BEESTON.—On Sunday, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. Clifford, senr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, F. S. Price 3. W. Ayre (first quarter in the method) 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.—On April 7th, 832 Norfolk Surprise: J. Woolley 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, F. S. Price 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Ayre 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held in the Cathedral City on Monday of last week, and was exceedingly successful, an interesting fact about the gathering being the presence of at least two of those who, 33 years before, had been responsible for the formation of the Guild, viz., the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, of Bridgford, Notts, and Canon Madge, of Stoke Charity. A very large number of towers were represented, and during the day the fine peal of bells at the Cathedral were available for ringing. The business meeting took place in the afternoon in St. Maurice Hall, Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P. (president) occupying the chair, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and hon. treasurer (the Rev. W. E. Colchester), and the hon. secretary (Mr. George Williams).

PLENTY OF TOWERS FOR PEAL RINGING.

The report and balance sheet were presented and adopted. The former stated that the year 1912 might be considered on the whole as very satisfactory The number who had paid contributions for the year were:—Honorary members, 76; full, 622; probationers, 115; life, 1; and compounding, 2. The balance sheet, although showing rather less to carry forward than last year, was also satisfactory, as £10 had been transferred to the special purposes fund. It was hoped that individual members in the various districts would do their very best to help in arranging any extra meetings that might be suggested from time to time for combined practices, or for attempting peals in what was considered the more isolated towers—and they had a good number in the Diocese that required looking after—for the purpose of educating them up to the advantages to be obtained by becoming members of their Guild, as these meetings were bound to prove educational in the long run. Yorktown district reported no less than 17 combined practices and cycle runs, independently of their official meetings, while the Guildford district was going as strong as ever, having commandeered almost every tower in the district. It was hoped that the peal records would be spread over a wider area another year, as there were plenty of towers available for peal ringing, if only the committee could find a few more enthusiasts to help arrange in making up bands. A quarterly peal at least should be arranged officially for each district, for the purpose of giving young hands an opportunity to ring a peal, whereas some now never got a chance. They might congratulate themselves that bell restoration in the Diocese kept going ahead. The bells of St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and Holy Trinity, Guildford, had been rehung, and those at St. Nicolas', Guildford, were being taken in hand, and a peal of eight had been ordered for St. Mary's, Southampton where a new tower was nearing completion (applause).

In proposing the re-election of the President, the Master, on behalf of the Guild, extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Stilwell and Mr. J. B. Stilwell.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews was then re-elected Master.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews, in acknowledging his re-election, referred to the fact that the preacher at the afternoon service was to be the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, who was a Master at Winchester College in 1879, and was practically the founder of the Guild. He (the speaker) held in his hand the first report of the Diocesan Guild, published in 1888. There were then seven towers, with 52 performing members, 47 honorary members, and four unattached members. To-day, after 33 years, they had 89 towers in union, with 116 honorary and 878 performing members (applause).

The re-election of the Rev. W. E. Colchester as hon. treasurer, of Mr. Williams as general secretary, Mr. H. White as auditor, and Mr. T. W. Fairey as recorder of peals, was also agreed to. Mr. J. B. Stilwell was elected a life member, and it was stated that in the Guild there were eight members of the Stilwell family who were life members (applause). Mr. Alexander Young, A.R.I.B.A., was elected an unattached honorary member, and Mrs. George Williams and Mr. J. D. Drewett members.

TO WELCOME THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Master next gave the meeting a short digest of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle, stating that the Winchester Diocesan Guild took a very good place in the peals analysis. The Norwich Diocesan Association was first, Middlesex County second, and Winchester Guild third. That he added, was largely due to the work of the Guildford district on handbells. Twenty ladies took part in 109 peals, and knowing the position that Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, occupied as President of the Ladies' Guild, the meeting would not be surprised at the strong line that he (the speaker) took with reference to the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Central Council (applause). A debate ensued on the attitude of the general public towards ringing, and also as to whether bells were becoming a nuisance, and how the public, generally speaking, regarded them. The general feeling was that people loved their bells, and he thought that the question of ringing could, to a large extent, be solved locally by upholding the tone, the character, and the Churchmanship of the ringers themselves (hear, hear). If they put their religion first their band would bear a wholesome and honourable character, and the British public would respect them. In the name of the Guild he had given the heartiest possible welcome to the Central Council to meet at Winchester next year (applause). They should consider it an honour for the Central Council to have chosen to visit Winchester at Whitsuntide, 1914 (hear, hear). The Rev. Cyril

Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), who was present, would bear him out when he said that the President of the Durham and Newcastle Association did his best to make the meeting pass off successfully and pleasantly, and in that he succeeded admirably (hear, hear). At a committee meeting of their own Guild, held that morning, they had appointed a local committee for the reception of the Central Council, to comprise the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. Williams, Mr. J. W. Elkins, Mr. W. Andrews, the foreman of the Cathedral band, and the Master of the Guild, and he thought they might be relied upon to do all they could to promote the interests of the visit, and make it as successful as possible (applause).

Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford District Secretary) brought forward a motion to alter Rule VI to the effect that every assistant secretary should have a seat and vote on the Central Committee. After discussion, it was altered and agreed to in the form that if a secretary was unable to attend, the assistant secretary should take his place and record his vote.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews again mentioned the question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council, stating that at the Newcastle meeting no resolution was passed, it being thought that the matter should first go back to the several Asosciations to hear what they thought of the proposal.—The meeting then unanimously approved of the proposal that the Ladies Guild should be represented on the Central Council.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting should be held on Saturday, June 27th, 1914.

At the close, the Rev. W. E. Colchester was heartily thanked for the excellent arrangements made for that day's festival.

The members attended service in the Cathedral, and were addressed by the Rev. Du Boulay Hill, who preached a very practical sermon.

Afterwards, about 100 sat down to tea in St. Maurice's Hall. The chair was occupied by the Master, who was supported by the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill and Mrs. Du Boulay Hill, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), the Rev. T. Salmon (North Stoneham), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Messrs Gillett and Johnston, Croydon), the Rev. Canon Madge, the Rev. Minor Canon Slater, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., Mr. F. Bowker (Chapter Clerk), Mr. T. W. Fairey, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary), and many others Apologies for absence were read from the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. Canon Vaughan, the Rev. Canon Storr, the Ven. Archdeacon of Surrey, the Rev. Canon Nash, and also Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stilwell.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the arrangements made for the special service at the Cathedral (applause). He proceeded to welcome the presence of the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill and Canon Madge, two of their founders, and concluded by coupling with the vote of thanks their indebtedness to the Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill for his scholarly address that afternoon (applause).

THE FOUNDING OF THE GUILD.

The Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, who was very heartily received on rising to acknowledge the vote of thanks, said that it had been one of the great pleasures of his life to come down and meet the Guild that day, and to have had the privilege of addressing them in the Cathedral. In the first place, he had never been in such an exalted pulpit before (laughter). He was educated under the shadow of the Cathedral as it were, and when he came back again from Oxford he said: Here is virgin soil, and it should be stirred up to produce some ringers (applause). He was thoroughly backed up by his old friend Canon Madge, who was a member of the Cathedral body, and they got the right side of the Dean and Chapter, and found enough support to get to work. But he had never expected to see such a splendid harvest (applause). He believed that in the Winchester Diocese they had an uncommonly good Guild, and it was wonderful to see what enthusiasm had been developed. He was one of those who could remember, in his young days in Cornwall, that on the occasion of their ringing festivals the publican brought his barrel of beer to the churchyard gate—they could not let him go inside (laughter)—for which purpose the magistrates had granted a license. They then rang rounds, and it was wonderfully exact round ringing. A year or two afterwards there was the gathering of the Church Congress at Plymouth, after which Charles Troyte started the Devonshire Guild. He repeated that he was uncommonly thankful for the progress that had been made with the Winchester Guild, and especially for the progress in ringing. In conclusion, the speaker commended the idea of having a service in connection with their annual festival, as it served to emphasise what their main purpose as a Guild was (applause).

The Rev. Canon Madge added a few felicitous remarks, and this concluded the proceedings.

"MISSIONARY" WORK.

A very enjoyable "missionary" outing was organised by members of the St. Martin's Guild, Brmingham, who visited Castle Bromwich, Warwickshire, with the object of enlivening interest in change ringing in a remote corner of the diocese where the art is little known. The party included Messrs. W. H. Godden, J. E. Groves, W. Short, T. Russam, J. L. Wells, C. Stanbridge, W. D. James and J. Neal, and touches in the four Standard methods were rung, followed by 240 Cambridge Surprise. The half-pull ringing much interested the local men, whom the visitors desire to thank for making the necessary arrangements for the success of the outing, which was much enjoyed.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual festival of the Towcester and District Association, held at Greensnorton, was an extremely successful event, and the visitors highly appreciated the kind hospitality extended to them by the Rector (the Rev. H. Hoskin) and Mrs. Hoskin. Among the towers represented were: Bradden, Greensnorton, Courteenhall, Middleton Cheney, Wicken, Leckhampstead, Blisworth, Gayton, Lois Weedon, Milton, Helmdon, Paulerspury, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Blakesley, Easton Neston, Towcester. There were also several ringers from the Central Northampton Association. The proceedings commenced with a service at the Church, conducted by the Rector. The lessons were read by the President (the Rev. W. H. Barry), and the Rev. F. H. Mentha and the sermon was preached by Canon Lonsdale Ragg. The collection was for the Greensnorton Belfry Fund.

At the annual business meeting, the Rev. W. H. Barry presided. The officers were elected as follow: President, the Rev W. H. Barry; vice-presidents, the Rev. A. Wake, the Rev. R. M. Gore Browne, the Rev. R. C. Collins, the Rev. W. H. Cam; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Causebrook. A most satisfactory financial report was presented.

The annual dinner was held in the school, the President, the Rev. W. H. Barry, occupying the chair. He was supported by the Rev. H. Hoskin (Greensnorton), the Rev. Canon Ragg (Greensnorton), the Rev. W. H. Cam (Paulerspury), the Rev. J. Webster (Bradden), the Rev. W. B. Sleight (Towcester), the Rev. F. H. Mentha (Blakesley), the Rev. C. E. Neely (Milton), Mr. F. Causebrook (hon. secretary to the Association), Mr. J. Slarke (founder of the Association), Mr. G. E. Groom and Mr. F. Wilford (secretary of the Central Northants Association).

The loyal toasts were proposed by the Chairman, who then read the apologies from clergy and ringers who were unable to attend.

The Chairman announced that he had a very important matter to put to them, viz., the settlement of a permanent day for future festivals. Though the festival in previous years had usually been held on Thursdays, they had no rule either for that or any other day. He understood there was a great deal of feeling in the matter, and he had taken a referendum of the members, and found that they were pretty evenly divided between Thursday and Saturday. He, therefore, suggested that the question of the day should be left absolutely to their host of the year, and this was agreed to.

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy" was proposed by Mr. G. E. Groom, and responded to by the Rev. H. Hoskin and Canon Ragg.

The gathering accepted the invitation to hold next year's festival at Wicken.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed "Success to the Towcester and District Bell Ringers Association," and he referred to the very favourable progress of the Association. Mr. Wilford also paid a tribute to the very efficient manner in which Mr. Causebrook carried out the secretarial duties, and added that no one worked harder for the good of the Association and of bell ringing generally than Mr. Slarke (applause).—The President and Mr. Causebrook replied.

Mr. Slarke, whose name was also coupled with the toast, said after twenty years' labour he was pleased to be amongst them. They were making progress in change ringing, very great help being received from the Northampton side (hear, hear). He mentioned that during the year Easton Neston had rung a peal with their own band (applause).—The toast of "The Caterer" was also drunk.

After the dinner the bells were well utilised, and tea was partaken of at the Rectory, where games, etc., were indulged in.

THE HINTON MEMORIAL.

The memorial erected to the memory of the late William James Hinton, who died on September 16th, 1910, has been completed, and takes the form of a headstone to the grave, designed and worked by Mr. F. K. Howell, a Thornbury ringer. On the stone is carved a bell, and the inscription is as follows: "To the memory of William James Hinton, died 16th September, 1910, aged 50 years. For many years an enthusiastic bell ringer and teacher of young ringers. Erected by his ringing friends throughout England and Wales." A numerous gathering of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was present at the cemetery at Greenbank, Bristol, for the opening of the memorial, and the following rang a plain course of Grandsire Caters on handbells over the grave: H. Brownjohn 1—2, G. Condick 3—4, R. J. Wilkins 5—6, J. Burford 7—8, E. Guise 9—10.—Mr. G. Stadon spoke a few words in praise of the way in which the late Mr. Hinton had promoted change ringing, and the encouragement he had always given to young ringers.

The whole of the expenses connected with the memorial have been borne by ringers from all parts of the country, subscriptions having been received from London, Birmingham, Worcester, Sheffield, South Wales, Bath, Gloucestershire, and other places, shewing how widely the deceased was known and respected. After paying all expenses, there was a small balance, which was handed to the widow. The committee beg to thank all those who so readily contributed to the fund, and the "Ringing World" for publishing the appeal.

BURSLEM.—Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On April 15th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bourne 1, A. J. Hurd 2, W. Matthews 3, J. Farrell (first 720 inside) 4, T. Hurd 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6. Also another 720. W. Bourne's first inside.

NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT SLOUGH.

DEDICATION OF GENEROUS GIFTS.

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Slough, has just been completed by the addition of a handsome tower and spire, and a peal of eight tuneful bells from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The first stone of the church was laid in May, 1876, by Princess Christian, and the chancel, transepts and a portion of the nave, towards the erection of which Queen Victoria subscribed, was dedicated in September, 1878. Some six years ago a strenuous effort was made to complete the building. King Edward VII was a subscriber, and the remainder of the bays of the nave were erected. Now, by the further princely gifts of Mr. James Elliman, who altogether has contributed £10,000 towards the building, the stately tower has been added. The peal of eight bells, with tenor of 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs., were provided by Mr. Elliman and other generous donors, as may be seen from the inscriptions to be found upon them:—

Treble.—The gift of Frederick Parker, in memory of his father and mother.

2nd.—The gift of George H. Charsley, in memory of his mother.

3rd.—"Come, let us sing unto the Lord."

4th.—With loving voice I call to Church and prayer,
And bid the living for the grave prepare.

5th.—Recast A.D. 1913 at the same bell foundry by Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London.

6th.—Where'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised.



Photo] [*Drake*

7th.—The enlargement of this peal of eight bells, and the erection of the campanile in which they hang, was undertaken by a generous benefactor, A.D. 1912-13. P. H. Eliot, M.A., R.D., Rector, Hon. Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. W. Y. Armstrong, F. Parker, churchwardens.

Tenor.—The gift of Wm. H. Fussell, to the glory of God. A humble thankoffering to St. Mary's Church by a native of the town.
"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day."

The dedication of the tower and bells was observed as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing in the parish. There were several celebrations of Holy Eucharist, and Matins was sung, while Choral Eucharist followed, at which the Ven. E. D. Shaw (Archdeacon of Buckingham) was the preacher.

A largely attended public luncheon was held in St. Mary's Church Institute, at which a number of toasts were honoured.—In proposing that of "The Donors," the Archdeacon of Buckingham referred to the generosity of Mr. Elliman, and of Mr. W. H. Fussell, Mr. George Charsley and Mr. F. Parker, who had given bells. "The Architect and Builder" was another toast honoured, and Mr. A. Hughes (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) was one of those who responded. He said he had never in his experience put a peal of bells into a steeple, where he had been more pleased with the design, construction and strength of the tower than he had been at St. Mary's Church. They had a peal of bells they could be proud of, and he hoped they would ring out merrily prosperity to Slough and its inhabitants.

A social gathering of church workers was held in the Rectory garden in the afternoon, and in the evening the dedication of the tower and bells were performed by the Bishop of Stepney, in the presence of a crowded congregation, including representatives of various local public bodies. After the dedicatory prayers, the bells rang out merrily, the band being all members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and residents of the parish of Slough. In the musical portions of the service, the organ and choir were assisted by an orchestra with trumpets and drums, and the grandeur of the music was equalled only by the impressiveness of the whole of the proceedings. After the service, the bells again rang out in two touches of Grandsire Triples, the first open change ringing on the bells: 168, by W. H. Fussell, F. V. H. Simkins, A. Leader, T. Smith, T. Leader, E. Hooper (conductor), R. Flaxman, and A. Perryman; and 168 by members of the Oxford Guild, A. E. Reeves (conductor), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), F. Dentry, J. J. Parker, A. Hughes, D. Gibbons, W. Shepherd and W. Welling.

The voluntary services of the original ringers have been offered, and heartily accepted by Canon Eliot and Mr. Churchwarden Parker, on behalf of the townspeople and churchfolk generally. Mr. W. Wilder (38, Stoke Gardens) has been re-elected steeplekeeper, and Mr. G. T. Leader (26, The Crescent) has been appointed hon. secretary. Thursdays, as in the past, is to be the regular practice night. Very little peal ringing will be heard for some months to come, in order to allow the new spire to consolidate, but the society will continue to keep themselves proficient by means of handbells and "silent" practices.

A "lashed" practice took place a few days prior to the dedication to test the bells, the following being present: Messrs. Purdue, Wilder, Leader (2), Smith, Hooper, Perryman, W. H. Fussell, and the Rev. F. Young. The eight first-named rang a course of Grandsire Triples, after a spell of rounds to stretch the ropes, in which Mr. George H. Charsley, the town clerk, took part. After an interval of 20 years, Mr. Charsley's first effort was to raise the tenor. The clerk of the works for the new tower and spire (Mr. Searle) was in attendance, representing the architect, and he mounted the battlements to ascertain what effect the ringing had upon the fabric. The steeple was found to sway slightly, but appeared satisfactory, so far as could be seen, while the bells were fully rung in changes. The sexton (Mr. E. Sargeant) was also present, and at the conclusion of the trials, a 168 of Grandsire was rung. The Rector interviewed the party on their leaving the belfry, and received a favourable report of the whole of the works.

It is hoped to organise a ringers' half-day at the tower in the coming winter, with a tea and evening service, particulars of which will be announced in due course.

OUTINGS.

For their second annual outing, the Rickling ringers once more visited London, and spent a most enjoyable day. During the morning they viewed places of interest, including St. Paul's Cathedral. After dinner, at the "Clarence," Aldersgate Street, the Coliseum was visited for the afternoon performance. In the evening they found their way to St. Ann's Church, South Tottenham, where they were met by Mr. T. Ringrose and the local company. The musical peal of six were soon set going, and several six scores of Bob Doubles were rung by: D. Jolly 1, F. Bonfield 2, A. B. Wiffen (conductor) 3, R. Law 4, G. Law 5, C. J. Davidson 6; and several six-scores with W. Patmore on the tenor. 360 Bob Minor and 240 Grandsire Doubles were also rung with the help of the local band. The company wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for so kindly granting the use of the bells, Mr. T. C. Ringrose for having everything in readiness, and the rest of the local band for the kind way in which they received their visitors.

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The St. John's Society, Margate, had a motor trip for their annual outing. Leaving Margate at 8 a.m. they drove through Wingham, Canterbury, and thence to Perry Woods, near Chilham. Here a very enjoyable time was spent, after which a start was made for Ospringe, Mr. E. E. Foreman being picked up at Boughton. After dinner, at Ospringe, a visit was paid to the tower, where 504 and 336 Grandsire Triples were tapped out in good style. The journey was then resumed to Hernhill, where Mr. Foreman placed his strawberry garden at the disposal of the ringers, with orders that they could eat as many as they liked and take some home to their wives and sweethearts. Needless to say, full advantage was taken of the offer. Afterwards, an hour was spent in the tower in ringing different methods. During tea, Mr. A. H. Saxby presented Mr. Burgess, who has now left Margate, with a tobacco pouch well-filled and a silver-mounted pipe, as a slight recognition of past services. Another 500 on the bells was then rung, and a start made for home, which was reached at 10 o'clock. The weather was fine throughout the day, the motors ran well, and all had a very enjoyable time.

A successful combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday last at Finchampstead, 16 members being present, representing Sandhurst, Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints'), and the local band. The following methods were practised: Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Cambridge.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

"JOHN" PEAL COMMEMORATED.

The first "name" peal of Stedman Cinques, rung by the Johns at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on November 23rd last year has been fittingly recorded in the belfry where the unique performance was accomplished. The unveiling ceremony took place on Saturday, and, in the absence of the Vicar (Prebendary Barff), through illness, was performed by the Curate (the Rev. R. P. Quilter). Unfortunately, owing to clashing engagements, several of the band were unable to attend, but there was a company numbering about 30 in the tower when the proceedings took place. Mr. John Carter made the journey from Birmingham for the purpose of being present; Mr. John Truss came specially from Marlow; and Mr. John Thomas straight to the tower from Cornwall in order to attend. The Bradpole (Dorset) ringers, who were having their outing in London, were present, headed by their instructor, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and several well known London men attended, among them Mr. E. P. O'Meara, of the College Youths; Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, etc.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith briefly explained the object of the gathering, and expressed regret at the absence of the Vicar. He added that there was a pathetic circumstance attending the completion of the board, Mr. Coles, senr., who had executed the work, had since passed to his rest. He (the speaker) voiced the sympathy of those present with the relatives of the late Mr. Coles.

Having unveiled the board, the Rev. R. P. Quilter made an interesting speech, on the subject of ringing and ringers. He referred to the higher tone, which in these days pervaded the Art, and recalled the fact that in the performance of their duties, which required the exercise of skill and discipline, ringers were ministers of the church, just as much as, in their respective spheres, were the choir and clergy. He congratulated the band, both on behalf of the Vicar and of himself, upon the successful accomplishment of a performance as unique as it was interesting.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Quilter, requested him to convey to the Vicar the best wishes of those present for his speedy recovery.—Mr. E. P. O'Meara made a felicitous speech in seconding the motion, and recalled some of his experiences of a quarter of a century ago in Somerset, which went to show to how much higher a level ringers have now attained in their relation to the church.—The motion having been carried, Mr. Quilter replied, and the formal proceedings terminated.

Ringing afterwards took place, but owing largely to the bad going of the tenor, was not very successful. It was impossible to keep the bell going single-handed, and when a "strapper" was put on, a touch of Stedman Cinques was lost. Subsequently, a party sat down to a meat tea at the Crown Inn, Crown Court, and enjoyed a pleasant evening with handbells and social intercourse.—The thanks of the company are tendered to Mr. E. P. O'Meara for his kind hospitality.

A RUGBY BOARD.

A handsome marblette peal tablet has been unveiled in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, recording a peal of London Surprise Major, rung by eight members of the St. Andrew's Society, on Monday, January 1st, 1912. There were present: The Rev. Claude M. Blagden, Rector and President of the Society, Mrs. Blagden, Messrs. W. Brooke and G. E. Over, churchwardens; nine performing members of the society, and a number of interested visitors.

The Rector, in opening the proceedings, said they were there to celebrate a triumph of physical endurance and a great achievement of mental skill. He thought all would agree with him in congratulating the Rugby band upon their great performance. He would like to take that opportunity of saying that the churchwardens and himself regarded the bell ringers as an intimate part of the parochial organisation, and they were as interested in them as they were in all the other work done for the church in Rugby. He would like them to regard their work as church work, and to do it in the spirit of churchmen.—Mr. J. B. Fenton, the ringing master, and conductor of the peal, gave a brief history of the society. Mr. Fenton explained how the members had advanced step by step, until they rang the peal, to perpetuate which the tablet had been erected, and which was the highest point attainable by the ringers at an eight-bell tower. The peal is all the more noteworthy, as it was the first peal in the method by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt.

After prayers had been said by the Rector, Mrs. Blagden unveiled the tablet, which was much admired by all, and reflected great credit on Messrs. Caspar and Co., who executed the work.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and Mrs. Blagden for their presence, to Mrs. Blagden for her kindness in performing the unveiling ceremony, to the subscribers, and to Mr. H. O. White who undertook the secretarial duties, and whose work was done in a very praiseworthy manner.

A course, which was interestedly watched by the visitors, was then rung by the eight men who rang in the peal, standing in the same order, viz.: W. Tayler 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. W. Chandler 8. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was afterwards attempted, but was brought to grief by a change course, after two hours' ringing.

A CROYDON CEREMONY.

At the Parish Church, Croydon, on Tuesday week, an interesting gathering took place in the belfry, when a board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on September 10th last year as a farewell to Mr. H. Shonfeld, on his leaving for Australia, was unveiled. The company included the Rev. N. L. Lycett, who presided in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon White Thomson, Rural Dean), Mr. B. A. Laing (churchwarden), and the Misses Laing, Mrs. and Miss Shonfeld, Mrs. Clark, and numerous other friends, with the members of St. John's Society. The proceedings began with a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. States. Prayers were then said by the Rev. N. L. Lycett, who afterwards explained the object of the meeting. He said he thought they could not have shown their respect and esteem for a fellow member in a better way, for now the name of H. Shonfeld was associated with and immortalised in that tower, and should he, as they all hoped he would, return on a holiday visit, he would be able better to appreciate the honour done to him by his fellow ringers. Expressing hearty wishes for Mr. Shonfeld's future happiness and prosperity in his new career, he asked Miss Laing to perform the unveiling.

Gracefully removing the Union Jack which covered the peal board, Miss Laing expressed her great pleasure in performing the ceremony.—Mr. W. States, in a few happy words, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Laing for so generously presenting the board, to Miss Laing for unveiling it, and to all the company for honouring the ringers with their presence.—Mr. S. Roper briefly seconded, and read a letter from Mr. Shonfeld reporting his success in Australia, and promising his best help should any of the St. John's Society think of going to Australia.—The proposition having been carried unanimously, Mr. Laing thanked the band, and said he remembered being present, and, on behalf of the society, presenting Mr. Shonfeld with a souvenir from his fellow ringers. It had given him and his daughters great pleasure to be present that evening.

The peal board was then inspected and greatly admired. The lady visitors were afterwards shown the bells in motion, and many questions were asked, and great interest in change ringing taken by them. Touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major brought the proceedings to a close.

THE ROLL CALL.

MR. D. S. SIMONS, BARKING.

By the death of Mr. D'oyley S. Simons, the St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex, mourns the loss of a valued member. Deceased, whose health of late had not been robust, passed away on June 12th, at the age of 27, having been a ringer for 10 years. He was a member of the College Youths, Essex, Sussex and London County Associations, and the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, and had rung in 25 peals in various methods on eight and ten bells. Deceased was formerly a corporal in the Territorial Force, having recently resigned. He leaves a widow and one child, for whom much sympathy is felt. A muffled peal to his memory was recorded in last week's issue.

MR. C. LAMB, BOTTESFORD.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Charles Lamb, a much respected member of the Bottesford company, the sad event taking place on June 22nd, after a long and painful illness. The deceased, who was 24 years of age, was of a bright and cheerful disposition, and was much respected by all who knew him. His presence in the belfry will be much missed, for he was an excellent striker, and always to be found in his place both for service ringing and practice. He took the greatest delight in the art, and was a capable conductor. He had three peals of Grandsire Triples to his credit. His first was rung at Melton Mowbray some four years ago, and the other two at his own church. He also had the honour of conducting the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the Bottesford bells, and by an entirely local band. Deceased was a member of the Midland Counties Association and the Framland Society of Change Ringers.

The funeral took place yesterday week, the Rector, Canon Vincent Jackson, officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, while four of the deceased's fellow ringers acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. M. Bend, S. Baker, H. Thorlby, W. Turner. Other ringers who followed the remains of their departed comrade were: Messrs. D. Gilden, T. Rawdin, A. W. Ward, of the local company, and Mr. H. Thorpe, of Grantham, where deceased was always a welcome visitor. Among the many beautiful wreaths was one from the ringers representing a bell.

In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, by: T. Rawdin 1, the Rev. C. J. Sturton 2, D. Gilden 3, H. Thorpe 4, M. Bend 5, A. W. Ward 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thorlby 8.

HERSHAM RINGER'S WEDDING.

A good deal of local interest was aroused in the wedding which took place at St. Peter's Church, Hersham, on Saturday week, of Mr. William Alfred Woodrow, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Woodrow, and Miss Evelyn Winifred Bootman, eldest daughter of Mr. James Bootman, of Studland Lodge. Both families have long been associated with the village, and the bridegroom and his father are bellringers, the latter also being the oldest member of the church choir. The ceremony was fully choral, and the bride, who wore a pretty dress of cream satin, was attended by the Misses Maude Bootman (sister), Ursula and Ida Woodrow (sisters of the bridegroom), and Bessie Levey, as bridesmaids.

After the service the bells rang out merrily, and the happy pair, who subsequently left for Boscombe, received among many other gifts a silver-plated teapot from the ringers.

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SUSSEX AND KENT RINGERS AT RYE.

THE MEMBERS AND THE CHURCH.





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BELLS THAT WERE CAPTURED AND RE-CAPTURED.

The photographs we publish above are of the Sussex and Kent meeting, held at Rye. The view of the fine old church is taken from the south-east. Originally the tower contained only six bells, which were cast about 1360. The old records show that the French invaded the town on many occasions, and on one occasion, among other plunder, they captured the bells, which they conveyed to Normandy. The men of Rye, determined to have their revenge, set sail for France, defeated the French, recaptured the bells, and brought them back again. Nothing more of note is known of the bells until 1774, when Thomas Lamb, Mayor of the town, turned his attention to them, and through his munificence, the old six were recast and two added, the work being completed by Pack and Chapman in 1775. In 1897, Messrs. Taylor and Co., at a cost of nearly £200, quarter-turned and rehung the whole peal in a new frame. Mr. H. E. Franks, clerk to the vestry, and an ardent Church worker, has written the following lines on the bells:—

RYE BELLS.

Sweet bells of Rye, suspended high
Above our heads, 'twixt earth and sky!
To God ye sing, for man ye ring,
And news of joy or sorrow bring.

What message then have ye for men,
Who hear your sound in Rye to-day?
For ye were cast in years gone past,
What then to us have ye to say?

THE BELLS' ANSWER.

In days of old it hath been told,
How Frenchmen stole six bells from Rye.
Your Fathers brought them back to port,
And beat the French in Normandy.

These six bells rang, with clash and clang,
Till seventeen seventy-four.
When Thomas Lamb, that generous man,
The cost of eight bells bore.

Those six were melted up again,
And two more added then;
Round each of us a motto ran
Our messages to men.

The first and second of our peal,
Self-conscious pride in them reveal,
"If you have a judicious ear,
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear."

Bell number 3, whene'er it rings,
This happy wish to mankind brings;
"While thus we join in cheerful sound
May love and loyalty abound."

May Ryers profit by the fourth,
Both east and west and south and north!
"Such wondrous power to music's given,
It elevates the soul to heaven."

Rye Royalists! Fifth bell bids you
To Church and State be ever true.
"Ye people all who hear me ring
Be faithful to your God and King."

"Peace and good neighbourhood" we find
On sixth bell fitly thus designed.
The seventh bell, of wisdom full,
A message has for those who pull.

"Ye ringers all who prize
Your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise
And you'll the same possess."

Bell eight romantic song doth sing,
And, like romance it tends
To joyful peals for weddings' ring
And thus it wisely ends.

"In wedlock's band all you who join,
With hands and heart unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite."

The sentences in inverted commas are the inscriptions on the bells. The weight of the tenor is 19 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

ODD CHANGES.

Some new recruits have come into the ranks of the ringers at Vancouver, British Columbia, and a new start has been made with change ringing. At the Cathedral of our Lady of the Holy Rosary on June 8th two touches of Grandsire Triples (224 and 168) were rung for service by F. Jones 1, A. C. Limpus 2, G. W. Foster (conductor) 3, G. Pearce 4, F. Taylor 5, Alex. Thomson 6, H. Doddington 7, S. A. Pope 8.

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A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells at Guildford on Saturday, in which Miss Elsie Bennett took part. Miss Bennett cycled from London to the county town of Surrey—a distance of 30 miles—before the peal. Not a bad performance for a lady.

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We are asked to say that visitors to Margate will be sure of a hearty welcome at St. John's belfry on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Quarter-peals can be arranged after Divine service.

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The dedication of the bells at Bicester, Oxon, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have just restored, will take place next Thursday at 3 p.m., and visiting ringers will be welcome.

HEREFORDSHIRE STIRRING.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPLY TO OUR CRITICISMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many thanks for your kindly and stirring criticisms of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. We shall accept your invitation to chronicle our doings in your excellent paper, but I hope your "friendly correspondent" will continue to do this, as no one could do it better, and he is, despite your description, by no means an "outsider" to the Guild, though at present living out of the Diocese.

As to more frequent meetings, I hope the discussion at the festival will bear fruit in this direction. All the same, there is something to be said for the past policy of the Guild in concentrating its efforts on one great central gathering every year. The Diocese of Hereford extends far beyond Herefordshire, and includes South Shropshire, parts of Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire, Monmouthshire and Worcestershire, and the Guild goes further still and takes in a big slice of Brecknockshire as well. The great majority of its members are engaged in agriculture, and do not enjoy the regular weekly half-holiday that their brethren in shops, offices and works have as an opportunity for frequent afternoon gatherings. One whole-day outing in the year, at the time when farm work is slackest, i.e., just before hay harvest begins, is as much as most of them can manage. As it is, many have come to look on the Guild Festival as the opportunity for a yearly jaunt and change. And as it serves so well to keep the members of a Guild so scattered as ours is, in touch with each other and the centre, we must be careful not to allow it to fall into the shade.

We are proud, and I think rightly, of our annual festival. But it is not the only gathering we have in the year. Thanks to the generosity of Capt. Glen Kidston we also have the ringing competition on May 24th, which was reported in your issue of June 13th as being held at Clifford this (the second) year; a competition which drew together bands from 19 of our towers, or about 120 of our ringers, and is established as an annual fixture.

Something also of the nature of what was suggetsed at our festival meeting is already in operation in the N.E. corner of the Hereford Guild's country, where a group of six-bell towers have been holding regular monthly meetings for joint practice since Easter. And there are indications that this idea may be further extended. So you see, Mr. Editor, if still asleep, we are stirring in our sleep.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES S. ROPER,
Quatt Rectory, Salop. Hon. Secretary, Hereford Guild.

P.S.—As a further evidence that we are at any rate beginning to wake up, I may point to the peal of Minor in seven methods on June 10th, at Bridstow. Surely a creditable performance for a village band.

J. S. R.

SOUTH WALES BELL RESTORATIONS.

ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN.

The following contracts for bell restorations in the Llandaff Diocese have just been let, and the work is being proceeded with:—

Caldicot, Monmouthshire.—The ring of eight to be rehung in a new steel frame, and retuned by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

Peterstone, Marshfield, Monmouthshire.—The ring of six to be rehung in a new steel frame, and two trebles added by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London

Pontypridd, Glamorganshire.—A new ring of eight to be put in by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

St. Woolos, Newport, Monmouthshire.—The ring of eight to be all recast and rehung in a new steel frame, the frame to be built for ten, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Since the above information came to hand, we have received an intimation that the peal of ten bells for St. Woolos is assured. The recasting of the old eight was made possible by the generous gift of an anonymous donor of £400, and now two other gentlemen, who also desire that their identity shall not be known, have come forward with a handsome offer of the gift of a bell each to make the ten. Needless to say, the offer was promptly accepted, and in the near future St. Woolos' Church will enjoy the distinction of having the only peal of ten in the Llandaff diocese, with the exception of St. John's, Cardiff.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Western Division was held at Stonechurch, on Saturday, when numerous towers in the district were represented.—Tea was partaken of at the Bull Inn at 5.30, and was followed by a business meeting, with the Master (Mr. G. A. Black) in the chair.—Mr. F. G. Newman was elected a member, and Romford was selected as the place for the annual meeting, to be held in September, Barking being suggested as an alternative should Romford be unavailable.—The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for making all the arrangements. Ringing, which was interrupted in the afternoon owing to a funeral, was again indulged in after the meeting, but owing to the poor attendance the quality did not reach a very high standard.



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DALTON CHURCH BELLS.

NEW PEAL DEDICATED.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the Bishop of Carlisle has dedicated the new peal of eight bells hung in the tower of Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church, the cost of which has been between £800 and £900. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who recast the old six (tenor 10¾ cwt.), added more metal, and turned out an octave with the tenor 21 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs., in E flat. The bells are inscribed:—

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2nd.—This bell was given by Joseph and Elizabeth Fisher and family.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.

3rd.—This bell was given by T. and J. Ashburner, 25th April, A.D. 1888.—1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.

4th.—This bell was given by the family of the late Abraham and Sarah Heys. In memoriam, A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.

5th.—To the glory of God and in gratitude for his mercies during 50 years residence at Millwood, this bell was given by Edward Wadham and his wife and family. A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.

6th.—This bell was given by the Sidesmen. A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.

7th.—This bell was given by Kennedy Brothers. A.D. 1913.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.

Tenor.—Honori Dei et Hujusce Parochiæ Usui Hæ sunt Campanæ. J. G. Leonard, M.A., Vicar; J. Fisher, jun., H. W. Preston, W. J. Kelleway, W. Preston, Churchwardens.—John Warner and Sons, founders, London, 1913.



The frame, which is constructed to hold ten bells, is made of steel joists, and the design and principle is Messrs. Warner's own, and this is the first frame for 10 bells ever made in this way. The headstocks are of cast iron, and the wheels, clappers, and all the fittings of the most modern type. The total weight of bells and fittings is about 12 tons. The bells are tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle.

BISHOP AND BELL RINGERS.

It is pathetic to recall that Mr. Edward Wadham, the donor of the 5th, passed away a few days before the dedication. The Bishop, in his address, after the dedication of the bells, referred to Mr. Wadham's devotion to the Church, both in the parish and the diocese, and expressed sympathy with those left to mourn his death. Proceeding, he briefly traced the history of bells and their uses, and said that during the 18th century the bell tower of churches was little better than a public tavern. The bell ringers used to take up their alcoholic beverages and consume them in the bell tower. There were very few bell-ringers in those days who thought of going to church, for after ringing the bells to summon other people, they themselves went away directly the ringing ceased. There was great cause for deep thankfulness to know that that condition of things had now entirely passed away. It was one of the many instances which could be adduced of the wonderful growth of the sense of reverence; a great improvement in the feeling and obligation which lies upon Church people that whatever they thought in connection with the Church they should do it as Church people and as Christians. The Bell Ringers' Association which was formed some years ago, and which he watched with great interest, was now a very considerable power in the land, and had done wonders for the improvement in the practices of bell ringers. He could not tell them with what feelings of gratitude and joy he learned that the Dalton bell ringers were everyone of them communicants, and some of them Sunday School teachers, and did other work for the service of Christ and His Church Not a few of the stalwart clergy themselves were bell ringers, and it was a most excellent physical exercise, an exercise which he would strongly commend to the young men of the parish; it would do them good physically, and would do them good religiously when the exercise was taken up in the spirit in which he had spoken, remembering that the bell tower was a part of the church, and when the church was consecrated the bell tower was consecrated with it.

After the service, the bells were rung in touches of Major and Minor by Messrs. F. R. Jackson, T. Watson, Tom Gibbons (Barrow), T. Shuttleworth, W. Forshaw, T. Suart, J. Huddleston and W. Dennison. On the following Sunday, as a mark of esteem to the late Mr. Wadham, who was a patron of the St. Mary's Society since its formation in 1881, and was a great benefactor to the church, the bells were rung half-muffled.

The bells are a very fine peal, and the "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired.

CHURCH BELL DEDICATIONS.

HORWICH BELLS DEDICATED.

The bells of Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, Lancashire, have been augmented to eight, the old six recast and all rehung on the latest principles by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication took place on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by Canon Chapman, Vicar of Bolton, and Rural Dean, assisted by the Vicar of Horwich, and the Vicar of Deane. The bells were opened by the local company, and after tea, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by: G. Pincott 1, J. Potter (conductor) 2, J. Welsley 3, R. Barlow 4, A. Potter 5, W. Pennington 6, J. W. Taylor 7, R. Allred 8. Great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the splendid "go" and tone of the bells.

CHENIES, BUCKS.

The rehanging of the bells at St. Michael's Church, Chenies, has now been completed, and after a trial peal early last week, satisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel Foundry. On Saturday, the bells were also rung by the Wooburn ringers, who were completely satisfied with the way in which the work has been carried out. The installation of the new clock has also been completed by a firm from Whitchurch, Staffs.

HARRINGWORTH RING AUGMENTED.

The bells of Harringworth, Northants, have been augmented to six and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry. Within the last 20 years the ancient and beautiful church has been restored by an expenditure of fully £2,000, and the improvements to the bells have now been carried out at a cost of over £220. The steeple contained a peal of five, three of which were cast by Mears and Son, London, in 1805, one (the 2nd bell) came from the foundry of Tobias Norris, Stamford, in 1603, and the other (the 5th bell) was cast by Thos. Eayre, Kettering, in 1755. These were recently removed to the Whitechapel foundry, where the 2nd was recast and the others quarter-turned and tuned. A new treble, weighing 5 cwt., was cast to supplement the peal to six, and when the bells were returned to the tower they were hung in a new iron frame, having rolled steel joists for foundations. On Sunday week, a dedication service was conducted by the Rev. C. G. Hodgson, Rural Dean, Rector of Bulwick. Several touches were creditably rung, two of the Seaton ringers assisting the village team. Mr. John Thomas, of Edmonton, who superintended the rehanging, performed the remarkably skilful feat of manipulating the treble and 2nd bells together for two six scores of Grandsire, and also conducting.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

After an interval of only two years, the energetic villagers of Brassington have added a treble to their pretty ring of five, and on Wednesday, June 18th, the opening of the augmented peal took place. A large congregation assembled during the ringing of some well-struck Bob Doubles, and evensong was said by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Wedge. After the special lesson, read by the Rev. C. L. Currey, Rector of Carsington, the clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, and the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. A. Gamble, R.D., Vicar of Bradbourne. The new bell was then raised, and 120 Doubles were rung by the local men: J. Truman 1, J. Watson 2, J. G. Mellor 3, J. Dakin 4, J. Mellor (conductor) 5, T. Dakin 6. The Rural Dean then delivered an instructive discourse on bells and their uses. During the closing hymn, a collection was taken in aid of the bell fund. Whilst the parishioners were wending their way to the Vicarage garden, where tea was served and a sale of work held, the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung by: Rev. A. Gamble 1, J. H. Midlane 2, F. Johnson 3, G. H. Bowmer 4, J. Wardman 5, W. Fox (conductor) 6. During the evening, the ring was kept merrily going, and the additional bell gave the greatest satisfaction. The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough.

MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Maldon and District Guild was held at Great Totham, on Saturday last, about 30 members attending from Maldon, Goldhanger, Witham, and the local company, who were entertained to a strawberry tea on the lawn of the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), who is President of the Guild.—At the business meeting the officers were re-elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly providing tea, and placing the bells at the disposal of the members was unanimously carried. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, touches being rung in seven or eight methods.

MIDDLESEX MEETING AT HESTON.

A glorious afternoon, a strong muster of members, a good variety of ringing; and last, but not least, a ramble round the beautiful Vicarage gardens and tea on the lawn. Such were the conditions that prevailed at the South and West District meeting of the Middlesex Association, at Heston, on Saturday last. The flag was flying gaily on the old Norman tower in honour of the occasion, when between 40 and 50 members put in an appearance. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc., were successfully brought round, and later the members assembled on the Vicarage lawn, where, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), tea was provided. The tables were tastefully laid, and, with the kind assistance of Mrs. Wilkinson and friends, "the cup that cheers" was soon being passed round. A feature of the tea was a beautiful cake specially made for the occasion by a lady in Heston. This was artistically adorned with a number of miniature silvered bells; and, needless to say, this truly appropriate work of art was much appreciated by all, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donor.

Tea over, the Vice-President, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, in a happy little speech, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Wilkinson for their kind hospitality.—The District Master, Mr. T. Beadle, seconded, and the members endorsed the resolution in the usual way.

The Vicar, in responding, extended a very hearty welcome to the Association, assuring the members of the very real pleasure it gave him to meet them at Heston.—Votes of thanks were also accorded those kind friends, who, by their presence and help, had contributed to the success of the gathering.

A short business meeting followed, at which four new members were elected, and the July meeting fixed for Harlington concluded that part of the programme; a photographic group by the secretary; a ramble through the gardens, and then back to the beloved bells. The company parted about 9 p.m., the better it may be truly said for a few happy hours spent in the society of each other.

We hope to reproduce the photographic group next week.

MANY PEALS AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston report that they have the following contracts in hand (apart from sundry clock chimes):—

Northowram (Yorks): New ring of eight.

Coleman's Hatch (Sussex) New ring of eight.

Bicester (Oxon): Recast and rehang the ring of eight in a new frame.

Tichmarch (Northants): Recast part of the ring of eight and rehang in a new frame.

Caldicot (Mon.): Rehang the ring of eight in a new frame, and tune.

St. Mary Cray (Kent): Recast and rehang the ring of five in a new frame and add a treble.

Higham (Suffolk): Recast and rehang the ring of six in a new frame.

East Bridgford (Notts): Rehang the ring of six in a new frame, and tune.

Kineton (Warwicks): Rehang the ring of six in a new frame, and tune.

Ditchling (Sussex): Rehang the ring of six.

Pytchley (Northants): Rehang the ring of five, and tune; also recast the treble.

Cold Higham (Northants): Recast the ring of four, rehang in a new frame, and add a treble.

Whatton (Notts): Rehang the ring of five.

Brentford (Essex): A new chime of six.

SCORES.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS' 150 PEALS.

One Minor method, 4, conducted 1; two Minor methods, 1; three Minor methods, 2, conducted 2; seven Minor methods, 4, conducted 2; Bob Triples, 1; Major, 16, conducted 2; Grandsire Triples, 21; Caters, 4; Cinques, 1; Union Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Royal, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Duffield Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 18, conducted 3; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 20, conducted 3; Caters, 6; Superlative Surprise Major, 18, conducted 2; Cambridge, 9; New Cambridge, 1; London, 7; total, 150, conducted 15. Rung in 58 towers and 12 counties.

GEORGE H. CROSS'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 3; Stedman, 2; Bob Major, 9 (conducted 4); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 11 (6); Kent, 5 (1); Double Norwich, 7 (1); Superlative Surprise Major, 1. On handbells: Bob Major, 8 (conducted 7); Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 (1); Oxford, 1 (1); Bob Royal, 2 (2); total, 50, conducted, 23.

OTHER HALF-CENTURIES.

C. Edwards' 50 peals.—Minor Plain Bob, 1 (conducted 1); in three Methods, 3 (3); in four Methods, 8 (7); in five Methods, 2 (1); in seven Methods, 4 (3); Grandsire Triples, 14 (7); Oxford Bob, 2 (1); Stedman, 6 (1); Bob Major, 5 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; total, 50 (conducted 26).

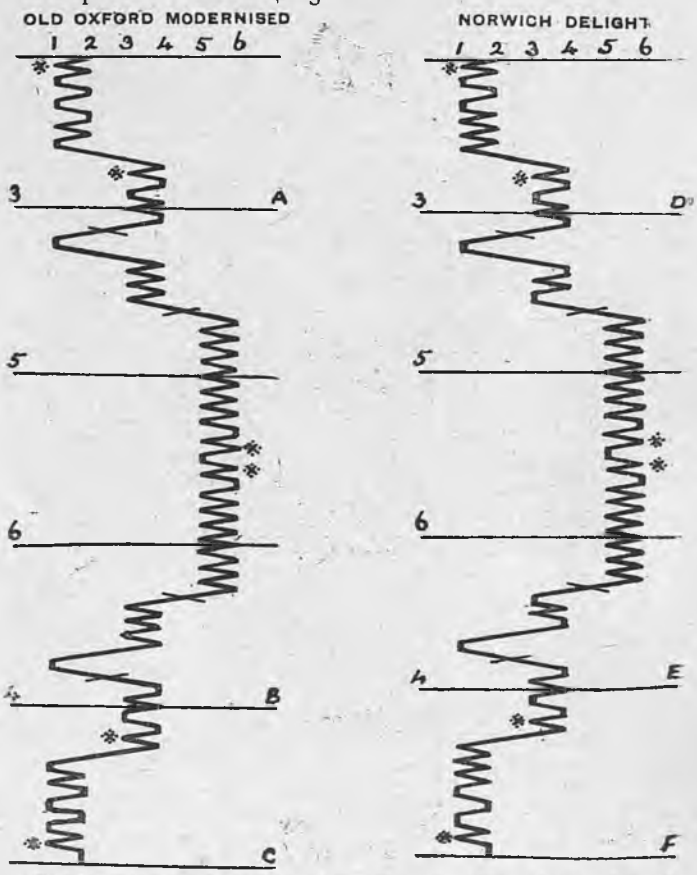
T. Groombridge, junr.'s 50 peals.—Minor: In eight Methods, 1 (conducted 1); in seven Methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9 (3), including four on handbells, conducted, 1; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 10; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 4 (1); Double Norwich, 4 (1); Duffield Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland, 1; Cambridge, 5; London, 3; Bristol, 2; Cambridge Royal, 1; total, 50 (conducted 6).

A. Coppock's 50 peals.—Kent Minor, 1; Stedman Triples 8 (conducted 5); Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Major, 1; Kent Major, 17 (conducted 9); Royal, 3 (conducted 1); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (conducted 1); Oxford Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 10 (conducted 6); Superlative Major, 5 (conducted 4); total, 50 (conducted 26).

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

In several previous issues the methods which we have illustrated by diagram have been pairs in which the only difference has been in the back-stroke row of the treble lead. This week, by way of showing how little some of the methods differ, we are including two which have the same lead ends, but vary slightly in the internal work.

In each of the methods the bob work is the same. At A and D make 4th's and take up work of the 4th; at B and E run in and take up work of 2nd; at C and F run out and take up the work of the 3rd.



The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell; the small lines intersecting the diagram mark the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell; and the asterisks the places where the working bell dodges with the treble.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting for practice was held by the Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, at Staindrop (6 bells), members attending from Darlington (8), Hurworth (2), and Staindrop (7). The local men, with the district secretary, opened the ringing with a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor, the first for F. W. Lupson, one of their new members; 720 Kent followed, being the first in the method for another local, H. Shipp, who rang the treble. This was followed by 120 Stedman Doubles, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 London Surprise, 120 Chester Surprise. This completed the ringing in the tower, and afterwards, when tea had been partaken of, some Grandsire Triples on the handbells was indulged in. The next meeting will be held at Hurworth (6 bells), on Saturday, July 12th, for practice.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's, and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall. A social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Greyhound Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside Church, Oldham, on Saturday, July 5th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on July 5th, 1913. Dinner in St. Mary's School, Church Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary's (10) after 12 noon, St. James' (8), Wilton (6) all day.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 5th, bells (6) available all day, service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Five Bells Inn at 4.45 p.m., business meeting following. It is hoped that ringers and friends will turn up in large numbers, and so make this meeting a very successful one. — S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 8 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 8th and 22nd; St. Giles' Cripplegate, on July 8th; Southwark Cathedral, on July 15th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; St. Mary's, Walthamstow on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BICESTER, OXON. — The recast ring of eight bells now being hung in the Parish Church will be dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford on Thursday next, July 10th, at 3 o'clock. The tower will be open after the service. Visiting ringers welcome.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector.—Henry F. Ewins, Honorary District Secretary, Duneton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Rectory. Meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. — J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. Secretary, Worksop.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Summer quarterly meeting at Harworth, near Bawtry (6 bells), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickhill (8 bells), by the kind permission of the Rev. H. E. Booty, will also be at the disposal of ringers during the day. Ladies and gentlemen of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. A good attendance is desired. — H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Bicentenary of bells at Goosnargh on July 12th. All members of the Preston Branch are invited by the Vicar of Goosnargh to attend on the above date. Service at 3.45. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association. Tea will be provided afterwards. The bells will be available before service from two o'clock, and after tea till 9 p.m. Members who intend being present must let me know by July 7th. — E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wokingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher: the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business meeting in the Church House at 12.20. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members only who send the money, with the order, to me *on or before Saturday, July 12th.* One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follow. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea. Those intending to be present please send word to me not later than July 16th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this District will be held on the 19th July at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of

All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. Will those wishing to have tea provided kindly communicate not later than Tuesday, July 15th, with the secretary, Rev. R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting for combined practice will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in the Church Room. Business meeting after. As the Vicar and churchwardens are kindly providing tea, will unattached members intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Ernest Pye has removed to 3, Stafford Cottages, Padnal Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.——Mr. A. J. Bowen has removed to 4, Oakleigh Cottages, Woodleigh Road, Ledbury.——Mr. S. R. Roper has removed to 48, Limes Road, Croydon.

SITUATION WANTED.

GARDENER.—Single; experienced; requires situation; single-handed or head of one or two; good references. Change ringer 8 or 10 bells; also handbells; disengaged end of July.—Maurice Smither, 14, Cooper Road, Guildford, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristo Ringers

STEEPLEKEEPERS AND THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be extremely obliged if you would give an answer, through your valuable paper, to the following question: Suppose, while I am in the act of greasing the bells at our church, I slip, and in consequence break my leg, are the churchwardens liable under any Acts of Parliament to pay me half my wages as a ringer and half my wages in my ordinary every-day occupation, as compensation?—Yours faithfully, A RINGER.

[We do not profess to give legal advice, but as far as we comprehend the Workmen's Compensation Act, we believe that if "A Ringer" is paid by the churchwardens for his services, he would be entitled to half his average weekly wages accruing from all sources. The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, provides that where total or partial incapacity for work results from the injury, a weekly payment during the incapacity, not exceeding 50 per cent. of his average weekly earnings during the previous twelve months, such weekly payment not to exceed £1, shall be paid. Among the rules laid down for ascertaining the average weekly earnings of a workman, it is provided that where the workman had entered into concurrent contracts of service (either in writing or implied) with two or more employers, under which he worked at one time for one such employer, and at another time for another such employer, his average weekly earnings should be computed as if his earnings under all such contracts were earnings in the employment of the employer for whom he was working at the time of the accident.—Ed.]

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held on Saturday last, at Calne. The western end of the area worked from Marlborough, as the centre, has always been the most enthusiastic, and in that part the meetings have, as a rule, been best attended. On this occasion, however, the attendance was not so large as had been expected. The members met at Calne, where the ringing opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples. A party then journeyed to Bromham, where Mr. H. Brownlee West, secretary of the Devizes branch, had obtained the Rector's permission for the bells to be rung. Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and a return was made to Calne in time for tea, to which 17 ringers sat down at the Church House.—At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Master of the Guild) was in the chair, the Rev. A. E. G. Peters (the Branch president) being absent owing to slight indisposition.—Five new members were elected, and a discussion was held as to a proposed instruction centre. It was decided that Hilmarton was the best centre, and it was left to the secretary to find out how many ringers from the neighbouring towers would wish to receive instruction. A suggestion was made that it should not begin until the autumn months.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where Stedman Triples were brought round. A number then left Calne for Hilmarton; and the Rev. E. W. W. Payne, having kindly given them permission, rang several touches there. Later they went on to Lyneham, where there are five bells of splendid tone, and brought round further touches. Although the number at the meeting was not large, ten parishes were represented: Calne, Beechingstoke, Bremhill, Hilmarton, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Lyneham, Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Marlborough St. Mary.—Thanks are due to Archdeacon Bodington for allowing the meeting to be held at Calne, and to the incumbents of the other three parishes for granting permission for the use of the bells.

PRESENTATION AT ALDERSHOT.

A very pleasant surprise awaited Mr. C. Edwards at the conclusion of the ringing at Aldershot Parish Church on Wednesday evening in last week, when, as a memento of the good feeling felt by the local band for their instructor, Mr. Fisher, on behalf of the Aldershot ringers, presented Mr. Edwards with a handsome silver pendant (designed by one of their company). Mr. Fisher referred to the great help Mr. Edwards had been to them by coming to Aldershot on the occasion of nearly every practice, and how glad they always were to see him amongst them.—Mr. Edwards, in replying, said he should always value the gift and wear it. He thanked the Aldershot ringers for their kindness. He added that they had made more progress than any band he had ever had to instruct in change ringing, and whenever he managed to get to the tower he was always made most welcome. He hoped that a peal by the local band would soon be an accomplished fact.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The second meeting of the Bitton branch was held under ideal conditions at Dryham, about 10 miles from Bristol. Most of the visitors arrived by brake, and set the bells going to Grandsire and Bob Minor. Although the Rector was unable to be present, the visitors were invited to meet on the lawn, where tea was provided. At the meeting, which followed, Mr. R. J. Wilkins was voted to the chair, in the absence of the chairman of the branch (the Rev. H. A. Cockey). Three new members were elected, and Westerleigh was selected for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Blathmayt) and Mrs. Blathmayt was proposed by the chairman.—A ramble round the beautiful gardens and the fine old mansion (which belongs to the brother of the Rector) was much enjoyed by the visitors, who admired the fine old paintings and tapestries. The handbells were brought into use, and courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung by: W. A. Cave, H. Brownjohn, E. Guise, R. J. Wilkins, C. H. Gordon, S. Condick, F. Price and S. Tomkins. Tunes were also rung by H. Brownjohn and E. Guise. The church bells were then again utilised, some of the younger members being given opportunities. A half-way house was found on the homeward journey, and here songs by S. Abrahams and C. H. Tomkins, a duet by the brothers Wiltshire, and handbell ringing was enjoyed.—Thanks are due to Mr. Sims, the branch secretary, for the arrangements made for the successful meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GREAT HAMPTON.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, April 6th, at the Church of St. Andrew, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor (1260 changes), being 360 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and 180 of Grandsire: A. Greenfield 1, T. Middleton 2, J. Hemming 3, H. Jordan 4, W. Gisborne 5, F. Jordan (conductor) 6.

SHREWSBURY.—Salop Guild.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Mary's Church, for Matins, 503 Grandsire Caters: J. Tudor 1, E. Jones 2, M. J. Taylor 3, G. Tipton 4, W. Stockdale 5, G. Scarrett 6, E. T. R. Corbett 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8, F. Taylor 9, J. Wynn 10. Also 252 Stedman Triples.—At St. Chad's, for morning service, 484 Grandsire Cinques: W. Brooks 1, J. Tudor 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, E. Jones 4, G. Scarrett 5, W. R. Stockdale 6, E. T. R. Corbett 7, A. Tecoe 8, G. Tipton 9, W. J. Taylor 10, F. Taylor 11, D. Tebbutt 12. For evening service, 726 Grandsire Cinques, with A. Fullick 10, and J. T. Wall 12 (tenor 43 cwt., in C). Longest length of Cinques by all except the conductor.—On April 4th, for practice, at St. Chad's, 448 Kent Treble Bob Major; 484 Grandsire Cinques: W. Brooks 1, J. Tudor 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, W. J. Taylor 4, G. Scarrett 5, W. Stockdale 6, E. R. T. Corbett 7, A. Tecoe 8, E. Jones 9, A. Fullick 10, F. Taylor 11, D. Tebbutt and H. Jones 12. First touch of Cinques by all except the conductor.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Alkmund's, 197 Stedman Triples: G. Taylor 1, C. R. Lilley 2, F. Taylor 3, E. R. T. Corbett 4, W. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick 6, J. George (conductor) 7, E. Jones 8. Also 336 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by C. R. Lilley. After evening service, at St. Mary's, three courses of Grandsire Caters, 197 Stedman Triples, and a course of Forward Major.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Mary's Church, on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. E. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. E. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

WEDNESBURY.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—At the Parish Church, on April 6th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1295 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Summerhill 1, G. Hughes 2, E. Unitt 3, T. Hughes 4, W. E. Brittain 5, W. Smith 6, R. Hall 7, J. Screen 8, W. A. Cooper (conductor) 9, M. B. Smith 10.

CROYDON.—The Surrey Association.—On April 11th, on handbells, at 135, Brighton Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1260 changes): A. Clark 1—2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3—4, S. R. Roper 5—6, W. Rowe (first quarter-peal on handbells) 7—8. Also a 503 and 504 previously.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. — For evening service, on March 30th, at St. Wuffram's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): L. Mears 1, J. Whetstone 2, E. Nedd 3, F. Proctor 4, W. Cawton 5, D. Overton 6, F. Turner 7, B. A. Knights 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, T. Hall 10.

LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's Church, on April 30th, 1913, to the memory of the late Mr. F. W. Hardyman, a prominent Leicester tradesman, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1261 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 55 mins., by the following: S. Cotton 1, Louis Allen 2, G. Pilmore 3, H. G. Jenney 4, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 5, C. Fowler 6, Leonard Allen 7, J. S. Needham 8, A. Martin 9, A. Taylor 10.

PENGE, KENT.—At St. John-the-Evangelist, on April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins.: *E. Tigwell 1, *A. Bradley 2, G. Wickens 3, *S. Hopkins 4, F. Terry 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6. *First in the method.

ISLIP.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on April 8th, 720 Double Oxford: P. Knighton 1, B. Loveday 2, G. Hewitt 3, R. Loveday 4, W. Knighton 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6.—On April 13th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford: P. Knighton 1, B. Loveday 2, G. Hewitt 3, W. Knighton 4, E. Day 5, T. Jervis (conductor) 6.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, April 10th, for the wedding of Mr. G. A. Urmson and Miss D. G. Hutchings, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: R. Forster, E. H. Lewis (conductor), F. Unsworth, A. Unsworth, W. Bibby, F. Gleave, T. H. Lightfoot, T. Lightfoot. An attempt for a peal was lost, after ringing 1 hr. 39 mins. —On April 14th, half-muffled out of respect for Messrs. J. Stokes, G. Dunbabin and T. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 55 mins.: R. Forster 1, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 2, F. Unsworth 3, A. Unsworth 4, C. E. Boyers 5, F. Gleave 6, T. H. Lightfoot 7, W. Bibby 8.—On April 16th, for the wedding of Mr H. Ryder, of the Daresbury Society of Ringers, and Miss Dykes, of Manley, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes) in 49 mins.: R. Forster 1, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 2, F. Unsworth 3, A. Unsworth 4, C. E. Boyers 5, F. Gleave 6, T. H. Lightfoot 7, T. Lightfoot 8. First quarter-peals in these methods on the bells, and by a local band.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 20th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a "date touch" of 1913 changes of Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 10 mins., with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect for H. Clements, who for some time was a member of the Pettistree band: E. H. Dunnett 1, L. Gray 2, W. Reeve, senr., 3, C. Fisher (conductor) 4, R. G. Miles 5, A. Clements 6.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On April 12th, at the funeral of Mrs. C. Phillimore, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheppard 1, A. Histead 2, O. Porter 3, W. Wicks 4, W. Wenman 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave 7, C. Prior 8.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheppard 1, C. Oliver 2, O. Porter 3, A. Tompkins 4, W. Wicks 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, F. Harris 8. The first in the method by A. Tompkins, who hails from Tring.

HARWELL, BERKS.—Recently, 720 Bob Minor: *E. Cox 1, T. Hughes 2, R. G. Rice (composer and conductor) 3, V. R. Hitchman 4, G. C. Rice 5, W. Hitchman 6. *First 720. This 720 was composed, conducted and rung by all local men.

KINGSTHORPE.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 51 mins.: R. H. Clarke 1, H. Clarke 2, F. Dunkley 3, W. Parsons 4, G. Parker (conductor) 5, W. Hayes, 6. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the ringer of the tenor.

LEICESTER.—On April 18th, at St. Margaret's Church (on front 6), 519 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Martin 1, E. Morris (conductor) 2, S. Burton 3, A. Ballard 4, A. Peach 5, J. Morris 6. First 500 by Miss S. Martin.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On April 15th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: G. Collins 1, G. Jones 2, G. Ambrose 3, J. Burles 4, F. Mitchell 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On April 15th, 720 Plain Bob: R. H. Bowell 1, Miss B. Mitchell 2, T. Adams 3, G. Lucas 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.—On April 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss B. Mitchell (first attempt at Treble Bob) 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, C. Killick 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. 360 Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine: Miss B. Mitchell 1, T. Adams 2, J. F. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6; and 240 London Surprise.

PLYMOUTH. — The Devon Guild. — At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: F. Lovis (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. Mitchelmore 3, G. H. Myers 4, W. Hamblyn 5, W. Shears 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, T. Linnell 8.

HEAVITREE.—Devon Guild.—On April 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. R. Sandover 1, R. Hamilton 2, F. W. Richards 3, H. V. Richards 4, T. Laver 5, C. G. Glass 6, J. Howard R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, Sergt.-Major Warner 8.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Elcock (aged 14), first 504, 1, W. Linter 2, F. J. Newland 3, G. Bull 4, W. J. Ryves 5, A. Mears (conductor) 6, A. Mears 7, C. Johnson 8.—On April 23rd, four 504's were rung by the local band, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Wm. White, Awbridge, and Miss Alice Mears, of Curdridge. The conducting was shared by Alfred Mears, W. J. Ryves and Andrew Mears.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—At the Parish Church, on April 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 52 mins.: W. Taylor 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, A. J. Hessian 5, C. W. Wheeler 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. George 8.

FORDINGTON.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On April 10th, at St. George's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *Walter Bowering 1, *William Bowering 2, W. Painter 3, G. T. White (conductor) 4, *T. Warren 5, *T. Courage 6. *First 720.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with the 6th and 8th covering: J. Gratrix 1, F. Barlow 2, W. Bullough 3, H. Eckersall 4, H. Berry (conductor) 5, W. Ford 6, R. Bent 7, W. Bellerby 8. Also 720 for evensong: J. Gratrix 1, F. Barlow 2, W. Bullough 3, H. Eckersall 4, H. Berry (conductor) 5, W. Foster 6, W. Ford 7, R. Bent 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—The Oxford Guild.—On April 14th, 447 Grandsire Triples: A. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, N. Spindlow 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8. Also 168 in the same method, conducted by T. Bull.—On April 21st, 504: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, N. Spindlow (conductor) 4, E. Brown 5, T. Bull 6, J. Monk 7, G. Brooks 8. Also 447, conducted by J. Monk.

CAERPHILLY.—Llandaff Association.—On April 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (first by the St. Martin's Church Guild), and first attempt by all except the conductor, who hails from Newport: D. Grimes 1, F. Garrard 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Dare 4, G. Cooke (captain) 5, W. Kathro 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, S. Tucker 8.

LANGPORT.—For evensong, on April 20th, 1260 Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: T. Jeanes 1, Wm. Tout 2, T. W. Creed 3, A. Wheadon 4, G. Locke 5, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 6.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, for evening service, on April 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: J. Barber 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Watkin 3, H. Burton 4, A. Newman 5, F. A. Smith 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, F. Gibbard 10.

UFFINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, on April 12th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Waldren 1, W. Waldren 2, E. Tilly 3, T. Blackburn 4, G. Wright 5, H. Beechey (conductor) 6. This is the conductor's first attempt at any calling. First 720 on the bells for over two years.

KENNINGTON.—Guild of St. John-the-Divine.—On Sunday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's original (1330 changes), in 44 mins.: F. J. Jerome 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, Alec. S. Miller 5, Arch. T. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on April 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), from Shipway, in 50 mins., by: *W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, *Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, H. Franks 4, F. Walker 5, H. Hills 6, J. Puplett (Hoddesdon), conductor, 7, *W. Arnold 8. *First quarter-peal.

BENFIELDSIDE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on April 22nd, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. W. Forster 1, Rev. A. W. Lister (first 720 of Surprise) 2, J. Marshall 3, T. H. Surtees 4, A. Charlton 5, F. Barron (conductor) 6.

DEAL.—For evening service, on April 27th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Axon 1, E. W. Verrier 2, F. A. Holden 3, E. Kemp 4, L. Ladd 5, H. C. Castle (conductor) 6.—On April 22nd, 360 Canterbury: J. Axon 1, E. Kemp 2, F. A. Holden (conductor) 3, J. Trinder 4, L. Ladd 5, H. C. Castle 6. First in the method by 2nd, 4th and 5th ringers.

SKIPTON.—On Sunday, April 20th, for evening service, touches of Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich, along with 504 of Grandsire Triples, were rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Ellis Horton, the Curate of the Parish Church, who is leaving to take up office as Minor Canon at Ripon Cathedral, and whose visits to the belfry have been much appreciated by the ringers: H. Horner 1, F. C. Billows 2, J. Garlick 3, F. Metcalfe 4, W. Billows 5, W. Jones (Gargrave), conductor, 6, J. McKell 7, W. D. Hillary 8.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On April 22nd, in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. H. Eckersly and Miss N. E. A. Rose, 882 Grandsire Triples was rung as the happy pair left the church, and a quarter-peal by H. J. Tucker was rung later as the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon: J. Poole 1, R. Wood 2, F. G. Radley 3, G. R. Crush 4, W. E. Emery 5, T. Lincoln 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.—St. Mary's Guild. — On April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins., with 7, 6, 8, covering: W. J. Grigg 1, S. G. Pamphlett (conductor) 2, T. H. Culver 3, F. G. Alford 4, W. Warne 5, E. Vivash 6, F. Shephard 7, C. Abbott 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. W. H. Sturge, M.D., of Hoddesdon, Herts, and Miss Dorothy Croysdale, daughter of Mr. T. Croysdale, J.P., of Hawke House, and also for St. George's Day.—On April 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: L. E. Alford 1, W. J. Grigg 6, the rest as before.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On April 26th, three courses London Surprise Major: J. Sadler 1, W. Sadler 2, J. Fleuty 3, F. Claydon 4, A. Shufflebotham 5, E. Newman 6, E. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott 8. Also a course each of Superlative and Cambridge.

WRINGTON.—At All Saints' Church, on April 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. W. Nipper (first quarter-peal as conductor) 1, E. Andow 2, H. Seward (longest length) 3, D. Wood 4, W. Perry 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6, G. Collins 7, A. Lane 8.

WHERE IS IT?

To the Editor.

Sir,—In a book, "Afoot in England," by Mr. W. H. Hudson, the naturalist, published in 1909, the author refers to a small ancient town set in a cup-like depression amidst high hills covered with oak woods in a remote district, of which the chief attraction was the church, a very old and stately building, one of the noblest in England, with a Perpendicular tower nearly a hundred feet high, and a magnificent peal of bells which were rung on the Sunday afternoon that he was there.

After describing the "glorious storm of sound," he continues: "Walking past the church I followed the streamlet that runs through the town and out by a cleft between the hills to a narrow marshy valley, on the other side of which are precipitous slopes, clothed from base to summit in oak woods. As I walked through the cleft, the musical roar of the bells followed, like a mighty current flowing through and over me; but as I came out the sound from behind ceased suddenly, and was now in front coming back from the hills before me."

He goes on to describe the peculiar nature of the echo—"it was as if every one of those thousands of oak trees had a peal of bells in it, and that they were raining that far-up bright spiritual tree-music down into the valley below. As I stood listening, it seemed to me that I had never heard anything so beautiful, nor had any man," etc.

The only other clue the author gives to the place is that against the vivid green of the trees he saw the "many gabled tiled roofs and tall chimneys of the old timbered houses glowing red and warm brown in the brilliant sunshine—a scene of rare beauty," but that although he had never been to the spot before, the place seemed familiar because "a great railway company had long been booming this romantic spot, and large photographs, plain and coloured, of the town and its quaint buildings had for years been staring at me in every station and every railway carriage which I had entered on that line." And yet I cannot identify the place. Can you or any of your readers?

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MODERN WORK.

THE "ANNUAL OUTING."

The "annual outing" has become a well established institution with a great many of the ringing societies up and down the land, and a very capital institution it is, too. Our columns recently have borne testimony to the activities of ringers in this direction, and one thing is obvious, when members of the Exercise lay themselves out for a day's pleasure they know well how to enjoy themselves. These outings are becoming more popular than ever, and they are certainly a feature which deserves to be encouraged, for they not only bring a day of pleasure into the existence of many a man whose life is, perhaps, otherwise more or less drab, but they afford an occasion for visits to districts and towers where, without these opportunities, such new experiences would be impossible. Fresh towers are thus opened up to ringers, and it is in the nature of a ringing education to many to try their hand in new belfries. Then again, these outings are frequently the occasion of fraternisation between bands, and provide opportunities, which many incumbents are only too ready to grasp, of showing how glad they are to welcome ringers from other churches.

There are, in fact, many happy features about the "annual outing," which go to make it an event which should receive the support of church authorities as well as of the ringers themselves. There are very few churches where there is not an annual choir excursion provided out of special and publicly subscribed funds; but a ringers' excursion financed from any such source is a rarity. The sinews of war in the case of ringers are generally the hard earned and carefully saved shillings of the men themselves. We like, as ringers, to be independent, but at the same time parishioners, if approached through the right channel, as they are approached in connection with the choir outing, might like to show their appreciation of the ringers' services by dipping their hand into their pocket to help the fund. We could instance cases in which this is already done and done handsomely, but where it is not the case we throw out the hint to the clergy.

While mentioning the "annual outing" one cannot refrain from referring to the sad fatality which brought to a tragic close the excursion of the Barnstaple ringers last Saturday. Their motor char-a-banc ran back down a hill and turned over into the hedge, killing one of the ringers and injuring six others. With the relatives of the unfortunate man who lost his life we would express our deep condolence, and to those who were injured we offer our sympathy and our hope for a speedy recovery.

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ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 2	REUBEN SANDERS	... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT	... 4	ERNEST PYE	... 9
CHARLES T. COLES	... 5	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Friday, June 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH	...*Treble*	EDGAR SMITH	... 5
EDGAR MARLOW	... 2	JOHN BARBER	... 6
WILLIAM R. SMALL	... 3	REUBEN HALL	... 7
THOMAS HILL	... 4	ALFRED ROWLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK CLAYTON, and Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Mr. John Barber was proposed a member of the Dudley Guild previous to starting for the peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS MAX	...*Treble*	ABSALOM THOMAS	... 5
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES	... 2	JOHN BUTLER	... 6
CORNELIUS BOWEN	... 3	FREDERICK ATWELL	... 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	... 4	FREDERICK STANBURY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. E. B. CHARLES.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Hugh Watts, son of the donor of the church and bells, and for 12 years churchwarden at the above church, who was interred on the above date at Newport Cemetery.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH. SUNDERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. THURSTANS' BOB AND SINGLE FIVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM OXLEY	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN	5
†MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ...	6
ROBERT W. LOVIE	3	‡ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	7
†JOHN PICKERING	4	RICHARD W. LANGTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal of Grandsire away from the tenor.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE BLOOR	...*Treble*	†ERNEST TIGWELL	5
*DANIEL PRESTON	2	THOMAS AUSTIN	6
SIDNEY CHURTON	3	CHARLES PAGE...	7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTTOM	4	HAROLD AUSTIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY CHURTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell. This peal was arranged for A. Shufflebottom, of Braintree, Essex, D. Preston, of Bucknall, and E. Tigwell, of Biddulph, and was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Sutherland.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN T. KENTISH, Junr....*Treble*		GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ...	5
GEORGE N. PRICE	2	RALPH SHEPHERD	6
JOSEPH J. POWERS	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	7
*WILLIAM NASH	4	GEORGE SMITH... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

* First peal.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ODD-BOB COMPOSITION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK R. CUNDALE ...	...*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ...	2	WALTER ALLWOOD	6
SAMUEL WESLEY... ...	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ...	4	P.C. G. H. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

*JOHN FOWLER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM TAYLOR	5
FRED HARWOOD	2	ROBERT SANDERSON	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ...	7
EDWARD ARMSTRONG ...	4	*WILLIAM FOWLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a peal in the method. The composition contains 4th and 6th their extent right in 13 courses, and is now rung for the first time.

STONEY STANTON.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HALEY'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY BRIGGS	...*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
SAMUEL COTTON	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
CHARLES H. FOWLER ...	3	ALFRED MARTIN	7
ARTHUR S. PETTIT	4	*CHARLES H. BRIGGS	...*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman. This composition has no two or six bob sets, and was the quickest ever rung on these bells.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

THOMAS BOTTRILL ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE WARBURTON ...	5
FREDERICK PAGE...	2	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT	6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK	3	WILFRED MOSS	7
JOSEPH LOWE	4	ROBERT DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by ROBERT DAVIES.

The peal was rung on the 67th anniversary of the church, the 50th anniversary of the bells, the 50th anniversary of Mr. W. E. Ryder's connection with ringing, and Mr. W. Holbrook's 50th birthday. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Ryder for having them in readiness.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM KNIGHT	5
FRED G. MAY	2	JOHN BURFORD	6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ...	3	GEORGE CONDICK	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ALFRED E. REEVES...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was rung in honour of the coming-of-age of the eldest son of G. T. Daltry, tower keeper of All Saints' Church.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DENVER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

H. ROBINSON	...*Treble*	W. GOODRUM	4
ALF. BACON	2	B. M. TARGETT	5
N. HAWES	3	J. MARDELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. M. TARGETT.

First peal on the bells for the Norwich Association.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

LEONARD H. STEVENS ...*Treble*		ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ...	4
*SIDNEY B. RICHARDS ...	2	JAMES MORLEY	5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	3	HARRY FUNNELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to and as a mark of appreciation of the services of the Rev. C. Toogood, M.A., who has been curate of the parish for 13 years and who is leaving to take the living of Burpham, near Arundel.

HANDBELL PEAL.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. HARLAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM A. BRECKON ...	1—2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5—6
JAMES COTTERELL... ...	3—4	ALBERT COATES	7—8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: WILLIAM HARLAND.

* First peal of Major on handbells. First handbell peal rung in the town of Whitby. The ringer of 3—4 hails from Halifax.

LATE PEAL.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DOBLE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK S. CASE... ...	5
REV. C. CAREW COX ...	2	REV. E. V. COX	6
*DAVID G. TAYLOR	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
WILLIAM D. JAMES	4	JOSEPH MADDOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Major. The ringers of the 5th and 7th belong to Poole and Trowbridge respectively.

RINGER KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

BARNSTAPLE BAND'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

A shocking accident, involving loss of life, and injuries to a number of ringers, occurred on Saturday during the annual outing of the Barnstaple Parish Church company.

A merry party, numbering 14, left the town in a motor char-a-banc for Exeter, and all went well until the neighbourhood of Oakford was reached. The excursionists had been enjoying the exhilarating ride, but the car got into difficulties on a very steep hill, and, to the alarm of the occupants, began to run backwards. The brakes failed to act, and, the driver losing control, the vehicle crashed into a hedge and overturned. A scene of confusion followed, and it was quickly obvious that several of the party were badly injured. One of their number, Mr. William Goss, aged 60, and for many years a ringer at Barnstaple, was terribly crushed, and died soon after being dragged from under the car.

In all, six other members of the party received cuts and bruises, and the excursion, which opened so happily, came to a tragic ending. It is stated that the Oakford route was followed at the request of Goss.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH NEW SECRETARY.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Moorside, on Saturday, Mr. Samuel Stott presiding. Ringers were present from Moorside, Oldham, Glodwick, Middleton, Rochdale, Balderstone, Milnrow, Newhey, Pendleton, Tyldesley. Mr. Joseph Ogden was elected secretary in place of Mr. J. H. Bastow, who set sail for America on Wednesday, July 2nd. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on August 2nd.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, also to the chairman for presiding, brought the business meeting to a close. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Lyminster, on Saturday week, and was fairly well attended. Touches of Minor and Doubles were rung in the afternoon, and in the Parish Room, situated in the Vicarage grounds, an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. P. T. Andrews), who presided. Ringers were present from Augmering, Arundel, Goring, Heene, Shoreham, West Tarring, and the local band, numbering 26.

After the tea the usual business meeting was held.—Four new members were elected, and the Vicar was elected an hon. member.—Mr. Stalham proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for providing the tea and granting the use of the bells.—The Rev. P. T. Andrews, in reply, gave the visitors a cordial welcome, and a few useful hints on their duties as church workers.—The Vicar then kindly invited the ringers to take a walk round the Vicarage grounds, and this was much enjoyed.

The belfry was then again visited, and ringing continued till 8.20. Arundel bells were also at the disposal of the ringers after tea, and altogether the meeting proved very enjoyable.

LONDON RINGER DROWNED.

The sad death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, a well-known London ringer, has to be recorded this week. The deceased, who was in the employ of Messrs. Warner and Sons, had been engaged on the work at Chelmsford Parish Church, and on the evening of Wednesday in last week was ringing with the band at Writtle. He left there at 10 p.m., and walked to Chelmsford with Mr. A. Head, who left him about 11 p.m. The next morning his body was found by some bargemen in the river at Boreham. At the inquest, a verdict of "Found drowned" was returned.

On the previous Sunday Mr. Nunn took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Writtle, rung for evening service, by: T. Lincoln 1, F. W. Edwards 2, F. G. Radley 3, F. A. Nunn 4, H. Head 5, A. Head 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8. Mr. Nunn's death has come as a great shock to his ringing friends, and much sympathy will go out to his bereaved wife and family.

LINCOLN GUILD.

On Saturday last, a very successful meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Edenham, 30 members being present from Grantham, Bourne, Stamford, Edenham, Ingoldsby, Colsterworth, Boothby, and Surfleet. Service was held in the church, the lesson being read by the Vicar of Edenham, and an eloquent sermon preached by the Rev. H. Law James.—Tea was provided at the Five Bells Inn, after which the business meeting followed, the President of the branch (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter) occupying the chair. Considerable discussion took place as to where the October meeting should be held, and eventually Stamford was selected.—Six new members were elected, including Master E. A. Markwoll, aged 10 years.—The Secretary complained of the very dilatory manner in which some of the members paid their subscriptions, and also brought to the notice of the members the fact that no account of the Diocesan Guild meeting which was held at Lincoln in April last, and at which over 200 members were present, appeared in "The Ringing World."—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Edenham (the Rev. A. Galton) for the use of the bells; the Rev. Law James for the service, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist and choir, and the ladies who helped to make the service so very successful.—During the day, touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor were rung.

[The absence of an account of the Lincoln Guild annual meeting, complained of above, was owing to the fact that although a request was directed to the proper quarter, no report was sent for publication.—Ed. "R.W."]

HONOURING A FREEMAN AT RYE.

Mr. Walter Dawes, town clerk of Rye, Sussex, was presented with the Freedom of the Ancient Town on Monday afternoon. The Mayor and Corporation resolved to have the bells rung in honour of the function, and to remunerate the ringers by granting them a similar sum out of the public purse as is paid for ringing on several royal days in the year. The Town Hall is situated within a few yards of the church and immediately the privilege had been conferred, and the recipient had signed the roll, the sergeant of police signalled to the ringers who were on the church roof, and the bells sounded forth, while simultaneously the Union Jack was hoisted at the Town Hall, and the flag bearing the borough arms commenced fluttering in the breeze at the summit of the mast on the ancient gateway, known as the Landgate. After a capital round, an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: P. Giles, L. T. H. Seers, C. Price, J. B. Bennett, W. Bennett, G. J. Youngs, G. Billenness (conductor), and G. Perrin. Subsequently more rounds were tapped in nice style, others taking part in the ringing being: W. Wood, E. Curd, D. Martin, D. Craig and N. Allcorn. It was a great pleasure to the ringers to ring for the event, because, like all the inhabitants, they thoroughly appreciate Mr. Dawes' wise counsel in the administration of municipal affairs, and know that he has always had the interest of the ancient town endeared in his heart. Furthermore, Mr. Dawes has also been exceedingly kind to the Rye ringers. He subscribed liberally to them at Christmas time, and on more than one occasion they have been favoured with instructions from him to ring for weddings in his family circle.

PRESENTATION TO MR. B. PREWETT.

On Sunday, the Rev. G. M. Hall, Vicar of Bushey, presented Mr. B. Prewett with a barometer, a gift from the Rector, churchwardens, and his brother ringers on the occasion of his marriage, which takes place to-morrow (Saturday) at Bushey Church.

The Rector, in making the presentation, said they all knew how much Mr. Prewett had done for the society. Englishmen as a rule did not like being told how much they were appreciated, but this now gave him the opportunity of saying how very much they all appreciated what Mr. Prewett had done for the Bushey Society, and he hoped by Mr. Prewett marrying and living at Bushey his ties with the society would become stronger. They all wished him long life and every happiness.

Mr. Prewett suitably responded, and said he was pleased to do all he could, and thought the society was now in a better position than it had ever been. This had been brought about by the band sticking together, and he hoped their success would continue.

The meeting of the Essex Association reported last week as being held at Stonechurch, was held at Hornchurch.

SALISBURY GUILD.

VISIT TO MILTON ABBEY.

The members of the Dorchester District of the Salisbury Guild had a most enjoyable summer meeting at the grand old Abbey at Milton, which was visited at the kind invitation of Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O. The party, who drove to Milton, numbered 56, and represented Dorchester St. Peter's, Fordington St. George, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Puddletown, West Lulworth, Hilton, and Milton. Among those present were the Rev. W. Percy Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth (hon. general secretary of the Guild), Messrs. R. N. Dawes, of Dorchester (chairman of the branch), C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis (branch hon. secretary and treasurer), George T. White (ringing master), and J. Benger (deputy master). Although it was the merry time of haymaking, there was a full attendance of the local band of ringers. Among the party was a welcome visitor—Mr. Coles, of Bridgwater, a well-known ringer.

A writer in the "Dorset County Chronicle," says the drive to Milton, on so lovely an afternoon, was much enjoyed, and the exquisite sight with which the journey ended put a crowning touch to it. In the noble tower there is a good peal of eight bells, though hardly comparable, doubtless, with the fine old bells of which the tower was dispossessed by the irascible Lord Milton towards the end of the eighteenth century.

The Milton and Hilton bells were, by the courtesy of the incumbents and church officers, available for the visitors to practice on from two o'clock onwards. A special Guild service was held in the Abbey Church. It was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Schuster; the Rev. H. A. Caryl (of Hilton) read the lessons, and the Vicar (the Rev. Herbert Pentin) gave one of the most interesting addresses to which the ringers have ever listened, his subject being bells in general, and the story of Milton's bells in particular, "pointing the moral" as well as "adorning the tale." The musical service was of a high order.

Tea was served in a marquee pitched on the lawn. Sir Edward Hambro, at whose hospitable invitation the party sat down, was away, but his son, Mr. Angus Hambro, M.P., welcomed them heartily in his father's name. He was supported in the chair by the Revs. Herbert Pentin, W. P. Schuster, H. A. Caryl, and A. L. Helps (Vicar of Puddletown), and the officers of the branch.

The Rev. W. P. Schuster afterwards voiced the gratitude of the ringers to Sir Everard Hambro for his kind invitation and entertainment: and Mr. Angus Hambro, in reply, assured the visitors how pleased his father was to welcome them there, adding that he hoped that some day they would come again.—Mr. Jennings expressed his thanks to the Milton band of ringers for their careful arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. Dawes presided over the short business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting either at Upwey or at Abbotsbury. Regret was expressed that the Abbotsbury band of ringers have not yet joined the Guild, and the hope was breathed that a meeting in that charming monastic village might help them to take this very desirable step and so strengthen the ranks of the affiliated ringers.

On leaving the marquee, the party were photographed in a group by Mr. Howes (verger of Dorchester St. Peter's). They were then conducted over the stately Abbey Church by the Vicar, and afterwards visited the beautiful and well-kept gardens.

Ringing at the Abbey and Hilton brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

HOW MILTON ABBEY LOST ITS BELLS.

With regard to the spoliation of the ancient bells of Milton Abbey, Mr. J. R. Jerram writes that in the "Church Bells of Dorset" (by the late Canon Raven), the following note appears:—"Towards the end of the 18th century, Joseph Damer, Lord Milton (lord of the manor) decided to pull down the old town of Milton. Mr. Harrison, a resident solicitor, put a difficulty in his lordship's way by refusing to sell his lease, although he was offered three times its value. So the water crept around his premises. Mr. Harrison then entered an action against Lord Milton for flooding his house, and the lawyer won his case. A few days afterwards his lordship went to London, and on his way to Blandford he heard the bells of the Abbey Church ringing. This he interpreted as a sign of parochial joy at his defeat and departure; and nothing would satisfy him but the sale of the offending bells. The bells were really ringing to commemorate Guy Fawkes Day; it was the 5th of November. But the bells had to go, for Lord Milton, the autocrat, had spoken; and his friend, the Dean of Norwich, had said that 'bell ringing caused much idleness and drinking.' The great tenor bell, weighing 35 cwt., was sold to Bath Abbey; two other bells were given to St. James' Church, Milton (one of which was cracked by a carpenter striking it with a hammer, at a wedding, just before it was hung); but what became of the Abbey bells is not known. There is a record, however, that when the parishioners saw their old bells carted away, they stood at their house doors weeping." The old bells were five in number.



MILTON ABBEY.

At the present time the Abbey tower contains a light peal of eight, tenor about 10 cwt. The front three cast by Llewellins and James, 1909, and the back five by Warner and Sons, 1861.

The old tenor, sold to Bath Abbey, is not in existence now, having been twice recast since it was sold.

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETING.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at St. Katherine's Church, Holt, Wilts, on Saturday, when there were present the Rev. G. A. S. Metford (Vicar of Holt), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke, and Master of the Guild), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), together with ringing members from Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Trowbridge, Devizes St. John, Holt, Southbroom, Keevil, Devizes St. Mary, Beechingstoke and Bishops Cannings.—After ringing during the afternoon an adjournment was made to the New Inn for tea, to which 22 sat down and enjoyed a capital repast.—A short business meeting followed, at which six new members from Holt tower were duly elected as members of the Guild, the Vicar of Holt also becoming an hon. member.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, and seconded by Mr. H. Brownlee West, was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in presiding at the meeting, and also for the use of the bells. The company then returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until 8 p.m., bringing to a close a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THE SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The members and friends of this society, to the number of 27, had their annual outing on Sunday last, when they visited Pulborough. This old-world Sussex village was reached at 9.10 a.m. in plenty of time for ringing at St. Mary's Church for the morning service. Then, after a ramble along the river, the visitors adjourned to the Arun Hotel, where dinner was served. In the afternoon the party had a drive to Billingshurst, and had several touches on the bells of St. Mary's Church, returning to Pulborough for tea. Although the weather was not favourable to the party's enjoyment, the company made the best of it, and arrived home safe and sound at 8 p.m. The society wish to tender their thanks to Messrs. T. Mash, S. Pettitt, J. Lewis and T. A. Ellis for arranging the outing, and the steeple keepers at Pulborough and Billingshurst for the use of the bells.

IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

The annual outing of the St. Andrew's, Derby, choir and bell ringers, took place on Saturday week, and as usual was a memorable event. The party, numbering about 30, took train to Matlock Bath, where they boarded a motor char-a-banc, which conveyed them through the glorious scenery of the Peak district, passing Darley Dale, with the lovely Whitworth gardens looking their best; Beeley, with its low square church tower, which interested the ringing fraternity; Chatsworth Park, and Edenson and Baslow, where a short halt was called, and most of the party took the opportunity of inspecting the church. Afterwards the route lay through Froggat Edge, the Duke of Rutland's grouse moors, to Grindleford, and along roads of a zig-zag order, which gave some of the company exciting thrills as the car flew round the corners. At Grindleford the party lunched, and then sped off again for Eyam, Monsel Dale and Bakewell, where the ringers were able to have a pull on the bells, for which Mr. Alf. Wallace had kindly obtained permission. Touches of Stedman and Duffield were rung, and then came dinner. After the meal the Vicar, who occupied the chair, expressed his thanks to the choir and ringers for their services, which were greatly appreciated by all at St. Andrew's. Mr. Baker, the organist, and Mr. Hart, captain of the belfry, responded.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the churchwardens, and especially to Mr. Blake for the excellent arrangements. The return to Matlock was then made, and safely reached after a motor tour of 70 miles.

READING RINGERS' TRIP.

The members of St. Lawrence's tower, Reading, with their Capt. (Mr. W. Newell) and the Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Newhouse) had a pleasant trip on the longest day of the year. Leaving Reading at 2 p.m., some by trap and some by bicycle, they made their way to Hurst, where they had some good ringing, the Vicar taking part. The new tower of Twyford was the next objective, where on the new musical peal recently erected by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the party enjoyed several touches. By the kindness of the Vicar of Twyford, they were provided with a refreshing tea in the assembly rooms, and, after enjoying the good things, made their way to Sonning, where the bells, lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were turned to Grandsire and Stedman, after which the party set out for home. The pleasure of the half-day outing was increased by the excellent "go" of each of the three peals of bells, and the ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars for the permission given to use them. They desire specially to thank the Vicar of Twyford for his hospitality.

THROUGH THE YORKSHIRE DALES.

The ringers of the Holy Trinity Church, Skipton-in-Craven, with a few friends, had their annual outing on Saturday week, and it proved to be one of the most pleasant experienced. The party, numbering 17, started about 7 o'clock for Wharfedale, and had a stay of half an hour at Buckden. They then went on via Cray, up the steep Kitson Bank, where the romantic nature of the surroundings was enjoyed by all. Bishopdale—delightful in the early morning—was next passed, and Aysgarth was reached. The church and the renowned Aysgarth Foss were visited by the party. From the pretty Wensleydale village they sped on to Leyburn, where dinner was partaken of at the Black Swan Hotel, and all joined in praise of Mrs. Beswick's catering. The old garrison town of Richmond next received a visit, where the Castle was inspected, and a saunter in the market place of this renowned Swaledale town was enjoyed. The motor char-a-banc then continued its journey to Ripon, where tea was partaken of at the Studley Royal Hotel, the Cathedral tower was visited, and touches of Kent, Grandsire, and Double Norwich were rung on the back eight. The thanks of the party are due to the Dean of Ripon for allowing the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. H. Ellis Horton, late curate of Skipton Parish Church, but now choir chaplain at the Cathedral, for arranging the ringing. The homeward journey was begun at 8.30, and was made through Harrogate and Otley, Skipton being reached before eleven o'clock, bringing to a close a delightful trip through the Yorkshire Dales, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH MEN IN LONDON.

The ringers of Irthlingborough Parish Church spent a week-end in London for their annual outing. At St. Pancras Station they were met by Mr. J. D. Matthews, who had kindly made all arrangements, and consented to act as guide to the party, who were eight in number. After lunch, the famous bell foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Spitalfields, was visited. Mr. Robert Warner himself conducted the party round, and giving a detailed account of the work of bell founding in every department. Among the many things the party saw were the weighing of York Minster tenor, belonging to the peal of twelve (the rehanging of which the firm have in hand), the nett weight being 50 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.; and the bells of Shoreditch, which were being recast and tuned on the Canon Simpson principle. Several well-known ringers were met at the foundry, and joined in a course of Bob Major, on handbells. Before leaving, the party were photographed among York Minster bells. After passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Robert Warner for his kindness, Spitalfields Church was visited, and a course of Bristol Surprise rung, although the bells were not exactly like Irthlingborough. After dinner, various places of interest were visited, and in the evening the party gathered at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where courses of London and Superlative were rung, after which the camera was again faced. A visit was also paid to the London County meeting, at Blackfriars, where another course of London came round. On Sunday morning, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was the meeting place and although Stedman Cinques was attempted and lost, Stedman Caters were brought round. In the afternoon the party visited Mr. A. W. Grimes', and handbell ringing was indulged in until evening, when they rang for service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after which the journey home was made.—The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. D. Matthews for so kindly making arrangements, the various clergy for the use of the bells, and, last but not least, the London ringers who were met, for their kindly welcome, which went far to make the outing such a pleasant one long to be remembered by all.

IN THE FEN DISTRICT.

The St. Mary's Society, Fen Ditton, had their annual outing on Saturday week, and spent a most enjoyable day among towers in the Fen district. Starting on the home bells with 120 each of New and Bob Doubles, they set out for Chesterton, where 216 Bob Minor was rung. A pleasant brake ride then brought them to Streatham, where two six-scores of Stedman Doubles were brought round. The biggest success of the day, however, was achieved at Wilburton, where the first 720 of Minor ever rung by the Fen Ditton Society on tower bells was brought round by: J. Martin 1, H. Wishbeach 2, H. Newman 3, A. Palmer 4, G. Hibbins (first as conductor) 5, L. Mallion 6. Afterwards the towers of Haddenham and Sutton were visited, and short touches of Minor rung at each place. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the various parishes for the use of the bells.

A TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' OUTING.

The Bradpole ringers enjoyed a full day's outing of 24 hours, when they held their annual excursion. On Saturday week they visited London, travelling in specially reserved accommodation placed at their disposal by the G.W.R. The tedium of the journey of nearly 150 miles was happily beguiled, and on reaching Padington the merry party of 17 took motor 'buses to London Bridge, where friends were awaiting them. These included the Rev. C. F. Langford, Vicar and a ringer; Mr. A. M. Broadley, his warden; Mr. R. Broadley, of London; Mr. A. Brewis, of Newcastle; and Messrs. A. and L. Hughes and Watson, of London.

The train being half an hour behind the scheduled time, the party had to forego the pleasure of a pull on the famous peal of twelve at St. Saviour's, as well as content themselves with a curtailed account of the beauty of this Cathedral, ably given by the dean's verger, Mr. Hutchings. Still, they managed to have a peep at the bells, and the more nimble even went to the top of the tower and obtained an unique view of the city and river. They then adjourned to the Bridge House Hotel, where Mr. A. M. Broadley had ordered a most sumptuous repast, and under his genial chairmanship a merry party of 24 sat down. Grace was sung in hearty fashion, before and after the meal, and then followed a short toast list: "Bradpole Ringers," "Our Host" and "The Visitors"—but time flew, and the speeches had to be necessarily short, still not so short but what plans were spoken of for next year.

Mr. A. Hughes having been hurriedly called away, a capital substitute was found in his son, who made an ideal cicerone for a visit to the oldest established business with a continuous history and existence in London—the celebrated Whitechapel Bell Foundry. And what an interesting hour it was, as he, with an expert's knowledge, explained in detail the process of turning out a bell, from the building up of the mould to the hanging of the finished article. His lucid remarks were judiciously illustrated by the many samples of work in their various stages which they had in the foundry, and many of the party must have come away with a much fuller knowledge of the making of bells than they previously had.

Many of the band never having heard a peal of twelve rung, a move was next made to St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, where a peal board was to be unveiled and ringing indulged in. Just as the party arrived the bells were being raised, and they sat in the ringing chamber interested lookers on, and listeners to an interesting event. Hot weather and a bad going tenor did not add to the correctness of the striking, but many of the party for the first time listened to Stedman Cinques.

Having separated for an hour, the party gathered again at Messrs. Lyons, in St. Martin's Lane, for tea, at the conclusion of which they visited the Coliseum for the evening performance, and enjoyed a thoroughly high-class three hours' entertainment, which included some superb extracts from Wagner's "Parsifal." Magnificently staged tableaux were, if possible, surpassed by the exquisite music most beautifully played by a very fine orchestra, under the conductorship of Sir Henry

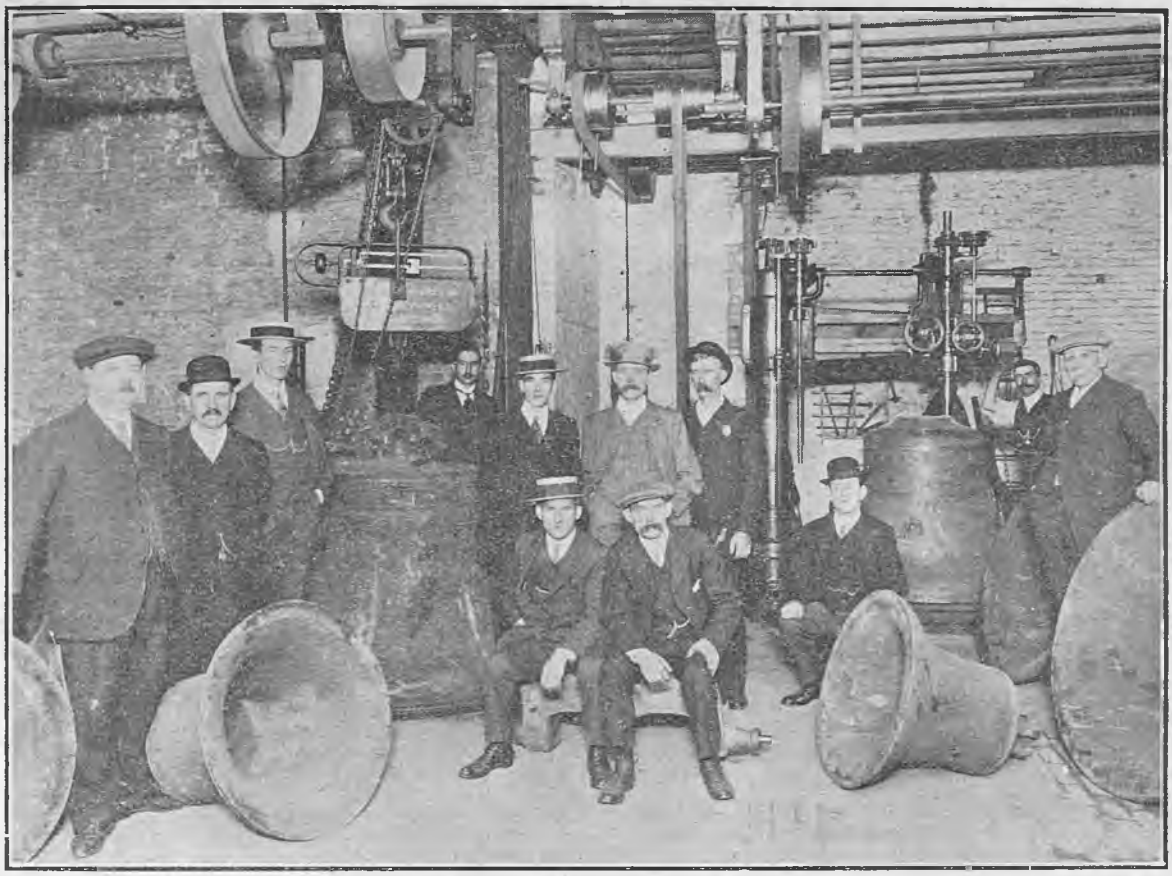
Wood. In this music the composer has founded a wonderful theme on the notes of four bells, and in the performance bells are actually used, the four having been chosen by Sir Henry Wood himself, on account of their purity of tone, after a visit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. After a slow return journey Bradpole was reached just after 7 a.m., but, though they had had a 24 hours' day, the members were not so tired but that a full band turned up to ring for morning service.

To everyone who in any way helped to make the day so enjoyable the ringers tender their warmest thanks, for it was a most pleasant day, judiciously planned, ably organised, and thoroughly appreciated by all.

ROUND ABOUT BEDFORD.

The fifteenth annual outing of the St. John the Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, was spent in the neighbourhood of Bedford. The arrangements were made by Mr. C. W. Clarke and, needless to add, everything for the enjoyment and comfort of the visitors was assured. The excursion extended over two days, and the party left home at 4.40 a.m. on the Saturday. They had breakfasted in Bedford by 8.30 a.m., and, accompanied by Mr. Clarke, set out by pair-horse brake for Cardington, 2½ miles away. On the fine peal of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), in the new tower of St. Mary's Church, 448 Superlative was rung, followed by Stedman and Grandsire Triples. After an inspection of the church, Willington was visited, and on the handy ring of six at the pretty Church of St. Lawrence 720 Carlisle Surprise and two courses of Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The picturesque village of Old Warden was the next call. At this charming place, where the pretty church, containing much fine oak carving, nestles amid the trees, 720 Ipswich Surprise was well rung, as well as touches of Cambridge and Treble Bob with the local men. In the garden of the Hare and Hounds the visitors sat down to a substantial dinner, and afterwards drove on to Elstowe, the birthplace of John Bunyan. The cottage in which he was born and the memorials in the church were reminders of a wonderful man. In the quaint old tower, which stands away from the church, 720 Durham Surprise was brought round, as well as a touch of Treble Bob. At the next place of call, All Saints', Kempton, the party were reinforced by the arrival of Mr. Black (Master of S.W. Division of the Essex Association). Some difficulty was experienced in getting the use of the bells here, as the local "stony" band objected to strangers ringing on the bells, "as they always alter the ropes," but the Vicar, who evidently favours half-pull ringing, gave the party a welcome, and 720 London Surprise rolled home in great style.

The next point of call was St. Owen's, Bromham, with a peal of six, tenor 23 cwt., in E, held by many experts to be the best peal of six in the country. A meeting of the Beds Association was being held at the church, which stands in a beautiful park, and as the visitors approached the grand ring of bells was being turned in by men and maidens of Bedfordshire, and the perfect harmony of the peal held the listeners like a spell as it floated on the still air of a summer afternoon. The Vicar gave the visitors a welcome, and invited them to join the members of the Beds Association at tea on the Vicarage lawn, an invitation which, it goes without saying, was gratefully accepted. The company numbered altogether about 50, including Misses Evelyn and Dorothy Steele.—Mr. Black, on behalf of the Leytonstone company, thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality, and the Beds Association for their cordial welcome. While the business was being transacted the excursionists visited the tower, and brought round 720 Lincoln Surprise, and were congratulated upon the striking. The last tower of the day was Biddenham, where 720 York Surprise was conducted by Mr. Clarke. As the evening shadows were falling, the party made their way back to Bedford, where a social hour was spent before retiring.



IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS AT MESSRS. WARNER AND SONS' FOUNDRY.
In the picture York Minster Tenor can be seen on the scales.

After the high pressure of Saturday, Sunday was spent quietly. The visitors assembled at St. Peter's Church, where they rang 720 Wells Surprise and a touch of Cambridge for morning service, and in the afternoon some of the more energetic walked to Biddenham, and rang London for afternoon service. In the evening they met at St. Paul's Church, and augmented by members of the local band, rang 519 Stedman Caters, and a course of Treble Bob Royal. Then a pleasant hour was spent with the Bedford ringers, and the 8.45 express carried the Leytonstone men home, after a very successful outing in lovely weather.

The visitors wish to thank all who did so much to make the outing a successful one—the clergy who entertained them and gave them permission to ring, the ringers who gathered to meet and welcome them, especially Mr. C. W. Clarke, who not only made all arrangements, and piloted the party, but took the vacant rope in Superlative, Stedman, etc., and thus completed the band. Those who took part in the excursion were Messrs. F. Doran, W. Doran, A. Fiddis, G. A. Black, S. Hayes, W. Miller, J. Moule, A. Prior, H. Torble, W. Theobald and H. Saffell. To the regret of all, Mr. G. Dawson (the secretary) was unable to accompany the party through the death of his mother.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

A YORKSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Yorkshire Association has two vice-presidents, and both are widely known and just as widely respected. One is Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield, and the other Mr. George Bean Bolland, of Tong. Each in his sphere has been a pillar of the Exercise to whom the Yorkshire Association owes not a little, and both are men whom the members delight to honour. Alike in their devotion to the Art, they have yet served it in different ways, and to Mr. Bolland is in no small measure due the present recognition which is given to peals of Minor. There was a time when 5040's on six bells were little thought of among those who practiced upon the higher numbers of bells and when the tendency was to look upon them merely as "performances," and to put them into a different category to peals on seven and upwards. But thanks to the pertinacity with which Mr. Bolland and others championed the cause of the six-bell ringers, 5000's of Minor rank now on a footing with peals on other numbers of bells.



MR. GEORGE B. BOLLAND.

Coming from sturdy yeoman stock, Mr. Bolland was born on February 2nd, 1852, on the farm which he now occupies at Tong—a quaint old village about five miles from Bradford, and now within the city boundaries, drawn in, as so many other of our English villages have been, by the irresistible expansion of the great towns. But Tong is still a peaceful village, in the life of which Mr. Bolland has worthily played his part.

His association with ringing began when he was sixteen years old. At that time he took the place of one of the band who had removed from the village, and Mr. Bolland has been an active member of the company ever since—a space of 45 years. From his youth up Mr. Bolland was ever characterised by a genialty of manner and a readiness to give advice and assistance to any ringer or band who asked it, and as an illustration of this it may be mentioned that at one time he undertook the tuition of two companies, who met four times each week, and for more than six months joined them at every practice, which entailed a walk of over four miles each time.

Despite the claims which his occupation of farmer necessarily makes upon him, Mr. Bolland has an excellent record as a ringer, not the least important feature of which is his long record of regular Sunday service ringing. His list of peals with the Yorkshire Association is as follows:

Minor	51	Conducted 46
Kent Treble Bob Major	53	Conducted 10
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Bob Major	1	
Ditto (on handbells)	1	
Grandsire Triples	1	
Total	112	Conducted 56

Among these there have been some noticeable performances, including the 10,440 in 15 Minor methods, rung in April, 1896, and still the longest length by the Association, and a 6000 in 25 Minor methods. Both these Mr. Bolland conducted. In addition he took part in 1888 in a silent peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dewsbury, but this was not included in the Yorkshire Association's performances, because not all the ringers were members of the Association. Mr. Bolland had rung several peals before joining the Yorkshire Association, while several of the peals of Treble Bob Major were rung in company with the late revered president of the Association (Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon). As a six-bell ringer, Mr. Bolland has been for a great many years regarded as one of the most brilliant exponents.

Mr. Bolland joined the Yorkshire Association in 1877, and speedily came to the front in the county organisation. On the death of Mr. James Crabtree in 1883 he was unanimously elected to the position of vice-president, which office he has held ever since, and no member of the committee enjoys greater respect than he does. For many years, too, Mr. Bolland has been one of the representatives of the Association on the Central Council, and has attended very many of the meetings of that body, where he is a familiar figure.

While in his leisure Mr. Bolland has been busy among the bells he has by no means neglected his duties and opportunities in other directions. He has filled the offices of parish councillor and overseer, treasurer of the Tong Farmers' Association, and of the Village Reading Room. He has also been an active cricketer, and during his membership of the Tong Manor Cricket Club, which now extends over 40 years, has frequently appeared at the top of the batting averages. As in the ringing exercise, so in his citizenship, Mr. Bolland has been always respected and esteemed for his energetic and faithful endeavours to promote the welfare of those around him. The Church has in him a loyal and devoted son, and we look forward to seeing Mr. Bolland for many years yet adorning the Exercise of which he has been so conspicuous a member.

ODD CHANGES.

Last Monday was the 162nd anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original. This famous peal was first rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and was called by Holt, who sat in the belfry. The board in the steeple records it as "the first true and complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples," but this, the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon has pointed out, probably refers to the first with two singles only. The peal was rung on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, by the Society of Union Scholars.

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Incidentally it is worthy of note that on July 8th, 1750, John Holt called a peal of Double Bob Major at St. Margaret's, and on July 9th, 1749, 6000 Bob Major at the same tower. A tablet in St. Lawrence's Church, Reading, records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on July 8th, 1734.

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The inauguration of the new clock and quarter chimes at Christ Church, Bristol, was performed by the Lord Mayor at a dedicatory service conducted by the Archdeacon of Bristol on Saturday week. The clock strikes the hours on the large tenor bell and chimes the quarters upon two bells, struck by the quarter jacks, and was made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also just completed the erection of a large clock with Cambridge chimes at Hook Norton Church, Oxfordshire.

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The clock at Christ Church, Bristol, has been given by an anonymous donor in grateful memory of the twenty-three years' incumbency of Canon Cole from 1880 to 1903.

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The "jacks," who stand on either side of the clock, face and strike the quarters, have a history. There were "jacks" outside the church 400 years ago, and how long before that no one can say. Those which have now been replaced date from 1728, but disappeared from the church when the rebuilding took place in 1786. Afterwards they passed into the possession of one whose name will always be most honourably remembered not only in Bristol, but in the County of Somerset—Mr. Brackenridge. From his collection they came into possession of the Lord Mayor and Corporation, and now, by their courtesy, have been loaned by them in perpetuity to the church to occupy their old place.

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Stoke Climsland, Cornwall, where Messrs. Warner and Sons are retuning and rehanging the peal of eight, is the burial place of Pennington, a famous bell founder of a past age.

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The photograph of the group of the Middlesex meeting at Heston is unavoidably held over to our next issue.

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GLODWICK, LANCS.—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Knight 1, A. Clegg 2, E. Geary 3, F. Crossland 4, J. W. Taylor 5, S. Hott 6, J. Lees 7. J. Schofield (conductor) 8.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held in accordance with custom at Warwick, on Saturday week. Members began to assemble about half-past three, and St. Nicholas' and St. Mary's bells sounded out over the ancient town until the hour of evensong. This service was conducted at St. Mary's by the Vicar, and a special address was given to the ringers present by the Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Taking for his text, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord" (Psalms cxxii, 1), he spoke of the familiar things in life, notably our ancient churches and bells, which few people, he said, whether connected with them or not, would care to lose. St. Mary's Church, for instance, had many architectural faults perhaps, yet, because of the sacred associations of the place, no one would dare or even wish to suggest that such should be remedied according to modern ideas. The sanctity of the house of the Lord would always be there. He went on to emphasise the office of the bells as messengers, and that of the ringers who, while their message is one that is sent out by them, are messengers for calling people towards the house of God. He was glad of the increasing recognition of ringers as church workers, and urged ringers themselves to be careful in attending the services of the church after they have called other people to them. They were to set the example and be foremost in saying, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Thus would they make men glad by their message and example.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea was partaken of at the Globe Hotel, and the business meeting followed.—The Rev. Alan Williams presided, and was supported by Mr. James George, ringing master; Rev. C. Carew Cox, hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickins, hon. treasurer; and about 45 members representing Allesley, Birmingham, Bedworth, Berkswell, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth and Warwick.

The President having said a few words of welcome to the members, the Hon. Secretary read the report of the committee for the past year. This proclaimed the affairs of the Guild to be in a very satisfactory condition. The total membership stood at 208, as compared with 174 at the issue of the last report. Forty-seven peals had been rung, which number exceeded all previous records for a like period in the history of the Guild, both in quantity and quality. Included in it were two peals of Surprise Minor, twelve of Stedman Triples, two of Stedman Caters, one of Double Norwich Major, and eight of Superlative Surprise Major. Also the first peal by the Guild in seven plain Minor methods.

The Ringing Master was congratulated on reaching his five hundredth peal.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £17 4s. 6d., as against £9 12s. 10d. last year.

The President, Vice-Presidents (with the addition of the Rev. C. M. Blagden, Rector of Rugby), the Ringing Master, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditor were all unanimously re-elected to office.—Five new members were re-elected, and Mr. J. Pinfold, of Emscote, was elected as an hon. member without further subscription, in recognition of his valuable service on behalf of the ringers in Warwick.

The Guild being entitled to an additional representative on the Central Council, Mr. A. Roberts, of Coventry, was unanimously elected to the position.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE ALTERED.

An alteration in the constitution of the committee was proposed by Mr. A. Roberts, and carried. Instead of seven members being elected at the annual meeting of the Guild, one representative was to be elected from each company in union (such company consisting of not less than five members).

The Hon. Secretary proposed the reduction of the fee for life membership for non-resident ringers from 5s. to 3s., and this was also carried.

It was resolved that the figures of peals rung since the formation of the Guild, which have not yet been published in the Report, be printed in the next issue, and also that the figures of all peals of Minor rung should likewise appear.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that the committee, after full discussion of the matter, had considered it unwise for the present to attempt to formulate any scheme for allotting points and rewards for Sunday service ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' for their kind permission to ring that afternoon, also Canon Baillie for his address at the service, the organist, and the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting.

The ringing done during the afternoon and evening was not quite up to the usual standard. Owing to awkward train services many members were obliged to leave early, and not much was done beyond Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters.

WEDDING FESTIVITIES.

The ringers of Cranford, Northants, joined in the festivities held on Saturday week to celebrate the wedding of Sir Frederick and Lady Robinson. At St. John's Church they rang 720 of Minor in seven methods: G. Basford 1, F. Lewin 2, J. Saddington 3, A. Smeathers 4, H. Meadows 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. With 400 other inhabitants they were afterwards entertained to tea in the hall grounds. Sports followed, and then the bells were again set going. The day was brought to a close with a dance in the grounds.



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Boreham (Essex): Rehang and recast 4th and 5th bells of ring of six, and add two new trebles.

Cookham (Berks): Recast treble and 4th bells, and rehang the ring of six bells in new steel frame for eight bells.

Sarratt (Herts): Retune the ring of three bells, and hang same in new steel frame for five bells.

Rickmansworth (Herts): Recast tenor (23 cwt.) and rehang the ring of eight in new steel frame for ten bells.

Wye (Kent): Retune and rehang the ring of eight (tenor 23 cwt.) in new steel frame.

Henbury (Bristol): Recast 5th and rehang the ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) in new steel frame.

Stoke Climsland (Cornwall): Retune and rehang the ring of eight in new steel frame.

Gulval Church (near Penzance): Add two new treble bells to form ring of eight.

St. Mellons, Mon.: New ring of six to be hung in new steel frame.

Peterstone, Mon.: Recast treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th of ring of six, and add two new trebles and rehang in new steel frame.

Messrs. Warner and Sons have also in hand five sets of chimes (including two for Canada and one for New Zealand), the cost of which will be about £6,500.

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SHEFFIELD SOCIETY AT WINGFIELD.

The July meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held on Saturday, at North Wingfield, and proved very successful. About 30 members were present from Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dronfield, Eckington, Mansfield, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Ripley and Staveley. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going with short intervals till 8.30 p.m. The methods rung included Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major and Superlative, and New Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Rector (the Rev. C. J. Boden) was unavoidably absent, but with his usual kindness, had provided a substantial tea for those present, which was served under the kind supervision of Mrs. Boden, on the Rectory lawn, and was done full justice to by all present.

A short business meeting was held after tea, Mr. J. P. Tarlton presiding. Two new members were elected: Messrs. F. Bemrose (Bolsover) and A. Parsons (Staveley).

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Boden for their kindness, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. J. Flint, seconded by the Secretary, and carried with acclamation.—Mr. J. P. Tarlton suitably responded.—Afterwards a move was made by some to the belfry for more ringing, others made for the top of the tower to enjoy the fine view of the surrounding country provided, while others spent the evening enjoying games of bowls and quoits on the Rectory lawn, which was kindly placed at the disposal of those who cared to use it.

OLD KENT RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frank Wenham, of Stone Green Farm, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, who died on the 22nd ultimo, and whose remains were laid to rest on the following Thursday. The late Mr. Wenham was a farmer, and although he has not figured among the present band of ringers at Stone, he was associated with the first company of change ringers established in the parish after the restoration of the bells toward the close of the last century. After he retired, his son Cyril took up the art, and more recently his second son Wilfred has entered ringing circles. Both of the late Mr. Wenham's sons are members of the Kent Association and the Romney Marsh and District Guild, the members of which tender their deepest sympathy to the bereaved in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

The Lavenham Anniversary took place on Saturday, June 21st, and ringing, which was kept up during the day, began at 7.40 a.m. with a touch of 800 changes, by: A. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Fayers 2, G. Lambert 3, J. Moore 4, F. Parker 5, W. Dent 6, T. Pryke 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. This was rung to celebrate the birthday of the wife of the Rector (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), which occurred on the 20th. During the day, visitors arrived from Bocking, Braintree, Earles Colne, Foxearth, Great Tey, Rayne, and Coggeshall (Essex), Tooting, London, Preston, Monk's Eleigh, Felsham, Sudbury (St. Peter's and All Saints'), St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, and Thetford, Norfolk. The methods rung included Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and a touch each of Cambridge and Superlative. A party of fourteen sat down to a splendid tea at the old meeting house, "The Cock" Inn, Host Wells' catering giving the greatest satisfaction. It is hoped that this celebration will take place on a Saturday nearest June 21st, so that visitors may have the chance of meeting their brother ringers of Lavenham in future years.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday week, when between 50 and 60 members attended from Aughton, Bootle, Crosby, Hindley, Poolstock, Ormskirk, Sefton, Southport, Tuebrook, Liverpool, and the local company. The members enjoyed a delightful stroll through the Rectory gardens and after some excellent touches on the bells, service was held, an earnest, thoughtful address being delivered by the Ven. Archdeacon Spooner from the text, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

A bountiful tea was afterwards served in the 17th Century School, and was much enjoyed.

At the business meting, which followed, the Archdeacon presided, and the following officers were elected: President, Archdeacon Spooner; vice-presidents, Canon Woodrow, Canon Bibborough, and Mr. W. L. Hutton; master. Rev. W. T. Bulpit; warden, Canon Howson; deacons, Rev. E. C. Collier Rev. B. Watts; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Martin; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Bentham. The financial statement showed a substantial balance in hand.—Canon Howson invited the Guild to hold their next meeting at Woolton, and the invitation was unanimously accepted.—Archdeacon Spooner also invited the Guild to hold their next annual meeting at Walton.—On the proposal of the Master, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Archdeacon for his kind hospitality and courteous reception of the Guild.—Several new members were elected.

PEAL BOARD AT SELBY ABBEY.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of Selby Abbey, on Saturday week, when the Rev. Philip Stamp, one of the assistant clergy of the Abbey, unveiled a tastefully executed stone tablet, commemorating the opening peal, one of 5069 Stedman Caters, rung by members of the Yorkshire Association, after the restoration of the tower and bells from the effects of the disastrous fire of a few years ago. The tablet, which was much admired, is the gift of the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemmingborough, who rang the tenor to the peal.

It had been intended to ring a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal to celebrate the occasion, but circumstances forbade. Unfortunately, owing to various causes, the attendance was smaller than had been anticipated, and it was only after some delay that a move was made to the ringing chamber. The proceedings were opened by the Rev. Philip Stamp, with prayer, following which the Rev. W. P. Wright requested him to unveil the tablet.—The Rev. P. Stamp, in acceding to this request, referred to the great pleasure it gave him to perform an act commemorating the first peal rung on the ten bells, and regretted that the Rev. Dr. Solloway, who it had been hoped would have performed the ceremony, was unavoidably absent.—A vote of thanks was then accorded the Rev. Philip Stamp on the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, seconded by Mr. G. Halksworth.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. P. Wright for his generosity in providing the tablet, referred to him as a type of the genial clergyman with whom it did one good to come in contact. It had been his pleasure to ring three peals with him, and he much appreciated his agreeable companionship.—Mr. Sam Thomas, in seconding, fully agreed with all that Mr. Hattersley had said, and referred to the great amount of pleasure that there was to be obtained from the art of change ringing, whether in composing, conducting, or ringing, and of the great satisfaction which each one felt on the successful completion of a well rung peal.—The Rev. W. P. Wright, in replying, remarked on the pleasure it gave him to present the tablet. He had felt honoured in being asked to stand in a peal with such an able team of ringers, and he looked forward to doing so again in the near future.

The bells were afterwards raised, and with assistance of several members of the local company, touches of Bob Minor, on the front six, and Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major on the back eight were successfully brought round under the conductorship of Mr. Sam Thomas.

An hour or so was afterwards spent by the visitors in admiring the magnificent architecture of the Abbey, and especially the fine new south transept containing a beautiful stained glass window, which portrays many incidents in the history of Selby, including the building of the Abbey by the monks, the childhood of King Henry I, who was born at Selby, and other incidents.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wellington on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting will be held at Crown Hotel.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. —The next meeting will be held at Burstow on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, at 5.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector. —Henry F. Ewins, Honorary District Secretary, Duneton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.— A quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, at the Rectory. Meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. — J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. Secretary, Worksop.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Summer quarterly meeting at Harworth, near Bawtry (6 bells), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickhill (8 bells), by the kind permission of the Rev. H. E. Booty, will also be at the disposal of ringers during the day. Ladies and gentlemen of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. A good attendance is desired. — H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— Bicentenary of bells at Goosnargh on July 12th. All members of the Preston Branch are invited by the Vicar of Goosnargh to attend on the above date. Service at 3.45. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association. Tea will be provided afterwards. The bells will be available before service from two o'clock, and after tea till 9 p.m.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, July 19th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brassington, near Worksworth, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m.—B. Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30, address by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Smith), who has kindly promised to provide tea for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, July 15th. Business meeting to follow. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Eynsford tower will be open after the meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m., tea at 5. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by July 16th?—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.— A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Vine Inn at 5.30, 9d. each. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me by the 17th? Friends heartily welcome.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wokingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher: the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business meeting in the Church House at 12.20. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members only who send the money, with the order, to me *on or before Saturday, July 12th.* One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.— Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follow. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea. Those intending to be present please send word to me not later than July 16th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this District will be held on the 19th July at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. — C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District. —A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. Will those wishing to have tea provided kindly communicate not later than Tuesday, July 15th, with the secretary, Rev. R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting for combined practice will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in the Church Room. Business meeting after. As the Vicar and churchwardens are kindly providing tea, will unattached members intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 15th. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastmeon on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from mid-day. Tea at George Inn 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members who intend being present kindly inform me by the 14th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, July 19th.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, July 19th. — F. R. Bacon, West Hill, Hitchin, District Secretary.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.—A meeting for united practice will be held at the above church on Saturday, July 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Abbott, 2, Curzon Street, Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, on July 15th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 17th and 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this church are being rehung in a new iron frame, the old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 22nd? All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 26th annual festival will be held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next South and West District meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a small charge, 5.45. All ringing friends welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at Talbot Hotel, at 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OBITUARY.

WEBB.—On July 4th, at Ickleton, Cambs, Eric Stedman Webb, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Webb, aged three months.

SITUATION WANTED.

GARDENER.—Single; experienced; requires situation; single-handed or head of one or two; good references. Change ringer 8 or 10 bells; also handbells; disengaged end of July.—Maurice Smither, 14, Cooper Road, Guildford, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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A "FOUNDRY" PEAL RECORDED.

An interesting ceremony took palce in the belfry of St. Ann's, South Tottenham, on Monday week, when the Vicar (the Rev. F. Rice) unveiled a peal board, recording a peal of Minor rung in three methods on March 3rd last by the Spitalfields Bell Foundry Guild.—The Vicar welcomed the representatives of the Guild, and said how very pleased he should be for them to visit his tower again and beat this performance. adding that he was very pleased to know that Messrs. Warner had skilful bell ringers as well as skilful bell hangers. After complimenting the local captain (Mr. Ringrose) upon seeing that the bells were regularly rung for Divine service, the Vicar said that he hoped as soon as funds permitted to increase the peal to eight, and when that was done, he thought it would be right and proper that Mr. Ringrose's name should be inscribed on one of the new bells. Then, after Mr. Makenny, works manager of the foundry, had been asked to convey the Vicar's best thanks to Messrs. Warner for the very nice board they had presented to his tower, the Vicar unveiled the record, and was thanked for his kindness in attending. At his request 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung, five of the Foundry Guild, with Mr. E. Grimes, taking part: J. Hunt 1, E. Grimes 2, T. King 3, A. Howell 4, W. Powell 5, W. J. Nudds (conductor) 6. Other touches of Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung, some local members taking part.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on May 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd Bob, by the late J. Plant), in 46 mins.: J. Preston 1, G. Garrison 2, T. Russam 3, Miss M. F. Sampson 4, W. J. Meers 5, J. Sanders 6, G. F. Swann (conductor) 7, T. Wells 8. The above were rung on the occasion of W. J. Meers' birthday, and also for the re-opening of the Erdington Parish Church, after cleaning and redecorating, and was specially arranged for Miss M. F. Sampson.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BENHILTON SURREY. — For evening service, on April 13th, a quarer-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: E. Bryant 1, S. Rayner 2, L. G. Ferrige 3, F. Ford 4, W. Wood 5, G. Rayner 6, J. Webb (conductor) 7, H. Bryant 8.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, J. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, L. Osborne 3, J. J. Parker (Farnham Royal) 4, G. Goodship 5, F. Griffin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durman 8.

WEST DIDSBURY.—On April 13th, at Christ Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: Harry Chantler 1, Richard Newton (conductor) 2, William Holbrook 3, Harry Brickell 4, Thomas Peacock 5, Frank Brickell 6, Robert Davies 7, Joseph Mellor 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Newton.

BARNET.—On April 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. A. Milne 1, *W. J. Baldwin 2, *F. Chandler 3, *H. Burlingham 4, J. Sumpter 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, A. J. Trappit 7, W. Soer 8. *Longest touch in the method.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Recently, before evensong, 1036 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Napper 1, T. East (conductor) 2, H. Bishop 3, W. J. Napper 4, E. A. Butler 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper 7, A. Woodley 8.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On handbells, 120 Grandsire Doubles by the local band: W. J. Ryves 1—2, A. Mears 3—4, R. Elcock (conductor), age 14 years, 5—6.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE. — At the Parish Church, for the C.E.M.S., on May 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd Bob), in 42 mins.: C. Cottrell 1, J. Preston 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Sanders 4, W. J. Meers 5, G. F. Swann (conductor) 6, R. A. Eaton 7, W. G. Anker 8. This quarter-peal was composed by the late James Plant, and this was the first time it was rung.

LONDON.—London County Association.—On May 2nd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1120 of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 41 mins.: A. D. Barker 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, H. T. Gowlett 4, R. N. Runham 5, J. Cornford (longest length of Surprise) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, F. J. Hardy 8.

LONDON.—On April 13th, for special Oddfellows' service, at St. James', Bermondsey, 1131 Stedman Caters, in 45 mins.: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. J. Kemp 4, R. N. Runham 5, R. W. Green 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, A. D. Barker 8, F. J. Hardy 9, C. S. Burden 10.

WIDFORD, ESSEX. — On May 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: G. Usher 1, A. Tarbun, junr., 2, E. Runter 3, A. Whight 4, W. Everard 5, W. Wellington 6, A. Tarbun, senr. (conductor) 7, H. Rolfe 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On April 27th, at St. John the Evangelist's Church, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Streeter 1, W. Streeter 2, T. Streeter 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, H. Card 6, E. Harman (conductor) 7, E. Dennis 8.

CHIPPENHAM, CAMBS.—On May 3rd, at the Church of St. Margaret, 720 Bob Minor: A. Turner 1, A. Macro 2, F. Salter 3, P. Fordham 4, F. Poulson 5, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 6. Also at St. Andrew's Church, Freckenham, Suffolk, a six-score each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Turner 1, F. Poulson 2, F. Salter 3, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 4, P. Fordham 5. Also 120 Plain Bob, with A. Macro standing in.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—Hertfordshire Association.—On April 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, W. Darlow (conductor) 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. Wilkerson 4, W. Manning 5, R. King 6.—On Ascension Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, W. Manning 2, W. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, R. King (conductor) 5, S. Roberts 6.—On May 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob: H. Wilkerson 1, W. Manning 2, W. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. Roberts 5, R. King (conductor) 6. Also 720 London Surprise: A. Gilbert 1, W. Darlow 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. Roberts 5, R. King (conductor) 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday evening, May 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: P. G. Price 1, A. G. Kedwell (conductor) 2, J. Henley 3, F. Foord 4, H. Croucher 5, F. Jordon 6, W. H. Wood 7, W. Knight 8.

DERBY.—On April 27th, for evening service, at St. Alkmund's Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Waterfield (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Vicars, junr., 2, G. Basson 3, G. Freebrey 4, E. Willis 5, G. Robinson, senr., 6, J. Vicars, senr. (composer and conductor) 7, C. Draper 8.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Bath and Wells Association, which has done good work in a district where the implanting of change ringing has been no easy task, discussed more than one topic of general interest at the annual meeting of members at Taunton, reported on another page, and not the least important was that of bringing in more honorary members. The question of swelling the general funds of the organisation by securing a larger honorary role is one to which not only the Baths and Wells Diocesan Association, but many other similar organisations might well turn their attention. As a rule the low figure at which the annual subscription of the ordinary member of an association is fixed is such that a society could not exist if it continued to give the advantages which are now often offered, and received no pecuniary aid from any other source. Teas at reduced prices, allowance on travelling expenses and other facilities, such as, in the case of young bands, free instruction, more than account for the annual contribution of a member if he chooses to avail himself of them. The help, therefore, which comes from hon. members is not only welcome, it is often absolutely essential to the financial solvency of an association.

There are very many cases, however, we believe, where local secretaries might do more for the benefit of their association in this direction if they gave the matter thought. Pretty generally, no doubt, efforts are made to get the Rector or Vicar to become an honorary member of the association to which his band is affiliated, though by no means all incumbents are thus brought into direct contact with the various organisations. But there are others beside the clergy. Most churchwardens, we believe, would give their support if they were approached, but, as these gentlemen are frequently changed, there are a great many lapses and all too few are replaced by the newcomers into office.

To reach these folk is surely the duty of the local secretary. It is impossible for the secretary of an association or even of a district to keep in touch with all the changes that take place in the various parishes. The man on the spot, however, has the opportunity, and would not, as a rule, have to approach a parishioner as a stranger, as a general secretary would have to do. Then, again, the personal request is always more effective than application by way of letter. If our associations, therefore, are to substantially increase their hon. membership, it seems obvious that the best way is through the local secretaries. At any rate, where the honorary membership is weak, the associations might do well to get those connected with the individual towers to exert themselves in the matter. We feel sure it would have good results.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, July 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	8
THOMAS RUSSAM	3	ERNEST MANCELL	9
FREDRICK DICKENS	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
JAMES E. GROVES	5	JOHN NEAL	11
ERNEST C. ALLAWAY... ...	6	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This is Miss Sampson's first peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	6
HENRY HUTTON	2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	7
EDWARD RADDON	3	†GEORGE STEER...	8
*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	9
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5	EDWARD G. HEATH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal of Caters on tower bells. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell. First peal of Caters on the bells since rehanging. Arranged as a birthday compliment to S. Radford.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

*HOBART E. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5
GEORGE WHITING	2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN... ...	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	3	*T. WILLIAM LAST	7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST BRETT	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	HARRY FLANDERS	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. C. B. H. Knight, M.A., and Miss Jessie G. W. Hope, which took place at Wanstead on the above date.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

ROBERT P. BRINDLEY...	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. CHAPMAN	5
ALBERT E. YOUNG	2	CHARLES CHAPMAN	6
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON	3	JAMES PRATT	7
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	4	ALFRED J. CHAPLIN...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. YOUNG.

This peal was rung in honour of The Millenary of Tamworth Castle, and it is the first occasion in which a lady ringer has taken part in a peal in this tower. It was also A. E. Young's first peal as conductor.

DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*RICHARD H. STEVENS	*Treble*	*JOHN TRINDER	5
CHARLES TURNER	2	HERBERT C. SAYWELL	6
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	3	*PERCY GIBBS	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4	HENRY C. CASTLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. Calling in K.C.A. Report for 1913, page 92. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Roberts, a valued member of the Dover band.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL (R.C.),
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*GEORGE GARRISON	*Treble*	THOMAS MILLER	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	SAMUEL GROVE...	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	*PERCY O. LAFLIN	7
MORRIS J. MORRIS	4	JOHN NEAL...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Miller. This composition has the 4th and 6th only in 6th's place at course ends.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. HART	*Treble*	RICHARD STREDWICK	5
*ARTHUR H. WHITE	2	*ALFRED W. GROVES	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
JOHN CAPP	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PARKER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. A. D. Stone's 200th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	*Treble*	HARRY ARGYLE	5
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	6
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
ERNEST STONE	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

This is the first peal for the above Guild in which a lady has taken part. Miss Sampson was heartily congratulated on the success at the completion.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)
On Friday, July 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT	*Treble*	VICTOR WHITE	5
*FRANK CALDWELL	2	JOHN BASS	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	WILLIAM H. WEBB	7
GORDON CHECKETTS...	4	JACOB WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

TITUS BARLOW	*Treble*	GEORGE PINCOTT	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON	6
JOHN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
THOMAS WORSLEY	4	ROBERT ALLRED	*Tenor*

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

This is the first peal on the bells, which were dedicated on June 28th. The tone and "go" are all that can be desired, and reflect great credit on Messrs. John Taylor & Sons, the founders. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for providing them with such a splendid tea before the peal, and for having everything in readiness. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mrs. Welsby, the wife of the ringer of the third.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

THOMAS RILEY	*Treble*	*JOHN C. DICKEN	5
JOHN HOLMAN	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. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. B. Prewett and Miss Ida Elton.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING	*Treble*	HARRY PHILLIPS	5
JOHN SPENCER	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
CLAYTON PARNELL	3	GEORGE HARDY	7
NORMAN R. BAILEY	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

The ringers of 1, 5 and 7 belong to the local company, 2 and 8 to Wrentham, 3 to Beccles, 4 to Knodishall, 6 to Ufford. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Bertram Prewett and Miss Ida Elton.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY J. TRIM	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM FLOWER	5
FRED G. MAY	2	HENRY BURT	6
A. MARTIN DANIEL	3	WALTER FARLEY	7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR	4	BARRY W. WEBB	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. G. MAY.

* First peal with a bob bell. H. Burt was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

ILKLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM B. SMITH	5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON	6
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	7
ARTHUR GILL	4	JOHN W. WRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ERNEST PYE	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. B. Prewett to Miss Ida Elton. This was R. Sanders' 200th peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 47. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS	...*Treble*	CHARLES DICKENS	5
FRANK WITHERS	2	JOHN WITHERS	6
THOMAS J. BRATTON	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
WILLIAM PALMER	4	JAMES E. GROVES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This peal was rung on the anniversary and in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grove, the parents of the conductor, to whom the band offer their congratulations and hearty wishes. Mr. S. Grove, senr., was for many years a ringer and chorister at the above church, and is now a sidesman. It was also a birthday compliment to the son of Mr. C. Dickens.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM GOBBETT	...*Treble*	ROBERT RAYNER	5
ROBERT RICHES	2	CHARLES F. WOODS	6
JACOB FELBY	3	ERNEST LINCOLN	7
JAMES ADAMS	4	ALBERT RICHES	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late THOMAS HUSSY, and
Conducted by A. RICHES.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	5
RICHARD DARLOW	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS	6
THOMAS R. SCOTT	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Bertram Prewett (master of the Bushey Society) on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Ida Elton, which took place at Bushey the same day.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT	...*Treble*	FRANK COLE	5
CHARLES WEST	2	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
AUSTIN GWINNETT	3	WILLIAM HASTINGS	7
WILLIAM HALE	4	WILLIAM IRELAND	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a compliment to Austin Gwinnett, who is on a visit to Painswick from Canada.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT DAVIES	...*Treble*	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	5
JOSEPH LOWE	2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH	6
WILLIAM HOLBROOK	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
HARRY WASHBROOK	4	JAMES DARBYSHIRE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the occasion of the royal visit of the King and Queen to Birch Park, Manchester.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY CARTER	...*Treble*	ALBERT LAWRENCE	4
ARTHUR WOOLSTON	2	ALBERT CARTER	5
ERNEST OVERALL	3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Arranged for A. Lawrence, who was home on holiday.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. STONE	...*Treble*	*JOHN W. GLEW	4
*JOHN HAYNES	2	ARTHUR OVERTON	5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIES	3	JOSEPH LORD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Minor.

DENFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*LESLIE GROOM	...*Treble*	JAMES M. NICKERSON ...	4
FRED ARNOLD	2	THOMAS JERVIS...	5
DANIEL REDHEAD	3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal and first attempt. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Minor by all and is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOSEPH C. DEAN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	4
HERBERT RAINBOW	2	WILLIAM FAREY	5
J. WILFRED SHARP	3	FRED HOPPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Oxford and Single Court, and 720 each of College Single, Reverse Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN PEEL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	4
REV. C. J. STURTON ...	2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ...	5
HARRY THORPE	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert C. Darnell.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND DELIGHT MINOR, 5160 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of:—i, Braintree; ii, Killamarsh; iii, Coventry; iv, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, Norbury and Trowell; v, Bocking, Willesden, Poynton and Old Oxford; vi, Wragby, Grove, Neasdon and College Bob IV; vii, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston; and 120 Wragby. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT WILLIAMSON ...	4
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	JAMES FERNLEY	5
HARRY LANGLEY...	3	JOHN W. HARTLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Harold Hallworth, a member of the local band; as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor; and in connection with the annual Sunday School Treat.

A reference to unpublished methods included in the above will be found elsewhere.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARCHIE HENMAN	...*Treble*	FREDERICK KILBORN ...	3
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	CHARLES COOPER	4
PEARL INSKIP...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

HARRINGWORTH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MACE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT...	4
CHARLES W. BIRD	2	ROBERT F. TURNER ...	5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN... ...	3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID JOHN NICHOLS.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung and a new treble added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of the bells being all that can be desired.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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 Treble Bob.

HARRY SEAR	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ...	4
CECIL A. VALENTINE... ...	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ...	5
WILLIAM JACQUES	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1—2	BERTRAM PREWETT ...	5—6
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9—10		

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: T. KING.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

ARTHUR HAGUE	1—2	WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7—8
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ...	9—10		

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN

* First handbell peal of Caters.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 9, 1913, in Two Hours,
AT "YORK VILLA," WISBECH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS S. COLLISON... ...	1	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ...	3—4
ARTHUR WM. WENLOCK ...	2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	5—6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

This peal was rung as a welcome home to Mr. S. Collison, who was proposed a member of the Association before starting, and it was his first 5,000. All the ringers received their entire instruction in bell ringing from the ringer of 5—6.

LATE PEALS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
FREDERICK W. STONE	*...Treble*	WILLIAM POYSER	5
SAYWELL VICKERS	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
*WILLIAM J. DAVIES... ...	3	JOHN W. GLEW	7
JOHN HAYNES	4	†ARTHUR B. STONE ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

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

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5—6
WALTER S. WISE	3—4	FRANK BENNETT	7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpires: MR. H. BEVAN and MR. A. BENNINGTON.

A BICENTENARY CELEBRATION.

On Saturday last, about 40 ringers of the Preston branch of the Lancs. Association visited Goosnargh at the invitation of the Vicar to take part in the celebration of the bicentenary of the bells. The village is about seven miles distant from Preston, and is rather badly situated to reach by train, this being responsible for the comparatively small attendance. There was little ringing previous to the service, which commenced at 3.45 p.m., and to which the general congregation were invited. A special form of service had been prepared, and the prayers were intoned by the Vicar of Goosnargh (the Rev. T. Bingley Boss, M.A.). The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association), who gave an interesting and instructive discourse, which was listened to with rapt attention by all present. Doubtless many of the congregation were surprised at a complete stranger coming amongst them and telling them more about their own village bells than ever they were aware of. In the first place, he asked his hearers to try and picture in their minds the state of the country 200 years ago, and the contrasts between then and now. How in the same year as the bells were hung England was in the throes of a great war with France, and the two countries seemed to regard each other as natural enemies. But now all that was changed, and no two European nations were as friendly as England and France. Then again, in 1714, when King George I came to the throne, they had a Sovereign who cared very little for the church, and very little for his subjects, but only the last week they had had the present King of the same name up and down Lancashire, learning something of the lives of, and getting into close touch with, his Lancashire subjects. Changes like these they could thank God for. Passing on, Mr. Elsee explained the uses of the bells, and how in the old days people had to rely on the bells far more than at the present time, clocks and watches being then a rarity. In conclusion, several inscriptions to be found on bells up and down the country were quoted, and the truths of them pointed out.

Service over, the bells were fired and rung in changes for a short time. Then a move was made to the school for tea.—Afterwards, Mr. Elsee rose to move a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Goosnargh for inviting them to be present on that occasion, and for providing them with such a bountiful tea. He was quite aware that the Preston branch was capable of a greater muster, but he could instance several causes which had kept many from coming, such as local field days and haymaking.—The Vicar of Goosnargh, in responding, said that if any thanks were due it was to Mr. Elsee, who had come from Bolton and given them such an instructive sermon. He, as Vicar, could not find words suitable to express his gratitude. He hoped all had spent a pleasant afternoon, and would make good use of the bells before they left for their various homes. Ringing was afterwards kept up till 8 p.m., the methods mostly rung being Plain Bob, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, and College Single.

The inscriptions on the bells whose bicentenary was celebrated are as follows (all are in good condition, though the frame is sadly in need of replacing with a new one):—

Treble.—God preserve the Church and Queen Anne, 1713.

2nd.—Wm. Lancaster, Edwd. Edmonson, Ralph Milner, Jno. Grinsbaldestone, Churchwardens, 1713.

3rd.—Abr. Rudhall cast us all, 1713.

4th.—Prosperity to the Church of England, A.R., 1742.

5th.—Christopher Swainsen, A.M. Minister, 1742.

Tenor.—I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all. 1753.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT TAUNTON.

REPRESENTATION OF LADIES' GUILD DISCUSSED.

About 60 members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association assembled at Taunton on Saturday week, on the occasion of the annual festival. During the morning the bells of St. Mary Magdalene's and St. James' Churches were kept going in various methods. At dinner, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided, supported by the Rev. D. H. Spencer (Winsham), the Rev. de St. Croix (Holy Trinity, Bridgwater), the Rev. C. Carew Cox (Shottery, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild), and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall, hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). The following towers were represented: Bath Abbey, Batheaston, Bathford, Bridgwater, Burnham, Cheddar, Chipstable, Congresbury, Ditcheat, Enmore, Ilminster, Midsomer Norton, Old Cleeve, St. Decuman's (Watchet), St. James' (Taunton), St. Mary's (Taunton), Trowbridge, Twerton, Wells, and Wembdon.

The toasts of "The King" and "The Church" were honoured, the latter being proposed by Mr. W. J. Prescott (Bath), who, referring to the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, said he thought it was only the thin end of the wedge to disestablish the English Church, and he feared that disestablishment would be a step leading towards the non-recognition of the Sabbath day. It would be an unhappy day for the people, the Church, and the nation, if there ever came a time when the Sabbath Day and religion were disregarded.

THE CHURCH AND ITS WORK.

The Rev. D. H. Spencer, in reply, said he believed no efforts from without would depose the church from that position to which God had called her. Even supposing, in course of time, the Church should be disestablished, that was to say, if its position of recognition as the National representative of religion were to come to an end, the Church would have to stand even more firmly in the work that God had given her to do in this world. While God blessed her in her work he feared no harm from the outside (applause).

The toast of "Other Ringing Associations" was submitted by Mr. G. Stacey (Minehead), and acknowledged by the Rev. E. V. Cox, who said that as a clergyman one was inclined to feel sometimes that the Church had not got such hold of the men as she ought to have, and it was enormously encouraging to come to a meeting like that which made one feel that there were a great number of men who were heart and soul with the Church (hear, hear). Men felt in taking up ringing they must not consider themselves ornaments of the Church—there was no room for such—but real Church workers, who took an active interest in the Church, and were with her in word and deed. He had attended an annual meeting of ringers at Hereford, and it was most encouraging to see the large number of men who turned up, and he felt that with regard to those associations the more they could meet together and know one another, the more they would through those associations realise the unity of the Church. The more they met together the more they realised that they were all members of one body, and that body the Church (hear, hear), and at a time when the Church was attacked it was for them to show their strength (applause).

RAPID GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

At the business meeting, the Master, who was in the chair, presented his annual report, in which it was recorded that the progress of the Association during the last year was very satisfactory. Thirteen new towers had become affiliated, and there was now on the list 135 towers and a membership of 1,450, inclusive of honorary members. There was also an increase of peals, 50 having been rung against 40 of the preceding year. In referring to the certificate issued by the Association, the Master pointed out that more than half the new members had not obtained a certificate. He thought the purchase of a certificate should be made an essential of admission to the Association. The report next emphasised the importance of maintaining and increasing the number of honorary members, and urged the deanery secretaries to keep up the contributions to the general fund as high as possible. The report proceeded: "It has been decided by the committee that in the future the expenses of each member in attending committee meetings should be paid from the general fund. It is hoped, therefore, that special efforts will be made to increase the amount sent annually by each deanery. Mr. Coles will bring before you an interesting point raised at the meeting of the Central Council. It appears that the lady ringers desire to be represented on that body. If the lady ringers have an association of their own, and are sufficiently numerous, they certainly ought to have the same kind of consideration that any other body of ringers would receive. In our own diocese we have some very capable lady ringers, and, therefore, we ought to form an opinion to guide the delegate who attends the next meeting of the Central Council. I rarely say much about our secretary in the report, but I think I should be failing in my duty if I did not sometimes give honour where honour is due. I hope that all members recognise the valuable work he has done during his tenure of office. The Association has nearly doubled in number since he was first appointed, and consequently the clerical labours have greatly increased. The honorarium received by him is, of course, quite inadequate, if regarded as pay for the work done, and he could occupy his time far more profitably, as far as money is concerned, in other ways; but he is full of

enthusiasm for the progress of the Association, and glad to devote his energy to its interests, although it be at the cost of some sacrifice to himself. I consider that we are particularly fortunate in our secretary, and I trust that he may long continue in his important office to forward the welfare of the Association." After detailing the meetings held and the peals rung during the year, the report added thanks to the local secretaries, and to the instructors for their excellent work for the Association.

THE QUESTION OF CERTIFICATES.

Mr. I. B. Holmyard (Midsomer Norton) thought that the purchase of a certificate should be made essential to membership, and would increase the subscriptions, and said he would like to propose a resolution to that effect.—Mr. Coles thought it not possible under the present rules to carry out such a suggestion. No one was entitled to a certificate until he was proficient in ringing, but he could become a member.—Mr. D. G. Taylor said that a man should not be allowed to have a certificate until he became a full member, and he thought it would be an advantage if it was made a sine qua non that to be a full member he must possess a certificate.—The Rev. de St. Croix suggested that as there was a good balance in hand members might have the certificates presented gratis.

Mr. W. J. Prescott suggested that the matter be held over for the present. He thought that possession of certificates should not be made compulsory, or it might have a bad effect on getting new members. If it was held over, the branch secretaries might try to do what they could to get members to take certificates, and they would see what the result was in twelve months' time. With regard to the honorary members' subscriptions, he advised branch secretaries to try and get them paid in advance, which was the plan he followed.—The suggestion was agreed to.

Mr. Burgess presented the balance sheet for the year ending June 1st. The year had commenced with a balance in hand of £80 6s. 10d.; and the receipts had been £53 4s. 7½d., making a total of £133 11s. 5½d. The expenditure had amounted to £58 15s. 4d.; and there was a balance in hand of £74 16s. 1½d.—The balance sheet was adopted, with thanks to the auditor (the Rev. J. Hook, Glastonbury).

The meeting voted an honorarium of ten guineas to the hon. secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess), and the following officers were re-elected: Vice-presidents, the Very Rev. Dr. Jex Blake, the Ven. the Archdeacons of Wells, Bath and Taunton, the Rev. Preb. Bothamley and Lady Smyth: Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker; hon. secretary, Mr. E. E. Burgess: auditor, the Rev. A. J. Hook.—Eighty-eight new performing members and nine hon. members were elected.

Evercreech, Barrow, Gurney and Frome were selected for the quarterly meetings.

LADIES' GUILD AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Mr. A. E. Coles presented a report upon the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, which he attended as a representative of the Association. One particular point which arose, he said, was with regard to the Ladies' Guild being represented on the Central Council. It seemed, however, that after the agenda was printed the ladies withdrew their request, as they were not large enough in membership to really demand representation, according to the rules, but it was intended to bring up the matter next year, when they hoped to be of sufficient strength to be entitled to representation. If that was the case, it seemed to him that representation could not be denied them, but the Central Council, in the meantime, wished the branches to discuss the question among themselves, so that when the time came the Council might have some sort of instruction how to deal with it. There seemed to be some feeling against ladies being in the tower at all, and what was asked now was that every branch secretary should bring the matter before his branch and ascertain the feeling of the members upon it, so that next year the Central Council, which was to meet at Winchester, would be able to deal with the subject according to the wishes of the associations. His own opinion with regard to it was that the Bath and Wells Association must follow the opinion of the branches as a whole. They had had, he reminded them, a lady who had conducted a peal, and they had been very proud of it and had given her a testimonial. One bright point that had struck him in connection with the meeting was the great good fellowship shown by the Newcastle Association with regard to the whole proceedings.

In the course of discussion, Mr. Coles said the ladies wanted to be represented as a Guild, and, as he understood it, they had a right to be represented if they numbered 75 members.—Mr. Prescott pointed out that though the Associations had lady members, of whom they were proud, the ladies were now represented through the delegates elected by their own Associations.

Some further discussion took place on the subject, the general feeling being that no special representation was required at present, and the ladies must wait until of sufficient membership to ask for representation.

THANKS.

The Chairman said that, before the meeting closed, he would like to voice the thanks of the Association to Canon Corfield for the use of the church bells, and for having a service held, at which he would given an address; also their thanks were due to the Rev. Dr. Dixon for the use of St. James' bells, and the Rev. J. M. Bastard for the Wilton bells, and Mr. Merson, of Bishop's Hull, for arranging for the use of the bells there. The members of the Association owed them a debt of gratitude for the very kind welcome they had had at Taunton, where they had been very glad to come, because it was the secretary's home, and they thanked those who had received them so hospitably.—The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the Master terminated the business, and many of the members once more went back to the church towers to ring touches until service time. The towers open to the Association were: St. Mary's (10 bells), St. James' (eight bells), Taunton; Wilton (six bells); and Bishop's Hull (six bells).

In the evening a service was held in St. Mary's Church, when an address was given by the Rev. Canon Corfield.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of this branch was held at Mark on Saturday last, about 40 members being present from Burnham, Bridgwater, Brent Knoll, East Brent, Cheddar, Congresbury, Winscombe, Wrington, Weston-super-Mare, Uphill, Huntspill, and others. Service was held at 4.30 in the Parish Church, and a capital address given by the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice). — Tea was partaken on the Rectory lawn, and was much enjoyed. The Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice presided at the meeting, in the absence of the President. — One honorary and seventeen performing members were elected. Blagdon was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Worle for the intermediate meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of bells, his able address, for the tea, and presiding at the meeting.—The reverend gentleman suitably responded.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the ladies and the organist. During the afternoon and evening several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, also a 720 Bob Minor: J. Coram 1, B. Thorpe 2, F. Iley 3, A. G. Coles 4, G. Chamberlain 5, J. Sykes (conductor) 6.

BICESTER CHURCH BELLS RESTORED.

On Thursday of last week, the town of Bicester, Oxon, was en fete, on the occasion of the dedication of the Parish Church bells.

During the past three years the bells of the old tower have been silent through dilapidation, but they are now able again to send forth their notes of warning, welcome, joy and sadness. A hearty word of congratulation must be given to the people of Bicester for the very keen and ready response made by them in order that their town should once more have the pleasure of the sweet and melodious tones which none but bells can produce.

The ringing arrangements were left in the hands of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers and members from Oxford and Kidlington, and visitors from the district around were present. Following the service of dedication, some very good touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

The recasting and rehanging of the present peal of bells has been very ably and excellently carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and also those present testified to the very sweet tone produced by the latest, up-to-date, and scientific method of casting and tuning.

The work of rehanging is so excellently done that critics are more than satisfied with what has been done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made such efficient strides in the method of casting and hanging bells.

In addition to those mentioned above, ringers also present included Mr. Coles, (of Bridgwater, Somerset), and Mr. Shepherd (Swindon), whilst Mr. Cyril Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), and Mr. L. F. Taylor (also of the Foundry) took part in the ringing.

The eight bells were all recast, tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and hung in a new steel and iron frame, and supplied with new fittings throughout. The chime hammers were also renovated and reconnected with the clock. The weights of the peal are as follow:—

Treble, Note F, weight, 3 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.: No. 2, Note E, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.; No. 3, Note D, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.; No. 4, Note C, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lbs.: No. 5, Note B flat. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.; No. 6, Note A, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.; No. 7, Note G, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.; No. 8, Note F, 15 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.; total weight, 56 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lbs.

Each of the bells bears the inscription: "Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1913," and on the tenor is added: "The whole peal of eight bells recast A.D. 1913. Walter O'Reilly, M.A., Vicar; Thomas Costar Finch, Robert Watts, Churchwardens."

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade branch was held at Willington, on Saturday, when an attendance of about 30 members was present from Clifton, Sandy, Potton, Old Warden, Everton, Blunham, Northill, and Roxton, augmented by members from Bedford, Husborn Crawley, and Elstow.—At the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, two new members were elected, one from Northill, and one from Blunham. Several other matters were discussed and left over until the next meeting. The following meetings were also arranged: August 11th. Biggleswade: September 6th, Everton; October 4th (quarterly), Sandy.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. W. Kingston for granting the use of the bells was unanimously passed.—Practice was obtained upon the bells in various methods from Doubles to Surprise Minor, this being one of the best meetings held by the branch.

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THE TENOR BELL, SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.
Weight 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September, 1911. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
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THE MIDDLESEX MEETING AT HESTON.



ODD CHANGES.

The bells of Shoreditch are not, after all, to be dedicated on Tuesday next, as had been announced. The Vicar-designate has decided that it will be better to wait until the bells are finished and have a good opening ceremony, when the Borough Council will attend.

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We hear that there is an unfortunate state of affairs existing at St. Mary's, Willesden. A correspondent writes :—

"In years gone by there was a church in the City of London, dedicated to St. Peter-le-pore, which has long since been demolished. The bells were deposited in St. Paul's Cathedral, and any church could have had them for the asking. Eventually they were given to the authorities of St. Mary's, Willesden, who had them recast and hung to make up the octave in their tower, a little over twelve months ago. The Bishop of the Diocese, however, refuses to dedicate them, and the authorities refuse to have them rung, because the casting and hanging has not been paid for. About £80 is owing, of which, I believe, they have £15. If any of the readers of 'The Ringing World' could assist in any way to wipe off the debt I am sure they would feel most grateful. Contributions would gladly be accepted by the Rector of St. Mary's, Willesden."

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A large number of ringers throughout the country know the church of St. Peter, Brighton, for many hundreds of visitors to this famous resort have been to the belfry and joined in touch or peal. The bells, however, are but a poor ring, and certainly not worthy of so fine an edifice. The announcement will, therefore, come with particular interest to the Exercise that at last the question of improving them has been raised.

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In connection with a presentation made in the belfry to Mr. Keith Hart last Saturday, the Vicar of Brighton referred to the question, and although he did not hold out hope of the scheme being put in hand immediately, announced a generous offer in regard to the proposal by Mr. J. T. Rickman, of Lewes. With this behind him the Vicar has great encouragement to go forward with the scheme.

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On the point of going to press we learn that the Caversham band, on Tuesday evening, rang the first peal in that most intricate method composed by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and known as Surprise Principal. Full details will be published next week.

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Members of the St. Martin's Guild should note that the meeting at Yardley, advertised last week, has been postponed.

MARRIAGE OF MR. B. PREWETT.

St. James' Church, Bushey, was the scene of an extremely pretty wedding on Saturday, when Mr. Bertram Prewett, only son of Mr. J. Prewett, of Bushey, and a ringer well known throughout the country, was married to Miss Ida Elton, third daughter of the late Mr. Francis Elton and Mrs. Elton, of Kensington. The service was attended by a large number of friends and well-wishers, and the ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Hall), assisted by the Vicar of Oxhey (the Rev. J. W. Lewis).

After the service, the happy pair left the church to the pealing of the bells, and subsequently a reception was held at Bush's Restaurant. Mr. Prewett's fellow ringers at Bushey Church afterwards rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in honour of the event. The Middlesex Association scored a peal of Cambridge for the same purpose, and at Eolsover, Derbyshire, and Kelsale, Suffolk, peals were also rung to celebrate the occasion.

The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of handsome presents, among them being a marble chiming clock from the members of the Middlesex Association, a beautiful marble clock and ornament suitably inscribed from the members of the Hertford County Association, and a barometer from the Bushey company.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S GIFT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have received a magnificent chiming clock from members and friends of the Middlesex County Association of Change Ringers, on the occasion of my wedding, and I desire, through the medium of your columns, on behalf of my wife and myself, to thank all the kind friends who contributed towards it.

Its sweet chimes will always serve to remind me of the very many happy hours I have spent in the belfry, and of the numerous friends I have made during the 15 years I have been connected with the Association.—Yours faithfully, BERTRAM PREWETT.

NEW MINOR METHODS.

In the peal rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on Saturday, four hitherto unpublished legitimate methods were included in the spliced 720's. They were the following:—

Overton	Trowell	Poynton	Grove
123456	123456	123456	123456
214365	214365	214365	214365
124356	124356	124356	124356
213465	213465	213465	213465
231645	231645	231456	231456
326154	326154	324165	324165
321645	321645	321456	321456
236154	236154	234165	234165
263514	263514	243615	243615
623541	623541	423651	423651
265314	265314	246315	246315
263541	263541	243651	243651
625341	625341	426351	426351
623514	623514	423615	423615
265341	265341	246351	246351
625314	625314	426315	426315
652134	652134	462135	462135
561243	561243	641253	641253
562134	562134	642135	642135
651243	651243	461253	461253
615423	615423	416235	416235
164532	164532	142653	142653
614523	614523	412635	412635
165432	165432	146253	146253
156342	164523	142635	164523

These methods are the work of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham. They are legitimate, but do not appear in the C.C. Collection.

The calling of the spliced extents.

Duke of Norfolk.			Wragby.		
Islington.			Grove.		
Norbury.			Neasden.		
Trowell.			College Bob IV.		
23456	D. of N.		23456	W.	
— 23564	2	I.	— 64235	1	G.
— 45236	3	N.	— 26435	3	N.
— 45362	2	T.	— 63542	2	C.B.
— 34562	5	D. of N.	— 63425	5	W.
— 25346	3	I.	— 46325	3	G.
— 25463	2	N.	— 62534	2	N.
— 42563	5	T.	— 62345	5	C.B.
— 35426	3	D. of N.	— 36245	3	W.
— 35264	2	I.	— 64523	2	G.
P.L. 23456			P.L. 23456		
Bocking.			Overton.		
Willesden.			Sandal.		
Poynton.			London Scholars.		
Old Oxford.			Kingston.		
23456	B.		23456	O.	
— 23564	4	W.	— 64235	4	S.
— 45236	1	P.	— 26435	2	L.S.
— 45362	4	O.Ox.	— 63542	3	K.
— 34562	5	B.	— 63425	5	O.
— 25346	1	W.	— 46325	2	S.
— 25463	4	P.	— 62534	3	L.S.
— 42563	5	O.Ox.	— 62345	5	K.
— 35426	1	B.	— 36245	2	O.
— 35264	4	W.	— 64523	3	S.
P.L. 23456			P.L. 23456		

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Horsley, 23 members being present from Avening, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Painswick, Horsley and Dursley. On the fine peal of six bells some good touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. Service was held in the Parish Church, when the special hymns and prayers from the service of the association were used.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Badcock) gave an excellent address, in which he emphasised the fact that the ringing of the church bells was a definite piece of church work, and heartily welcomed the Association, which was doing such an excellent work in belfry reform. After the service, by the kindness of the Vicar, an excellent tea was provided at the Institute, 24 sitting down. — A business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair.—Two new members were elected, and Frocester was selected for the quarterly meeting in September, monthly meetings at Cranham and Painswick in July, and at Stroud in August, being also arranged.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Singleton, and seconded by Mr. E. Tribe, to the Vicar for his kindness and the excellent, practical address, to Miss Smith for presiding at the organ, the ladies who attended to the ringers at the tea, and the local ringers for arranging everything so well for the meeting. The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, St Dunstan's and Treble Bob were rung.

PRESENTATION TO MR. KEITH HART.

SUSSEX RINGERS ACKNOWLEDGE GREAT SERVICES.

An interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Brighton, on Saturday evening, when Mr. Keith Hart, whose name is one of the best known in the Exercise to-day, was presented with a solid gold English lever watch, as a mark of esteem from his friends and admirers belonging to the Sussex County Association, and in commemoration of the performance of 500 peals under the auspices of that organisation.

The Vicar of Brighton presided over the gathering, and, after a few introductory remarks, called on Mr. J. T. Rickman, of Lewes, who said his association with campanology dated from 1885, and what he had done in the way of peal ringing was almost entirely due to St. Peter's band. Mr. Hart was a man whom it would be a credit for any band to possess. Of all the peals the speaker had rung, Mr. Hart had conducted three-fourths, and it was their earnest wish that he would continue long with them.

Mr. Edward C. Merritt said it was twenty-five years ago when he first took part in change ringing in the town of Brighton, and the St. Peter's band had succeeded in ringing all the advanced methods. Mr. Hart had given his services for the advancement of change ringing, and he also possessed all the qualifications of a conductor. It was most essential that they should have a man who, when a ringer let his thoughts temporarily wander, could put them back again in their proper place. Mr. Hart had striven his hardest to improve the quality of the striking of the band, and ringers knew what an essential part this played in the ringing world. If all of them only put as much energy into their work as Mr. Hart did, there would not be so many complaints of people being annoyed by the sound of the bells.—Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Mr. F. B. Tompkins, Master of the Association; Mr. G. Watson, the general secretary; Mr. G. Howes, divisional secretary, Eastern Division; and Mr. George Williams, a former leader of the St. Peter's band.

ST. PETER'S GUILD'S PROUD POSITION.

In making the presentation, the Vicar said he had the greatest admiration for men who understood the art of ringing. He was not going to pretend that he was an expert, but he had noticed that when a man took up the art it possessed him with a love of it which never seemed to leave him. He was quite aware that the Guild of St. Peter's held a position second to none in the diocese, and it had produced a number of men who were tremendously keen in this work, and had produced most admirable results. It was quite unnecessary to paint the lily, for they all knew the reputation they possessed, and as Vicar of the parish he felt extremely grateful for the position they had maintained for so many years. For the last six years that position had been due to the splendid leadership of Mr. Hart (hear, hear). Before he became their leader the band had risen to a high standard, and it was not everyone who could have maintained that standard, but Mr. Hart had more than maintained it. The Vicar then presented Mr. Hart with the watch, amid loud applause.

In his acknowledgment, Mr. Hart said he had been connected with St. Peter's all his life, and for the last 22 years had been a ringer. The ringers' band sustained a great loss when Mr. George Williams left Brighton, and it was to him that he (the speaker) owed all his ability. He had tried to follow in his footsteps with all humility, and in no way jealous of the great success attained by his predecessor. He felt that he possessed their confidence, and all the while that feeling prevailed he was prepared to lead them.

SUGGESTED NEW PEAL FOR ST. PETER'S.

The Vicar said that when he was talking with Mr. Rickman before the meeting, that gentleman mentioned the idea of having an entirely new peal of bells for St. Peter's, so that they would be the best in the diocese (applause). Mr. Rickman had made a most generous offer, but he (the Vicar) did not want to raise their hopes too high. The parish was a poor one, and there were a lot of people who would perhaps call the expenditure a luxury. Mr. Rickman's generous offer made it possible to think of a peal of ten or twelve bells in the future, but he was afraid it could not take place in the near future unless someone came forward to supplement Mr. Rickman's offer. They had some very heavy debts in the parish, the total amount being £2,000. There was £1,400 still owing on the chancel fund, and some £350 on the organ. However, he would not say it could not be done, and they were all extremely grateful for Mr. Rickman's generous offer.

Mr. Rickman said they should have a peal with a tenor about 26 cwt., and then they would have the heaviest tenor in the county. Unless they had such a bell they would not know what the bells could do. Now he had taken the matter up, he could assure them he did not intend to let it drop.

Mr. Hart said it was characteristic of Mr. Rickman that when he once took up a subject there was no holding him. He could assure them that the bells at St. Peter's were not fit for such a church, and it seemed a pity that now the church was finished it should be spoilt by such poor bells.—The gathering concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar.

GESTINGTHORPE.—On May 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, arranged for Mr. J. Bowell, of Great Bromley: E. Pearson 1, A. Catterwell 2, J. Bowell 3 F. Cansell 4, W. Nice 5, G. Pannell (conductor) 6.



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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A CITY GUILD'S OUTING.

On Saturday, the ringers of the St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Guild had their fourth annual outing, and visited Waltham Abbey, Essex. Half of the ringers went by tram in the morning, and the others, with visitors, left Liverpool Street shortly after one o'clock. The Green Dragon was made the headquarters for the day, and here the party were met by Mr. W. A. Alps (Master, Waltham Abbey Society) and Mr. D. Tarling (steeplekeeper). The Abbey was visited in the morning by the early arrivals, and the bells set going. Subsequently, a company, numbering 23, sat down to dinner, among those present being Dr. Beswick and Mr. Pridmore (vice-presidents), churchwardens of Bishopsgate; Rev. J. A. S. Bullock, B.A. (captain), Messrs. T. Walker, W. Arnold, G. E. Edwards, W. J. Nelder, W. Kirby, H. G. Laver, A. H. Jaynes (treasurer), A. S. Pettett and A. V. Marsh (stewards), V. Sones, and the hon. secretary (Mr. T. V. Horner) of the Bishopsgate band, Messrs. T. Mash, and E. Wallage (Southwark), W. A. Alps and D. Tarling (Waltham Abbey), and the following guests: Messrs. R. Pridmore, J. Laver, E. Nightingale, Major W. Dennison, and Mr. J. Crow. Afterwards, the party proceeded by brakes to Cheshunt, where the Vicar, to whom thanks are due, had kindly loaned the use of the bells for a short period. The return was made via Worley, and after reaching the Green Dragon, the party were photographed, and then adjourned for tea. Subsequently Messrs. A. G. Thompson, T. Adams, G. Cole, L. G. Thurgood (Waltham Abbey), F. Jelf, H. Cornell, H. Symonds, H. G. Rowe, G. Maxin, H. Tucker (Cheshunt ringers), joined the party.—Mr. A. E. Pridmore, on behalf of the Bishopsgate Guild, expressed thanks to Mr. Alps, and the other gentlemen who had assisted and made such a pleasant day.—Mr. W. A. Alps and Mr. Tarling (steeplekeeper) responded.—Mr. Laver and Mr. Robert Pridmore thanked the Guild on behalf of the guests.—Thanks were accorded to the churchwardens and visitors for their presence, and a similar compliment was accorded the host and hostess. It was with regret that the following gentlemen were unable to be present: The Rector of St. Botolph's (the Rev. W. Hudson Shaw, M.A., President of the Guild), the Rev. A. R. Hedley, Messrs. F. Andrews, N. E. Jauralde, W. Lindley Jones, C.C., A. C. Stanley Stone, C.C., and Lieut. F. E. Sellers. The singing of several well-rendered songs brought a very pleasant and successful outing to a close.

During the day some good ringing took place, in which was included several well-struck touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, and Oxford Bob Triples, on both Waltham Abbey and Cheshunt bells.

BISHOP RYDERS, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, the ringers of Bishops Ryder's Church, Birmingham, and their wives, journeyed to Stourbridge for their annual outing. At St. Thomas', Stourbridge, they were met by the tower keeper, and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. After tea, at Giles' Restaurant, the Vicar expressed his pleasure in being with the ringers, and welcomed the tower keepers who were present. He expressed his thanks to the Vicars of the other churches for the use of their bells, and hoped the party would have an enjoyable time.—Mr. Carrod thanked the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea for them, and also for the interest he took in their meetings.—Mr. Heathcote (local tower keeper) said he was pleased to see the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's with his ringers, and thought how much better things would be if more of the Vicars were like him.—The ladies then visited the "sights" of the district, and the ringers wended their way to Oldswinford tower, where Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Afterwards they adjourned to the bowling green, and the handbells were brought into requisition until the time for departure.

A LANCASHIRE OUTING.

The ringers of Colne, Lancashire, for their annual outing journeyed by brake to Heptonstall. The party mustered 13, but despite the unlucky number, everything was in their favour. The first stop was Todmorden Parish Church, where they were given a hearty welcome by the local ringers. It pleased everyone to see Mr. Heaton, Colne's veteran (better known amongst his brother ringers as "Owd Bill"), who is now in his 81st year, pull the 23 cwt. tenor to a touch of Grandsire Triples. At Heptonstall, the party were met by Mr. Robertshaw, who had kindly made arrangements for an excellent dinner at the White Lion Hotel. Here the visitors were introduced to "Old Roger" Shackleton, the oldest inhabitant in the village, who greatly interested them by giving his reminiscences of Colne sixty years ago. After dinner, the party went to the Church to try the new peal. They were welcomed by the Vicar and the local ringers, and short touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. Everyone was delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells. Next the party were shown round the ruins of the old church by Mr. Armstrong. It keenly interested them to see two churches in one churchyard. After a four hours' stay, in Heptonstall, the party journeyed to Keighley. Although rather pushed for time, six of the younger members managed to get a short pull at Grandsire with two of the local ringers. Home was reached safely at 10 p.m. The Colne ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars and wardens for the use of the bells, and also to the ringers and friends who made the outing a pleasant and successful one.

AT BLACKPOOL.

The ringers of Milnrow Church, with their wives and friends, had their annual outing on Saturday, when St. Anne's and Blackpool were visited. At St. Anne's they were met at the church by Mr. Rushworth and two of his band, who took part in a pull with the visitors. After tea, the remainder of the day was spent at Blackpool. The outing was a most enjoyable one.

A DORSET TRIP.

The Wyke Regis (Weymouth) Guild for their first annual outing visited Bridport, and were driven thence to West Bay, where all were delighted with the still primitive aspect of the place, and the lovely view of the Dorset and Devon coast, which the glorious day seemed to have lit up for their special benefit. On their return to Bridport they were met at the fine old Parish Church by Canon Farrer, who kindly conducted them over the interesting edifice. They then went to the tower, and rang three courses of Grandsire Triples and two six-scores of Doubles. Dinner was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, Host Trump catering in his well-known style. Next a move was made for Broadwinsor, "the fine scenery en route being greatly admired," and some Grandsire Doubles were rung on the six bells of that Church; then on to Beaminster, where several touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung on the magnificent peal there. Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, and the company was joined by Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater. Afterwards Netherbury was visited, and the peal of six were set going to Grandsire Doubles. En route to Bridport, the tower of Bradpole claimed the ringers' attention, and some touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung on the light peal of eight in that tower. The Bradpole ringers being away upon their own annual outing, had left fraternal greetings in the tower. The party left for home by the last train, after a most enjoyable outing, in which they gained much experience in strange belfries. The Guild expressed their pleasure at the courtesy they received at each place visited. All the arrangements were made by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings). Mr. W. Rose, the captain, was in charge of the party of thirteen, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen conducted the various touches.

ECKINGTON.

For the third year in succession, the ringers of the Eckington Parish Church were invited by the Rector to join the choir on the occasion of the annual trip, and they had a most enjoyable excursion to Scarborough, despite the fact that the journey was rather long. No ringing was indulged in, as, most of the party being novices, they did not care to put themselves forward. This they hope to remedy in the not far distant future, however. A very happy day was spent, thanks to their esteemed friend, the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hewson) and the churchwardens.

MR. REUBEN SANDERS' 200 PEALS.

Doubles, 2; Minor, 2; Grandsire Triples, 12; Caters, 1; Double Norwich, 2; Stedman Triples, 35; Caters, 34; Cinques, 16; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Royal, 4; Maximus, 2; Superlative Major, 28; Cambridge Major, 6; Cambridge Royal, 12; Cambridge Maximus, 1; Bristol Surprise, 21 (including the record 15,264); London Surprise, 11; total, 200.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. A. NUNN.

PATHETIC GRAVESIDE SCENE.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn, of London, who was drowned in the river at Boreham, Essex, and whose sad death was recorded in our last issue, were laid to rest in the quiet little churchyard on Wednesday of last week. The following members of the Essex Association, Messrs. Edwards (district master), Cooper (district secretary), Kirton, Head and Walden, preceded the mournful procession to the church, where it was met by the Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Yonge, who conducted the service both in the church and at the graveside. After the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. Kirton 1—2, Edwards 3—4, Cooper 5—6, Head 7—8. Sad as it was, it was sadder still when just as the ringing ceased, the widow and sister of deceased who had travelled from London to attend the obsequies arrived. Owing to some misunderstanding as to time, the service was at an end, and the poor widow was heart-broken. She swooned on taking a last look at the coffin, and was afterwards assisted to the Vicarage by Messrs. Edwards and Cooper, where she received tender care from the Vicar's wife (Mrs Yonge). The sorrowing couple subsequently returned to London to join the three young children, who are left fatherless.

The pathetic scene moved men and women alike to tears. Wreaths were sent from the widow, two little nephews, the firm, and employes of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Groombridge.

As a token of respect to the late Mr. Nunn, who was a ringing member at St. Ann's Church, Tottenham, the bells were half-muffled on the day of the funeral. The whole pull and stand was rung by T. Groombridge, junr., 1, A. Howell 2, E. Davidson 3, W. Powell 4, C. Ross 5, C. Davidson 6. A 720 of Bob Minor followed: E. Davidson 1, C. Ross 2, A. Howell 3, W. Powell 4, T. Groombridge 5, T. Scarlett 6. And 240 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stubbs 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, E. Davidson 3, A. Howell 4, C. Ross (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The summer quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Harworth on Saturday last. By the kind permission of the Rev. F. d'Arbley Burney (Harworth) and the Rev H. E. Booty (Tickhill), the bells of both churches were placed at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon and evening, and were soon pouring out their melodious notes. The following towers were represented: Anston, East Markham, Ordsall, East Retford, Worksop and Hanworth, and Mansfield. A cordial invitation had been given through "The Ringing World" to ladies and gentlemen of kindred associations, and whilst ringing was in progress at Harworth, the party were favoured with the presence of Mr. C. Glenn, secretary of Yorkshire Association, Mr. A. and Miss Winfred Hague from Rotherham, and others who had cycled over in response to the invitation. The Vicar received the visitors, and whilst ringing was in progress, with his usual kindness, escorted them through the interior of the church, explained the history and the many beautiful antiquities which the building contains. Touches at this place were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Stedman, Plain Bob, Violet, Woodbine, and 720 Cambridge Surprise, whilst Mr. Glenn and his skilled company of artists delighted the village onlookers in the churchyard with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples on a small but musical ring of handbells, Miss Winifred Hague handling the trebles most skilfully in the Stedman, to the intense delight of all present.

Tea was served in the Harworth School Room, and, in these days of increasing demands upon the time of the parish clergyman, it was a pleasure to have the Vicar presiding over the proceedings, and the business meeting which followed. The tea, to which about 34 sat down, was splendidly arranged by the Vicar, and the catering was most ably carried out by Messrs. Stabler and Beeson, of Bautry.

One new member was elected, and Everton was selected as the next place of meeting.—Votes of thanks to the Rev. F. d'Arbley Burney and the Rev. H. E. Booty, Vicar of Tickhill, for granting the use of the bells and the former gentleman for presiding at the tea and business meeting was proposed by Mr. H. Wanburton, and seconded by the secretary (Mr. H. Haigh).—The Vicar said it was a real pleasure to him to welcome the members to Harworth, and as it was nine years since last the Association met there, he was delighted to see them present in such a large number. He had only a little knowledge of change ringing, but was always pleased to hear a peal of bells when skilfully rung. They had had difficulties in keeping a change ringing band in their tower, but as they had now got a new supply of John Nicolls' ropes, and the bells were in capital going order, he hoped, with the assistance of the Association and their energetic captain, Mr. Harrison, to have a band capable of ringing in the proper way very shortly. As unity was an important factor in the advancement of the art of change ringing, all should and must, if success was to be achieved, work together.

At Tickhill, for which place all the members made after the meeting, touches in Grandsire, Plain Bob. Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Duffield, were rung, and at 8.45 the bells were lowered, and a tune on the carrillon played.

CARILLONEURS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

AN INTERESTING AFTERNOON AT THE FOUNDRY.

A most interesting afternoon was spent at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Saturday afternoon, when a large gathering of members of the Incorporated Society of Musicians listened to a lecture on "The Carillon and its music," given in the tuning room by Mr. W. W. Starmer, F.R.A.M., the famous English authority on the subject, and subsequently listened to a performance by two of Belgium's most celebrated carillon artists. On the foundry carillon of 40 bells, M. J. van Peers, of Scharbeck, and M. Josef Denyn, of Mechlin, each performed a programme, comprising pieces of great variety in character, with all the wonderful skill for which these bell musicians are so justly famed. The performance was a remarkable one, and quite a novelty for an English audience, who were delighted with the effects which were obtained by these masters of the carillon art. The pieces selected ranged from English songs like "Old King Cole," the Welsh "March of the men of Harlech," to extracts from Schubert, and the sonatas of Nicholai and Richter. The lecture and performance were preceded by the casting of bells in the foundry, an operation which the visitors watched with the greatest interest, and during the afternoon, Messrs. Taylor and Co. kindly provided tea.

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SUSSEX TOWER'S FINE OCTAVE DEDICATED.

St. Peter's Day was an eventful day in the history of Henfield Church, for not only was it the Patronal Festival, but also the occasion of the dedication of the newly recast peal of eight bells in the afternoon, and of the confirmation of fifty-seven candidates in the evening, the Bishop of Chichester officiating at each. For the dedication of the bells, the Bishop, with the Vicar (the Rev. Reginald J. Lea, R.D.), the Rev. L. W. Miles, and the Rev. E. G. W. Foote, with the choir and Sunday School children wended their way in procession from the Vicarage to the church, while the hymn, "The Church's one foundation," was sung. At the church they were met by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Eardley Hall and J. Baines). After short evensong, the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop pronounced the words of Dedication.—A few rounds were then rung on the bells, and the Bishop afterwards preached from Numbers x, 2, and his interesting sermon touched upon the history and the messages of church bells.

The ringers in the Dedication service were L. Payne, W. Lish, C. Roberts, S. Burt, G. Gander, E. Lish, G. Payne and A. Hodges. At the conclusion of the service, a 504 Stedman Triples was rung by: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, E. Lish 3, S. Burt 4, G. Payne 5, J. W. Alliss 6, L. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8. Another 504 Stedman Triples was rung for the confirmation service in the evening, with Messrs. E. D. Taylor, W. Billinghurst and W. Smith, of the Loughborough firm taking part. Another 504 was rung after the service by the local band.

The recast peal are tuned on the late Canon Simpson's principle, and, taking weight of metal into consideration, could not be surpassed for richness and depth of tone. The bells have been hung in a new A section iron frame, built upon four substantial steel girders, with all new fittings of modern design, the work having been carried out most successfully by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The tenor bell was recast as a memorial to the late Vicar, and bears the following inscription:—

"To the Glory of God. And in grateful memory of William Wakeford, B.A., Priest. Vicar of this parish, 1899—1912."

The diameters, weights and notes of the bells are as follows:—

	ft.	in.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Notes.
Treble	2	2	3	3	27	E
2nd	2	3½	4	0	27	D sharp
3rd	2	5	4	3	26	C sharp
4th	2	7½	5	3	9	B
5th	2	10⅝	7	1	11	A
6th	3	0⅝	8	3	17	G sharp
7th	3	4⅝	12	0	21	F sharp
Tenor	3	9½	16	2	7	E
			64	0	5	

A ringing meeting is to be held at Henfield on the first Monday in August.

The first quarter-peal on the new bells was rung on Sunday, 1260 of Stedman Triples being brought round for evening service, in 50 mins., by: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, G. Payne 3, E. Lish 4, L. Payne 5, J. W. Alliss 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8.

HERE AND THERE.

The monthly district practices established in Goole and district about a year ago, are giving satisfactory results. On Saturday week an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hatfield, and after good ringing for 2 hrs. 15 mins., the treble rope broke. The following took part: G. Wilburn 1, T. Smith 2, E. Purdy 3, C. W. King 4, D. England 5, H. Ludkin (conductor) 6, D. Carmichael 7, J. Drake 8. Afterwards, with other ringing, a touch of 836 was rung with R. Davis on the 6th, this being his longest touch.

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On Wednesday week, at St. Mary's Church, Dover, the wedding took place of Mr. Arthur Roberts and Miss Ethel Harmer, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. E. C. Heel. There was a large number of friends in attendance, and as the bride and bridegroom left the church, the "Wedding March" was played on the organ by Mr. W. E. Pitman, organist of Lyminge Church. The local ringers also rang 336 Bob Major. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left later for Tunbridge Wells, where the honeymoon is being spent.

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Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just completed the rehanging of the eight bells at St. John's, Redhill. New steel gudgeons and gunmetal bearings have been supplied, and the fittings generally overhauled. The bells have been tried round by the local company, and the "go" was pronounced excellent.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On May 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: *Miss D. Coles 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss N. Gillingham 3, Miss M. Jukes (conductor) 4, *W. Watts 5, Miss E. Hole 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colbourn 8. * First quarter-peal.—On May 26th (Queen Mary's birthday), two 120's of Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Mitchell 1, Miss D. Coles 2, Miss N. Gillingham (conductor) 3, Miss E. Hole 4, Miss M. Jukes 5, Miss E. A. Tippett 6. All the ladies are members of the local band. Believed to be the first local band of ladies to ring 120.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, July 19th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Brassington, near Worksworth, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m.—B. Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farningham on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30, address by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Smith. Half rail fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting. Eynsford tower will be open after the meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea at the Vine Inn at 5.30, 9d. each. Friends heartily welcome. — F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wokingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher: the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business meeting in the Church House at 12.20. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, July 19th. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting follow. The Rev. A. G. Fryer is kindly providing tea.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this District will be held on the 19th July at St. Matthew's, Church Row, Bethnal Green. Tower open at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7.45. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Hadley on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3.30. Barnet bells will be available from 4 to 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at the Bull Inn, at 4 p.m. The bells of All Saints' and St. Peter's will be available, the latter for short periods only. — Secretary, Rev. R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting for combined practice will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Egham. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in the Church Room. Business meeting after.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m. Tea 9d. each.—J. E. Ashcroft, Honorary Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on July 22nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 31st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this church are being rehung in a new iron frame, the old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Tuesday, July 22nd? All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 26th annual festival will be held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next South and West District meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a small charge, 5.45. All ringing friends welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society, will be held at Calverley for practice, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells will be ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Thornhill Arms at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, July 26th. Bells

available at six o'clock. — George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The bells at Hatfield will be available for ringing from 4 to 9.15 p.m. on Saturday, July 26th. Tea can be had in the Park for 7d. per head.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Summer festival at Woburn, on August 4th. Bells available after 11 a.m. Tea at 5. Service at 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Guildford and Leatherhead Amalgamated Districts will be held at Ranmore on August Bank Holiday. The beautiful peal of eight bells will be available from 2 o'clock. Service at. 4.15. Preacher, Canon E. A. Chichester, Vicar of Dorking. Tea at 5. Tickets 6d. to members; 1s. to visitors. By kind permission of the Hon. Henry Cubitt, C.B., the gardens of Denbies will be open to members and friends from 2 to 4.—John J. Jones, District Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Henfield Branch.—The bells of the above tower (which have recently been recast and rehung) have kindly been placed at the disposal of the association on August Bank Holiday, and all members of the association will be heartily welcome. Tower open from 3 till 9. Short service at 6. Tea in Parish Room at 5, as guests of the Vicar, to all who send word by July 31st to Mr. E. Lish, 2, North Cottages, Henfield.

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MODERN WORK.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

In our article on this page last week we directed special attention to the necessity which exists for efforts on the part of local secretaries to do all in their power to secure, for their associations, the support of honorary members. The matter was suggested by the question that arose at the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, but its importance was emphasised at the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild at Wokingham last Saturday, when the financial position of the Guild was discussed. The Guild found it necessary to draw upon the reserve to meet its current expenses, and when occasion arises for a step of this kind it is as well to grapple as quickly as possible with the causes that lead to it. Thus the meeting was well advised to instruct the committee to investigate the whole question.

The Master pointed out quite plainly that the Guild could not go on doing as it had done in the past, particularly in regard to giving grants towards works of restoration, unless there is in the immediate future a considerable accretion of funds by means of hon. members' subscriptions. The Oxford Guild only charge their ordinary members a shilling per annum, and there is no doubt that those who avail themselves of all the facilities get a very considerable return for their money.

The appeal from the Master that efforts should be made to add to the funds by increasing the list of hon. members is not likely to fall upon deaf ears, and our object in returning to the matter this week is to emphasise the fact that this work lays with the secretaries or the companies at the individual towers, who are most closely in touch with those who have, or should have, an interest in the bells and the ringers. There are many, we believe, even outside the "authorities," who could be induced to give their financial support to the ringing associations if they were properly approached. As the Deputy Mayor of Wokingham put it on Saturday, the church loving public owe a debt of gratitude to the ringers for their services, and many would be happy to show it in a practical way. Let the local men, then, show what they can do by way of getting that financial support for their associations, which is so essential to success.

In all respects—except, perhaps, the financial—the Oxford Guild had a most successful year, and progress is recorded in many directions. Indeed it is difficult to imagine any organisation failing to go ahead where the members get such an inspiring lead as the Oxford Guild ringers receive from their Master. The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn is no mere figurehead. It is safe to say he works harder for the Guild than any other member, and he has added lustre to his office by the high ideals which he has set before him in regard to the discharge of his duties.

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WILLIAM WHITE...	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was rung to commemorate the replacing of the quarter Jacks, together with a new clock, in Christ Church tower. Reference has already been made in this paper with regard to the opening ceremony on July 5th. The whole of the work was completed on July 14th, the date of the peal.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CORRIGAN...	6
THOMAS J. BRATTON	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
JAMES JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JAMES L. WELLS	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
JOHN NEAL	5	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

This composition is No. 8 on Carter's Broadsheet.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5090 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr.	*Treble*	*JAMES C. ADAMS	6
WALTER WISE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*JOHN H. WILKINS	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE... ...	8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	4	*FRED C. MAYNARD	9
*DANIEL F. GIBBONS ...	5	*ALBERT A. HUGHES...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Master of the Society, Mr. Thomas Faulkner, to Miss Mary Bacey, at Barking, on the above date. A peal was also attempted on the previous Saturday, unfortunately without success, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Bertram Prewett.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LECKHAMPTON.
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt., in A.

JOHN F. BALLINGER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BRINKWORTH ...	5
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND	2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND ...	6
ARTHUR CAUDLE	3	THOMAS DYER	7
GEORGE WALTERS	4	WILLIAM HARLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. TOWNSEND.

Rung as a welcome to F. W. Townsend, of Poole, Dorset, and late of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, who is spending his holiday in the district.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES...	*Treble*	ROBERT W. GREEN	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	6
HENRY T. GOWLETT	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	4	*FREDERICK V. MARTIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal; age 15 years.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)
On Monday, July 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
ALLEN F. BAILEY	2	GEORGE WILSON	6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

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

These bells, except the tenor, are now being rehung.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH, ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN MENDAY	*Treble*	HARRY TUCKER	5
HUBERT HATTO	2	GEORGE ESSEX	6
REV. CYRIL JENKYN	3	HARRY SMITH	7
ALBERT CULLUM	4	ERNEST MENDAY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ERNEST MENDAY.

Rung on St. Swithin's Day. First peal in the method ever rung.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM WALMSLEY ...	...*Treble*	JOHN M. DAVENPORT ...	5
ARTHUR BURGESS	2	THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD ...	6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	3	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD ...	7
WILFRED MATTHEW	4	JOSEPH NORBURY ...	...*Tenor*

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

H. Davenport was elected a member previous to starting.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.
On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY...	...*Treble*	ALBERT P. WAKLEY... ...	5
FRANK SHEPHERD	2	JOHN HOUGH	6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	3	*GEORGE BULL	7
HERBERT HURDMAN	4	*ALGERNON P. G. STONE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the enthronement of Dr. Kempthorne as Bishop of Lichfield, which took place the previous day.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WORSLEY ...	...*Treble*	TITUS BARLOW	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	GEORGE PINCOTT	6
JOHN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	4	*THOMAS BEATBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

THOMAS JENNION... ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD CAUNCE	5
JOHN WILKINSON	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	6
HENRY FYLES	3	JOHN TURNER	7
JOHN GARDNER	4	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 6th and 7th were elected members of the Liverpool Guild previous to starting.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	JOHN CAPP	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ...	*Treble*	ERNEST STONE	5
E. HARRY STONELEY ...	2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	6
HARRY ARGYLE	3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr.	7
*THOMAS DICKENS	4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

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

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ...	...*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	*WILLIAM THEOBALD... ...	6
GEORGE R. PYE...	3	ERNEST PYE	7
REUBEN SANDERS	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

CALEB FENN	...*Treble*	EBENEZER ANDREWS ...	5
FRANK C. NEWMAN	2	REGINALD BLAKE	6
ROWLAND FENN	3	HENRY TORBLE...	7
HENRY E. PARKER	4	ALBERT C. HARDY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Faulkner, Master of the above Society, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Mary E. Bacey, which had taken place a few hours previously at the above church.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JONATHAN PRESTON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN SANDERS	5
THOMAS RUSSAM	2	GEORGE GARRISON	6
*MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON	3	*WILLIAM J. MEERS	7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ...	4	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Major, and first peal in the method on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, July 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY...	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. FULLICK ...	5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR	2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...	6
JOSEPH HARLEY	3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
WALTER LAGO	4	JACK GARBETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Dr. F. W. T. Greenwood, who leaves Market Drayton to take up the duties of Vicar of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Lilley, Taylor and Fullick hail from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; Hanley, Lago, Garbett and Saunders from Coalbrookdale. Weatherby belongs to the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN LAMBERT... ...	...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
JIM BEACH	2	HARRY PRICE	5
GEORGE FULLER...	3	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Price.

LLANDEFAELOGFACH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAELOG,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS	...*Treble*	†C. BEECH	4
G. GIBLIN	2	*W. A. FLETCHER	5
C. POWELL	3	*J. WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. FLETCHER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. Messrs. C. Beech and J. Williams were proposed members of the Guild before starting for the peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. A. Francis.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent, each called differently.

THOMAS J. HULL ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES JEFFS...	4
*WALTER S. INWOOD ...	2	RICHARD H. CHALKLEY ...	5
JOHN W. MALYAN	3	FREDERICK JEFFS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal on six bells. First peal in two Treble Bob methods by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Jeffs.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. AUSTIN HEAD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN SPENCER	4
HERBERT G. PRATT	2	THOMAS CRANE	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife and daughter of Mr. Thomas Crane. The ringers were kindly entertained to supper by him after the peal.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

WILLIAM COMPTON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN... ...	2	*GEORGE W. INSKIP	5
ALFRED C. BAILEY	3	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

* First peal in five methods, including Treble Bob.

BRAMLEY, NEAR LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Evening Exercise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight and Arnold's Victory. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST THORNTON ...	...*Treble*	TOM LATIMER	4
SAM HELLIWELL	2	JOHN W. T. HOLGATE ...	5
JOHN W. CHADWICK	3	EDWARD REDSHAW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. T. HOLGATE.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church and bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CATHEDRAL GUILD.)
On Tuesday, July 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. RICHARDS,
26, STANTON STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

*BENJAMIN C. DIXON ...	1—2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	5—6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	3—4	*ROBERT RICHARDS	7—8

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.
Umpire: ALFRED F. HILLIER.

* First peal on handbells. B. C. Dixon's first peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE	1—2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	ARTHUR HAGUE	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpires: GEORGE WILSON and ALLEN F. BAILEY.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	1—2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	5—6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ...	3—4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ...	7—8

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

MARRIAGE OF MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, have been rung to many methods, complex and simple, but never better struck or more happy in effect than the touch of Superlative Surprise which was rung on Saturday afternoon last, and told of the completion of the service which made Mr. Thomas Faulkner (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) and Miss Mary E. Bacey, man and wife. In spite of the inclement weather (Churchwarden Davies said the heavens were "shedding tears of joy"), the ceremony was attended by a large number of friends, relatives and ringing friends, and was performed by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of the parish. Mr. Geo. Faulkner gave the bride away, and she was attended by Miss Eva and Miss Phœbe Bacey (sisters) and Miss K. Faulkner and Miss Jessie Thatcher (sister and cousin of the bridegroom), as bridesmaids, whilst Mr. Fred G. Gill acted as best man. The organist, as a compliment to a brother churchworker, played previous to and during the service an appropriate selection of music on the new organ, recently restored and enlarged, and whilst the registers were being signed, the hymn, "How welcome was the call," was sung.

A reception was afterwards held at "Superlative," St. Awdrys Road, and "Health, happiness and prosperity" to the happy couple was proposed in felicitous terms by Mr. E. A. Davies. Shortly afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner left for Gorleston-on-Sea, where the honeymoon is being spent.

In honour of the happy event, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark; a peal of Treble Ten at Walthamstow, and a peal of Treble Bob Major at Barking, by the College Youths, and their Master would like, through these columns, to thank them for the compliment, and also the others who sent him the congratulatory letters and telegrams. He adds that he had no idea he had so many friends.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, a good meeting of the North and East District was held at Hadley on Saturday last, some 30 members and friends attending during the afternoon and evening from Barnet, Northaw, Finchley, Hadley, South Tottenham, Hatfield, Southgate, Clapton, Willesden, Hornsey and Highgate. The grand peal at Barnet were placed at the disposal of the members from four till five, the privilege of having a pull at this tower on a Sunday afternoon was much appreciated, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major being successfully brought round.

Mr. W. Daniels having kindly made arrangements for tea to be partaken of at a picturesque spot on the border of Hadley Woods, a move was made for this venue, but, owing to the unsettled condition of the weather, it had been thought wise to serve the meal in a cottage close by. However, four of the members did not intend to be deprived of fresh air as a digestive, and had theirs on "the lawn!" The example of those who had defied the weather was taken by the rest for the business meeting, which was held al fresco.—Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president) presided.—Six new members were elected, and votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Hadley and Barnet for the use of the bells at their respective churches; to Mr. Daniels and other ringers for making all arrangements, and to Mr. F. A. Milne for presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edgware on September 13th, if this could be arranged.

Hadley tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Farningham on Saturday last, and, considering the amount of rain that fell during the morning, was a successful one. During the afternoon various touches of Minor and 120's of Stedman Doubles were rung.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Snaith) had kindly arranged for the Association form of service to be said in the church, and gave a very instructive address. He had also provided tea at a neighbouring hostelry and told the members he was sorry he could not invite them to the Vicarage, as his family were not in residence just now, but he hoped to do so at their next visit. A company of 46 sat down to tea.

The business meeting was held in the school, the Vicar presiding. The election of Mr. L. Attwater in Erith Tower was confirmed, and the Vicar's announcement that he would be pleased to become an hon. member was greeted with applause.—The District Representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) then read his report of the Central Committee meeting, which was adopted, with a hearty vote of thanks. Crayford was selected as the place of the annual meeting, on Saturday, October 25th.

The District Secretary stated that he had received an application from the Rev. E. Ball (St. Mary Cray), asking for a grant towards the recasting and rehanging of their bells, but as this was a matter for the Central Committee, he suggested a collection, which was agreed to, and 15s. was received.

A hearty vote of thanks was carried with applause to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and the tea.—This having been acknowledged, the tower was again visited, while some of the visitors went over to Eynsford, where the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone had kindly placed the bells at their disposal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT WOKINGHAM.

THE GUILD'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild's annual festival is, geographically, a movable feast, and is held successively in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. This year was the turn of Berkshire, and, after a lapse of 18 years, the Guild returned to Wokingham, a town, which, however, is not the most convenient spot for a general gathering of the Guild. It lies away in the south-easternmost corner of the vast diocese, and in order to attend it from North Bucks, as some of the Bletchley ringers did, something like 175 miles was envolved in the double journey. Incidentally, is it to be wondered at that steps are being taken for a division of the diocese? But despite the fact that Wokingham was not readily accessible to many of the members, there was an attendance of nearly 150, from a great many parts of the area covered by the Guild's operations. The proceedings began with service at the Parish Church of All Saints', at which, for the first time, the form drawn up for the Guild's special use, was utilised.

C.U.G. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild, who took for his text, "I will give praise with the best members that I have," Psalm cviii, 1. The preacher specially called attention to the word "best," and pointed out that it was the aim and object of Diocesan Associations to bring everything to the best. Their watchword was "improvement," and that was the aim and spirit of their Guild. In the course of the past generation, say, thirty or forty years, what a change, and a change for the better had come over the bells and towers of this England, which they loved. How many beautiful bells had been added in towers where they were not before, and what care had been taken of the old ones. Bells were a part—a noble part—of God's house and God's services, and so, too, not only with the bells, but with the use of them in the art and exercise of ringing. Great progress, the speaker continued, had been made in ringing itself, and new and beautiful methods had been added to the famous old ones.

Only that week a peal had been rung in a new method of wonderful intricacy, and composed by a celebrated ringer of the Oxford Guild, who described it as a method more difficult than London Surprise, and more beautiful than Superlative. In any tower that had bells, they should do all that was possible to have good and beautiful ringing. Let them have the best, not only because the best delighted the ringers, and those who listened outside, but because the whole art and exercise was directed to the praise and glory of God, and because it was a fitting thing that they should spare no pains and no labour until they were able to give the very best that was in them to His praise and His honour. The ringers of old deserved their deepest thanks and honour. They preserved what had been peculiar to England—the art of change ringing. In some places customs crept in which were not good, and one of the aims of Guilds and Associations was to remove these and improve ringers to the utmost of their power. The spirit of giving the best to God should not only appear in ringing, but in their whole life. What should they say if ringers called people to church and did not attend themselves? Their praise to God was not to finish with that outer part of the service they rendered, it meant going on to His Church, and through His Church to home and work, with that same spirit in their hearts that they would give their best to Him. It was that which made life beautiful and happy. Their aim should be that all their life should ring true.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, the genial and popular Master (the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn) presiding.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn; secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves; hon. treasurer, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; auditor, Mr. E. Francis. The Rev. Ackworth (Twyford) was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee, caused by the death of Mr. J. E. Hern; the other members of the committee were re-elected.

A member asked if the committee would take into consideration the making of a rule to limit the number of members which might be elected to the committee from any one branch. It seemed a perfect farce to re-elect them en bloc. They ought to retire by rotation, and so give others a chance of serving.

The Master said the committee were elected from year to year, and if any man showed that he ought to be on the committee, he was usually put on from a branch. If the meeting desired it, the committee would take the whole question of the election of committee into consideration. They did not elect each person individually, simply to save time.

The Member: My idea is that some should retire every year by rotation.

The Master: If we did that we should lose some whose help it would be very hard to spare. There are some who we should not mind if they retired oftener than each year (laughter). There are some we should not like to retire at all.

It was understood that the committee would take the whole question into consideration.

REFERENDUM ON PLACE OF MEETING.

On behalf of Mr. F. Hayes, of High Wycombe, who was unable to be present, Mr. A. W. Osborne formally moved "that the Guild hold its annual festival at High Wycombe on a Saturday once in every three years, commencing in 1914."

Mr. Wright moved as an amendment that the whole question of the place for the annual meetings of the Guild be referred to a special meeting of the committee, and that the Master be requested to arrange such meeting at a place at which and a time when all branches could be represented, the committee to report to the next annual festival. He thought Mr. Hayes' resolution as it stood was far too drastic. Moreover, he did not think the annual meeting was the place to discuss the matter until the committee had considered it, because it was practically impossible to get each branch properly represented. A much more satisfactory solution of the difficult question would be to get the committee to report; especially in view of the fact that possibly before they met again the diocese might be divided.—Mr. Sear seconded.

The Master thought there was great sense in the amendment. He started a firebrand at the committee meeting in April at Oxford, by moving that the annual meeting should be held there each year. It set people thinking hard, but they had not thought quite hard or long enough. They wanted to think a bit more before expressing an opinion. If the amendment were carried, he thought it would be a good thing to send out a slip to each tower asking, "Are you in favour of going on as we are going, or meeting at Oxford every year; or meeting once in three years at either Reading, Oxford or High Wycombe?" If those slips were sent out and returned before the committee meeting, the representatives attending that meeting would know something of what their constituents felt.

Various speakers having advocated that the questions to be submitted to the towers should be settled by the committee, instead of by that meeting, the Master's rider was withdrawn, and the amendment moved by Mr. Wright was carried. The committee will, therefore, have to consider the question both before and after the referendum.

It was then resolved to meet at Slough in 1914.

RESERVE FUND REDUCED.

The Hon. Treasurer said he was afraid he could not report very favourably on the Guild's finances. They began the year with a balance of £28 15s. 8d., and according to his estimate that sum would be reduced to £18 5s. at the end of the year not allowing for any grants which might be made. In four out of the five years, from 1908-12, their expenditure had exceeded their income to the extent of £21 10s. At that moment they owed £23 0s. 7d. to their printers, whose account, really due in March, he had never been able to pay until December, which was very unsatisfactory. It was quite true they had some money in the reserve fund, which stood at £32 2s. 7d., and he proposed that they should withdraw from that fund a sum not exceeding £15 for general purposes: in order that they might pay the printer, and have a balance of £33, out of which they could make what grants they desired that day. He thought this was the only thing to do in the emergency. What they must all try to do in the branches was to get a larger number of hon. members. Their ringing members were only paying 1s. a year, and he thought they were getting exceedingly good worth for their money. There were many other associations who paid 2s. per member. He did not suggest that the 1s. should be raised, but he did urge that they should try to get more hon. members.

The motion was agreed to, and grants of £2 2s. each were made towards the restoration of the bells at Milton-next-Steventon and Fenny Stratford. A grant to Bicester was referred to the committee for consideration.

The Master pointed out that the Guild could not go on making grants on the same scale, unless they got a vast increase in their hon. members. They would have to cut them down by a half.—At the suggestion of Mr. W. P. Routh, it was decided that the committee should inquire into the financial position of the Guild.

Reporting for the Robinson Memorial Committee, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said the sum received was £205 3s. 8d. They had erected the screen and tablet at Drayton, and had put up a tablet at Oxford. With the balance that remained they proposed to put up a bronze at Appleton, where Mr. Robinson learned his ringing, and where he increased the peal from eight to ten.

The Master reported that the special committee appointed to draw up a form of service for the Guild had completed its labours, and they had used it for the first time that day. They were now considering the issue of a little book for ringers, which should contain this service, and some other suggestions which were being made by the Rev. Ackworth, of Twyford.

GUILD'S SUPPORT FOR LADIES.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge reported upon the Central Council meeting at Newcastle, which was attended by the Master, Mr. Hopgood and himself as representatives of the Oxford Guild. He mentioned that the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn was appointed hon. librarian, and now had charge of the Central Council's publications. He had also had another office thrust upon him, and that was that of Ambassador of Commerce, or, to use another term, he had become commercial traveller to the Exercise at large (laughter). He took his pack to Winchester, and at the Winchester Guild meeting sold more than the late publishers sold in a year. Coming to the question of the attitude of the

public towards ringing, he said he thought if there was any change it was in the populous towns. In the country he did not think there was much objection to bell ringing; in fact, people looked forward to it. Where there was objection he thought it was largely due to the stupidity of the architect who, although he was told how to do it, made the tower so that the sound was thrown downward instead of out of the top. They had got to convert the architects, and a committee was going to meet the Society of British Architects to see what could be done. They hoped to be able to get the architects to look at the matter, from the ringers' and public's point of view, and not from their own point of view, because they knew absolutely nothing about it (laughter). He had a case under his notice recently of a fine old tower centuries old, where the bells had been restored, and the Vicar wrote him that the architect had said the bells might only be chimed and not rung until October; would he, therefore, get eight men to chime the bells for the opening service, as if ringing were allowed the disintegration of the tower might take place. He (Mr. Coleridge) replied that the ringing of the bells would make no more difference than the organ playing in the chancel.

Mr. Coleridge next touched upon the representation of the Ladies' Guild, and said the only line he could take up was that if they had an association of their own they were bound to grant them representation when they were strong enough. He, therefore, moved that women should be represented on the Oxford Guild Committee, and on the Central Council, when eligible.—Mr. F. Hopgood seconded, and the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis added that he hoped the resolution would take effect, and that their branches would return in some instances lady members to the Guild Committee (The Master: Hear, hear).—The motion was carried unanimously.

A GUILD BADGE.

The Secretary introduced the subject of the adoption of a Guild badge, and the matter was referred to the committee to choose a design, the only dissentient voice being that of the Rev. E. W. Wilson (Freeland), who saw no necessity for a badge. They were, he said, already well united without any badge, and his experience of other societies was that a badge was only a nuisance.—Other members spoke in favour of a badge, one remarking that the majority of members would be only too proud to wear one.

The election of 81 change ringing members and 40 probationers was confirmed, and this concluded the business.

THE DINNER.

At the dinner, which followed, the Deputy Mayor (Mr. H. C. Mylne) presided, supported by the Master, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, the Rev. H. M. Wilder, Dr. Nash, Mr. A. E. Reeves, etc. Several toasts were honoured, and the Chairman welcomed the Guild to Wokingham. He contrasted its position when last it met in the borough, 18 years ago, with that of to-day. In 1895 they had 811 change ringers, now they had 1,413; in 1895 they rang 52 peals, last year they rang 122. He referred to the association between the late master, in the last days of his life, and the town of Wokingham, and went on to say that the Guild laid the whole community under a debt of gratitude for the services rendered by its members. He wished it success and continued prosperity.

The Master, who responded, was warmly greeted, and referred to some of the evidences which marked the progress of the Guild, but he added that although they sometimes spoke as if all their belfries were in perfectly good order, they occasionally got a rude shock. There was still something to do even in the way of the education of incumbents. The start of the new branch in the Valley of the White Horse, which was absolutely foreign to change ringing, the provision of a voluntary band to ring for the diocesan missionary festival at the Cathedral—the ringers' offering to the grand work which was laid upon every churchman—the accomplishment of the first peal in a new and intricate method at Caversham, were, he pointed out, all evidences of progress. In conclusion, the Master asked those incumbents who desired him to take Guild bands to the dedication of new bells or the service of blessing on the work of restoration, to be kind enough to consult him as to the date, because it was sometimes difficult to make the arrangements when dates were already fixed. He did not want to attend these dedications only because he loved to be at such services; but because he felt the Guild as a Guild ought to be represented, and if ringers were required he ought to have the opportunity of getting the best he could for the occasion.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in a happy speech, proposed "The Authorities," who, he said, included the Rector of All Saints', who had arranged the service, the choir, the organist, the two organ blowers, and the ladies (Mrs. Long and Miss Cooper), who had arranged the altar flowers.

The Rev. Long responded, and the Master then proposed the health of the preacher (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey), which was cordially drunk, the President of the Cambridge University Guild making a facetious reply.

"The Chairman," submitted by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, and acknowledged by Mr. Mylne, concluded the speech-making.

The company then dispersed to the various towers which had been opened, including the eights at All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham; Twyford and Hurst, and the sixes at Binfield, Easthampstead, Finchampstead and Sandhurst. A great variety of methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Major, and a good many visitors heard with interest a touch of Washbrook's musical Surprise Principle.

JUDGE AND BELLS.

A BRISTOL ASSIZE INCIDENT.

In view of all that has been said recently about bells and the public, the following extract from a Bristol newspaper is interesting:—

"The Bristol Assize, at which the civil business was unusually heavy and interesting, concluded late on Saturday, Mr. Justice Ridley and visiting members of the Bar having to hurry to catch the early evening train for London. A noteworthy incident occurred between four and five o'clock, when the Judge was summing up in the libel action from Bruton. Most of the windows of the Civil Court being open, the sound of a peel (sic) of bells which commenced at a neighbouring church, penetrated with such force that the Judge's voice could scarcely be heard, and he asked if the bells could not be stopped for a little while. Inspector Adey left the Court, and a few minutes later his appearance startled the occupants of Christ Church belfry, who were much relieved when the object of his visit proved to be nothing more serious than a request to cease ringing for half an hour to oblige the Court. Meanwhile, the Judge, who was speaking against time as well as the sound of the bells, continued his summing up, and in a surprisingly short space the cessation of the peal of bells enabled his Lordship to finish his address with more comfort to himself and greater clearness to the occupants of the jury box. There was some speculation amongst the people in Court as to what the Judge would have done, or had the power to do, if the bell ringers had been impolite enough to turn a deaf ear to his appeal. One, more curious than the rest, actually expressed the hope that the men in the belfry would decline to break off their peal, so that he might see what action, if any, would be taken by the Judge."

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The summer meeting was held at Whitechurch Canonicorum, a pleasant village miles from any railway. But in these days of motor vehicles, even isolated places are made more accessible, and so by means of motors, brake and cycle, between thirty and forty members spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening. The towers represented were: Beamister, Bradpole, Bridport, Broadwindsor, Lyme Regis, Wyke Regis, and the local band. In addition, the Revs. E. V. and C. C. Cox also put in a brief appearance. Service was held in the historic church, conducted by the Rev. E. H. H. Lee, the Vicar, the lesson being read by the Rev. C. F. Urquhart.—Tea, very pleasantly arranged on the Vicarage lawn, followed. A band of ladies presided at the urns, and the peaceful surroundings caused many to linger round the well-laden tables enjoying the conversation which took place over the tea cups.—At the subsequent business meeting, a letter of apology was read from the chairman of the branch (the Rev. C. F. Langford), and in his absence the Rev. E. H. H. Lee was voted to the chair. The place for the next meeting was fixed, new members elected, and a donation to a local restoration voted.—With votes of thanks to the genial host and hostess for all their kindness and hospitality the meeting terminated. While, however, some returned to the tower, others enjoyed the fragrant weed and a stroll round the well-kept Vicarage lawn.

In ringing, a lot of good spade work was done, many men successfully ringing their first courses of Triples or their first six-score of Doubles. Slowly, but let us hope surely, change ringing is advancing in this branch, and meetings such as this one cannot but forward it still more.

ENCOURAGING MEETING OF THE MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

The Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild held a successful meeting at Ogbourne St. George on Saturday week. The five heavy bells were kept going in the afternoon, and a service was held in the church, after which the ringers adjourned to the Parish Room, where seventeen sat down to an excellent tea. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, branch president, supported by the Rev. A. H. Smith, Vicar of Ogbourne St. George; Mr. J. Butler, branch secretary, and ringers from Ogbourne St. George, Ramsbury, Chilton Fobat, Savernake St. Katharine, Chiseldon, and Marlborough St. Mary. It was decided that, if possible, the next three meetings should be held at Savernake, Marlborough and Bremhill. One ringer from Chiseldon was made a member of the Guild. A discussion followed as to the possibility of lowering the subscription under certain circumstances. It was decided that the branch could do nothing by itself, and it was thought very improbable that a Guild could be run on a smaller subscription. It was suggested that the parish might in some way help the ringers.—After the meeting the ringers returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock. The Guild owes many thanks to the Rev. A. H. Smith for allowing the meeting to be held at Ogbourne, and for arranging the service and tea.

IF THIS SHOULD MEET THE EYE!

The Hon. Secretary of the Midland Counties Association (Mr. W. E. White, Cotgrave, Notts), will be glad to receive the addresses of Tom King, who rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Enfield on May 27th, 1912; and William Palmer, who took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston Manor, on November 30th, 1912.

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A CLEVER LADY RINGER.

Last week we recorded no fewer than three peals, rung on three successive days, in the Midlands, by Miss Margery F. Sampson. One of these peals was Stedman Cinques, and Miss Sampson is heartily to be congratulated upon having accomplished such a performance. Only one lady (Miss Parker) had previously rung a peal of Stedman



Cinques, and it is worth noting that in each instance it was rung at Birmingham under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild.

Miss Sampson is rapidly coming to the fore among the lady ringers, and she has now rung quite a number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman. This week we record her first peal of Major, and although she has not yet essayed conducting, we hope it will not be long before she adds that capacity to her accomplishments as a ringer.

ODD CHANGES.

On Thursday, July 31st, the bells of St. Mary Cray, Kent, which have been recast and a treble added to make six, will be dedicated by the Archbishop of Rochester at 7.30 p.m., and, after the service, they will be available for any ringers who care to be present.

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We know what a "peal" of bells is; but what is a "peel" of bells, mentioned by a newspaper, in connection with the Assize incident at Bristol?

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Any ringers attending the Foresters' conference at Manchester during Bank Holiday week, and desiring a "pull," should write to Mr. H. Chapman (a member of the Order), 11, Beech Grove; or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, who will make what arrangements are possible. Representatives will also be welcome at Pendleton on the Sunday at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

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It is not everybody, apparently, who appreciates the beauties of handbell ringing. During the course of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-on-Tyne, recorded in this issue, there was a demonstration in front of a house, where the ringing was taking place, and on two occasions a handful of gravel was flung at the window, much to the consternation of the ringers. At one time also there was a bicycle bell accompaniment, which did not fit in at all well with the method or the rhythm. However, all opposition was worn down, and the ringers scored a peal.

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There is a very curious fact about the situation of the parish church of All Saints' Wokingham, where the Oxford Guild's festival service was held on Saturday. The ancient borough itself stands many miles within the boundary of Berkshire, yet the parish church and a few acres of land surrounding it, are in the county of Wiltshire. Moreover, of the three churchwardens, one is elected as the representative of the county of Wiltshire.

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN AMERICA.

CHANGE RINGING DELIGHTS BOSTON PEOPLE.

Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., writes: July Fourth commemorates the formal rupture between the Colonies and England, and hence forms our principal national holiday. By the local officials having charge of the celebration, it was deemed an especially gracious act that the English Guild should consent to contribute toward the festivities by attempting a peal of Grandsire on the eight old Rudhall bells of Christ (North) Church, whose silvery notes are projected over a wider area than any other peal in this vicinity.

It was the wish of the Mayor that the band should have the honour of opening the programme by starting their work at early morn; but ultimately the late afternoon was chosen as more convenient to English friends coming from distant towns, attracted by the prospect of hearing once again the musical changes with which they had been familiar in early life. The ringers broke into changes, confident of success, and the striking was almost without a hitch for three hours and three minutes, when, to our discomfiture, the bells came prematurely into rounds. It transpired that when within ten minutes of a successful finish, seven leads were omitted as the result of two bells shifting their course, though no clashing occurred to direct the attention of the outside audience to this unfortunate slip.

The ringers were: P. J. Allfrey 1, Frank Burgar (conductor) 2, Wm. Bashford 3, Geo. Moore 4, Jas. F. Laker 5, Gordon Mackman 6, S. J. Perkins 7, Richard Newton 8.

The newspapers were unanimous in their commendatory notices of the performance, of which the following will serve as an example:—

ENGLISH BELL RINGERS AT OLD NORTH CHURCH.

For the first time in America in sixty years a set of church bells were rung in full form by the English Guild of Bell Ringers at the Old North Church in Salem Street yesterday afternoon and evening.

Operated by skilled hands the historic old bells gave forth a wonderful medley of rhythmic and mellow music. The bell ringers grouped in the belfry put zest into their work.

The tones which emanated from the belfry early last evening, when the bell ringers were giving an interpretation of the old English style of ringing, were exquisite.

Salem Street, in front of the church, and the nearby thoroughfares were thronged with eager listeners. Many were old residents of the North End, but never before had they heard such a unique musical treat.

The resonance of the old bells was brought out in full force at times. People all over the district stopped on the street to listen. Boatmen and members of pleasure parties in the harbour were attracted by the unusual pealing of the North Church bells.

The comely steeple of Christ Church is an ancient landmark of the city. Commanding a bird's eye view of Bunker Hill across a narrow stream, the site of the earliest considerable combat of the Revolution, it was thronged with spectators upon that occasion. A marble tablet has recently been unveiled in memory of Major Pitcairn, of the British force, who received a fatal wound while leading a charge upon the earthworks, traces of which are still visible. His remains were buried temporarily in the crypt.

Our Guild has been increased by the arrival of Ernest E. Randall, of St. Albans, who landed on July 6th, and within four hours was taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church. This touch was rung in forty minutes, the striking being excellent throughout. The circle was formed by: P. J. Allfrey 1, Wm. Bashford 2, E. E. Randall 3, Geo. Moore 4, Frank Burgar (composer and conductor) 5, Gordon Mackman 6, S. J. Perkins 7, Richard Newton 8.

We learn, also, from Dr. Nichols that efforts are being made to secure rings of bells in two additional towers.

In view of the attempt for the peal, and the reference in the newspaper to the fact that "for the first time in America in sixty years, a set of church bells were rung in full form," it is interesting to recall that the only peal that has been accomplished in the United States, was rung on Sunday, June 9th, 1850, at Christ Church, Philadelphia, by a band of English ringers. It was Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire, and occupied 3 hrs. 15 mins., the tenor being 18 cwt. The band was: T. H. Lesage 1, C. Rahill 2, F. G. Wade 3. H. W. Haley (conductor) 4, J. Hewett 5, W. Lobb 6, E. Sawyer 7, R. Dodd and J. Davey 8. Two men rang the tenor because the one who started on it was lame, and had to give up after 2 hrs. 15 mins.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On May 15th, the first half of Holt's Ten-part (2520 changes): J. Butler 1, T. East (conductor) 2, H. Bishop 3, W. J. Napper 4, W. E. Napper 5, R. James 6, R. G. Rice 7, J. S. Napper 8.—On May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. East, junr., 1, W. Newell 2, T. East 3, W. E. Napper 4, G. C. Rice 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8.

WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

Some two years ago, in the course of correspondence with Mr. J. W. Washbrook on other matters, he wrote as follows: "Would the Caversham men care to learn a Surprise Principle? I have a method which is far more difficult than London and far more musical than Superlative—as good as bell music can be—and it is, I think, the first Surprise Principle you would have seen."

I accepted the offer, but the Caversham band was not able to get properly to work at it until the spring of this year. The first touch for service was rung on Whit-Sunday evening, and a few weeks later 1008 was rung for a wedding.

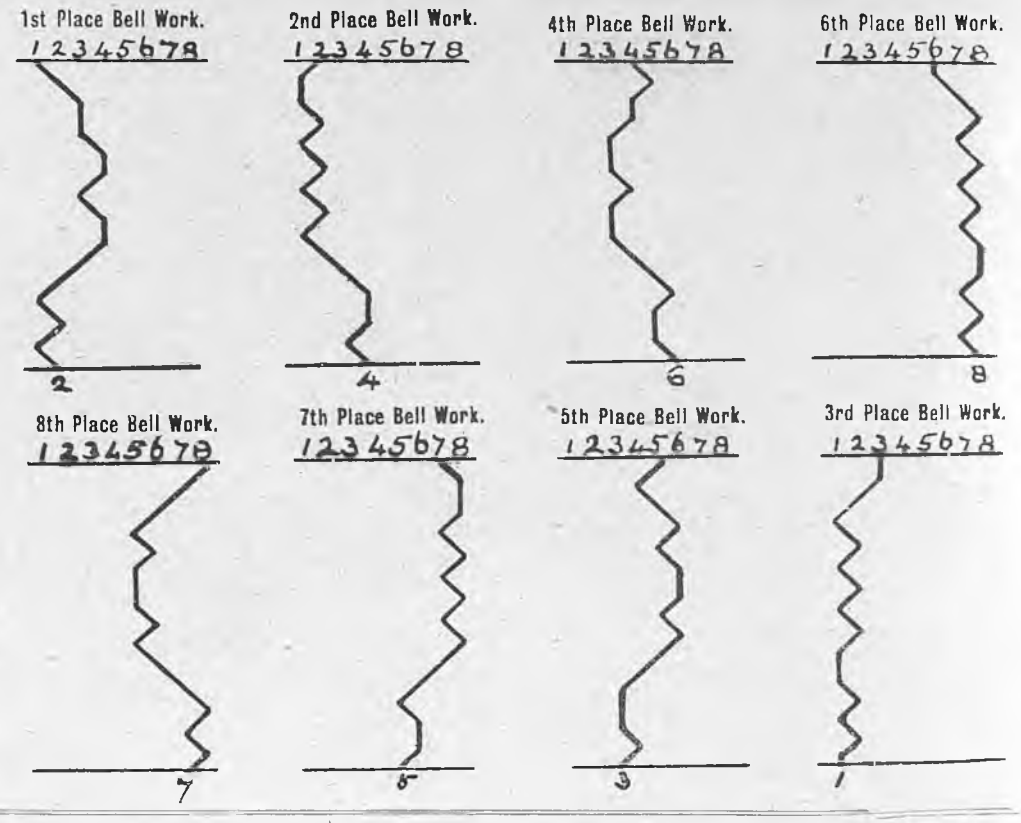
Recently two unsuccessful attempts were made at a peal, in each of which over one-third of the peal was rung. At the third attempt the peal was well and truly rung. The only matter for regret was that Mr. R. T. Hibbert could not take part. On the first occasion he was prevented by illness, and subsequently he insisted that the band which had acquitted itself so creditably on the previous occasion should be allowed one more good try.

With regard to the method itself, its musical qualities will, I think, not be denied, and in the course of ringing it we have found it to possess attractions even for those who understand little or nothing of Major ringing. As bell music, then it must take a high place among methods. As to its difficulty, those who have rung the method are rather divided in their opinions; there are some who decidedly agree with Mr. Washbrook, and others who equally decidedly place it below London and Bristol. All, however, agree in calling it very intricate and tricky to ring and possessing a great fascination. It will be found, too, I think, by those who take it up, that the accomplishment of a peal depends perhaps more than in any other method upon each man being well up to his work and sticking to it. As to its name and classification, I am trying to get into communication with Mr. Washbrook, and perhaps this notice in your columns may aid me, but until I hear further from him, the peal had better appear under the title of Surprise Principle.

If for any reason a new title must be bestowed upon it, it might be called instead, "Washbrook's Caversham Enterprise." C.W.O.J.

We append the figures of the first section or block of the plain course, which, it will be noted, runs to the same length as Bob Major. All the bells do the same work, and the absence of a guiding bell, like the treble in Surprise methods, will, we think, be found its chief difficulty. We give here also the composition of the peal that was rung at Caversham and a diagram of the method.

The Method.	5040 by J. W. WASHBROOK			
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21354687	23145			—
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32415876	12453			—
23418567	24153			—
32145876	52431	—	—	—
31254786	24531			—
13527468	45231			—
31524786	32541		—	—
13254768	25341			—
31527486	53241			—
Bob	42351		—	—
13527468	Twice repeated.			
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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at East Meon, ringers being present from Fareham, Wickham, Curdridge, Swanmore, North Stoneham, Gosport, Portsea, and Portsmouth. The bells of East Meon, which are a beautiful ring, with tenor 19 cwt., were kept going by mixed bands to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, many young bands ringing their first touch. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. Heywood Masters, assisted by his curate, the Rev. Basil D. Reed) officiated. The Guild form of service was used, and the Rector, in an address, referred to the inscriptions on bells, which he said were almost invariably "to the Glory of God," and he suggested to the ringers that their work, not only of ringing the bells for His service, but their daily duty, should be for the "Glory of God." The clergy, he said, owed much to the ringers for giving up their time and energy in ringing the bells for church services.

Tea was served in the Institute, a party of 30 sitting down.—Subsequently the business meeting was held, Mr. A. T. King being voted to the chair, supported by Mr. J. W. Whiting (hon. district secretary), Mr. G. Williams (general secretary), and Messrs. Harding and Chappell (representatives).—Five full members of St. Thomas', Portsmouth, and one from Swanmore, were elected.—Further ringing on the tower bells afterwards took place, and the party then travelled to West Meon, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire brought a successful meeting to a close.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Rayleigh, on Saturday. Ringing commenced soon after 4 p.m., and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Fryer). Owing to the inclement weather, tea, which was to have been on the Rectory lawn, was served in the Parish Room.—At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. A. C. Cork, of Baddingtons, Rayleigh, was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. G. Freeman, W. Jay, C. Jay, E. Jay and F. Jay, of Rettendon, were elected ringing members. Ingatestone was selected as the place for the annual meeting.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed, and Mr. Howard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. G. Fryer for arranging for the service and his kindness in providing tea; to the organist and choir who had so ably led the singing, and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.—Ringing was again indulged in, but owing to the bad "go" of the bells, good striking was out of the question, nothing above the ordinary being rung. During the evening, several members visited Rettendon, where the newly-formed company took part in Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

GARGRAVE.—At St Andrew's Church, on May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones (conductor) 6, C. Langstroth 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Lofthouse.



YORK MINSTER.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted with the following rings of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)
ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)
CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

FROM WORCESTER TO GLOUCESTER.

On July 4th, the members of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, together with a few friends, had an outing by motor coach. The party, numbering 27, first proceeded to Eckington. After a short stay, they had a pleasant ride to Cheltenham, which was reached at 11 a.m. After an hour and a half to look round the town, they made their way through beautiful scenery to the pretty village of Painswick, where dinner was provided by Mr. Goddard, of the Falcon Hotel. Proceeding to St. Mary's Church, they were met by Mr. Hale, Mr. F. Cole and Mr. C. West, who conducted them to the tower, and soon this lovely peal were set in motion. A touch of Grandsire Caters and one of Grandsire Cinques were all that time would allow, and a pleasant little run soon brought the party to Stroud. Here the ringing members wended their way to the Church of St. Lawrence, where Mr. Scrivens and other ringers met them, and a touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Royal were successfully got through. Gloucester was the next stopping place, and at St. Michael's Church the ringers were met by Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Davis, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. G. Condick. Several touches were rung to the enjoyment of the visitors, and after a look round the ancient city, the journey home was commenced, and a call being made at Tewkesbury en route, the "Faithful City" was safely reached at 10 o'clock. The Guild wish to thank the Rev. W. H. Seddon, Rector of Painswick, the Rev. Cannon Proctor, of Stroud, and the Rev. Braithwaite, of Gloucester, for the use of the bells, and those ringers who met them and did all they could to make the outing a most pleasant one.

A MOTOR SPIN.

St. Peter's Society, Bournemouth, had a motor trip for their annual outing, a large party of the ringers and friends spending an enjoyable day. Wareham was the first stop, and at the tower of St. Mary's Church the bells were set going to Stedman and Bob Major. At Dorchester, Mr. Benger, of the local band, was ready to welcome the party, who, after viewing the historic town hall, attempted a quarter-peal of Bob Major on the bells of St. Peter's Church, but without success. However, if the touch was lost, full justice was accorded to the excellent lunch which was served at the Dorchester Arms. Subsequently the petrol steed brought the company to Milton Abbas, where Mr. Perkins, of the Milton Abbey band, was in waiting, and conducted the visitors through the lovely gardens and glasshouses of Milton Abbey Park, the seat of Sir Edward Hambro, and also over the grand old Abbey, and last, but not least, to its tower, where the bells, a light ring of eight, were set going to Stedman and Grandsire. Tea was served at the Hambro Arms, after which the homeward journey to Bournemouth was made by the way of Bryanstone, Blandford, Sturminster Marshall, and Wimborne. The nice rings of six at St. Nicholas', Bryanstone, and Sturminster Marshall, were utilised for Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles. A fine day made the trip most enjoyable, and the "Evergreen Valley" was reached in quite respectable hours.

EDMONTON RINGERS' WEEK-END.

The Edmonton ringers had their annual outing on July 12th and 13th, when they visited Twyford and Reading. Reaching Twyford at 2.30 on Saturday, they were met by the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness. A few touches in Surprise methods were rung, and the ringers expressed themselves delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells, which are a new peal by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Soon ringers from neighbouring churches began to arrive, including Misses White, Belcher and Chillingworth, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and Messrs. H. White and A. E. Reeves. After touches in various methods, an adjournment was made to the Vicarage garden, where the Vicar (the Rev. —. Acworth) entertained all the ringers, numbering about 30, to tea. A very enjoyable time was spent, and Mr. J. Parker, on behalf of the Edmonton ringers and friends, thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality and the cordial welcome he had given them.—The Vicar, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome ringers to his church, and expressed pleasure at the complimentary remarks which had been passed regarding his bells.

A move was then made to Caversham, where, as usual, there was a warm welcome from the local men, who took part with the visitors in some London and Bristol Surprise. Later in the evening, touches were rung on handbells.

On Sunday morning the party visited St. Giles', Reading, and took part with the local ringers, including Miss Goodship, in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major, London, and Bristol Surprise. Some of the band also visited St. Mary's Church and rang Superlative. The day passed all too quickly, and after ringing at St. Mary's for evening service, the party left Reading for home, which was reached at 10.30.

The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, who made all the arrangements for the accommodation of the party, and the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the various churches for the use of the bells

ROUND IPSWICH

The annual excursion of the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster, is always an enjoyable event, and this year's outing was no exception to the rule, when Ipswich was made the headquarters. There is nothing like getting off the mark early, and the party met at Liverpool Street Station at 4.50 a.m. Ipswich was reached before seven o'clock, and at the Suffolk capital they were greeted by the brothers J. and W. Motts. After breakfast, brakes conveyed the party to Coddenham, where London and Bristol were successfully accomplished. The next stop was Stonham Aspall, boasting a fine old peal of ten, upon which, after lunch, a splendid course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round. At Debenham Church, the next call, and where is to be found one of the best eights in the county, the visitors were met by Mr. W. Grimes, who took part in a touch of Superlative, which was followed by London and Bristol. At the Cherry Tree Inn dinner was waiting. The carvers saw to it that they should not be troubled too often, and after creature comforts had been fully discussed, Framsden was visited, and courses of Cambridge and Bristol brought round. The next stop was at Helmingham, a pretty little village, whose church was reached through a lovely park. London and Double Norwich were rung, and the church, one of the prettiest that could be found, was inspected.

After calls had been made upon several of the secretary's friends, the party made for Henley, where they were received by the Rev. W. Pearson, one of the best known of the "ringing parsons," who invited them to tea in the Vicarage. This invitation was gratefully accepted, and after tea the grounds were inspected. A course of Stedman Caters was tapped off on the lawn, and then, in the tower, a splendid touch of Stedman Triples was rung, the Vicar taking part. After thanking the Vicar for his hospitality, tracks were made for headquarters, and at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, the party were met by most of the Ipswich ringers. A splendid course of Superlative was rung, and after a touch of London, the "Halberd," the St. Mary-le-Tower Society's "house," was visited, and with a splendid gathering of ringers a pleasant hour was spent. Here, too, the visitors found another of their party, who should have joined them at Henley, but, owing to the accident on the G.E.R., took seven hours to reach Ipswich.

On Sunday, Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques were rung for service at the Tower Church. A stroll in the park preceded dinner, which was splendidly served. The river was the attraction in the afternoon, and then, in the evening, about 30 ringers turned up at the Tower Church to ring for service. A splendid course of Cambridge Maximus was tapped off, and a touch of Stedman Cinques finished the ringing; then, after a pleasant hour, it was time to bid adieu to friends, and London was reached about 10.45 p.m., after a very successful meeting. The Society wish to thank all the clergy who gave permission to ring, and the ringers who met and welcomed them so heartily, especially the guides (Messrs. J. and W. Motts), who, besides making the necessary arrangements, were a great help in the tower.—A.W.G.

UP THE THAMES.

The ringers of Christ Church, Eastbourne, joined the choirs of that and the other churches of the parish for the annual excursion on Wednesday week, when, reaching Hampton Court by train at 11 a.m., they had a trip up the Thames by steam launch. The weather was on its best behaviour, and the charm and interest of the river were greatly enjoyed. The party landed at Windsor, and made a rapid raid on the sights of the royal and ancient borough, and afterwards the return trip was made. Luncheon and tea were both served on board, and at the conclusion of the former, the Vicar (Canon Allen) thanked the organists, choirs and ringers for their services.—The Vicar was thanked for the splendid outing.—During the journey there was plenty of excellent vocal and instrumental music, which added to the enjoyment of a delightful day.

ST. CLEMENT'S, IPSWICH.

The outing of the St. Clement's company took place on Saturday week, when the party started at 6 a.m., by brake, for Stratford St. Mary, where a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was brought round. After breakfast, at the Anchor Inn, provided by Hostess South, a move was made to Great Bromley, where the visitors were met by Mr. J. Bowell. After a short touch of Oxford they proceeded to Wivenhoe, where the bells were also set going to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob. Thorrington was the next tower, and Oxford and Plain Bob were rung. At Great Bentley dinner was served at the Lion Inn by Host Lunnis, and subsequently the party wended their way to the church, where a touch of Bob Major and a short touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major were brought round. A course of Cambridge Surprise was also rung on the back six, Mr. Bowell taking part after having cycled over from Great Bromley. The return journey was then made to Tendring, where was found a nice little ring of six. The final call was at Mistley, where a well-struck 360 of Double Court was brought round. The party having visited the old church, of which only the two steeples remain, a start was made for home at 8.30, after a most enjoyable day. The members wish to thank the clergy of the respective churches for permission to use the bells, and also to Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, for arranging the dinner and helping to make the outing a complete success.

Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.

NORTHAMPTON RINGER HONOURED.

In St. Giles' Schools, Northampton, on Monday week, a presentation was made to Mr. Fred Hopper, who has retired from the belfry, after being associated with St. Giles' for 12 years. The gift consisted of a handsome silver albert and medal, with gold-mounted bell in the centre, and an address, which was as follows:—"Mr. F. Hopper.—We ask your kind acceptance of this small present, as a token of the highest esteem from the ringers and friends of St. Giles' belfry (on your retirement from the office of foreman), to show our appreciation of the good work you have rendered." Then follows the list of subscribers.—Mr. Walter Cave (churchwarden) presided over the proceedings, and Councillor John Woods, in making the presentation, said he was sorry it was necessary to make it. Mr. Hopper had been a very active bell ringer at St. Giles' for many years. He was secretary for some time, and then foreman. All appreciated the work, not only of Mr. Hopper, but of all the bell ringers—they were doing a very important part of church work—and he was not sure they were always appreciated as they ought to be Friends at St. Giles' felt that even if Mr. Hopper was only leaving them for a short time, they could not allow him to go without some appreciation of his efforts. He hoped that when Mr. Hopper looked upon the address he would be proud to think that he had left behind many friends.—Mr. Hopper, in reply, said the gift came as a very pleasant surprise to him. What little he had done had been a work of pleasure. He should value the present very much and ever regard it as a token of the good fellowship that existed. —After eulogistic references to the good work of Mr. Hopper had been made by the Chairman, Mr. F. Wilford, and Mr. Sharman, the proceedings terminated with thanks to the chairman for presiding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the committee of the Lancashire Association was held at Lytham, on Saturday, when the bells at three churches were placed at the disposal of the members. Owing to the business meeting, little ringing was done, but time was found for touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Kent Major and Minor. Lytham being in the Fylde district, and close to Blackpool, it was decided not to have a branch meeting, as this is the height of the season, but several members of the branch and other friends put in an appearance. Thanks are due to the different clergy for use of bells and room for meeting, and also to Mr. Maries for arranging everything for the comfort of the visitors. It is hoped that ringers who are likely to be in the vicinity of Liverpool will make a note in their diary against October 4th, as it is hoped to have a record meeting to hear the Bishop.

LONG PEAL CELEBRATED.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the 9,600 of Grandsire Major, rung on June 30th, 1883, at Glodwick, Oldham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, by: J. Priestley 1, F. Crossland 2, I. Schofield 3, E. B. Shaw 4, Sam Stott (conductor) 5, A. Clegg 6, L. Hampson 7, J. Hilton 8. It was intended to have as many of the original ringers as possible, but there were only five available out of the eight who took part in the peal, which was rung in 5 hrs. 29 mins., by: John Hilton treble, George H. Beever 2, Albert Clegg 3, Jas. Platt 4, Fred Crossland 5, C. Dronsfield 6, Sam Stott (conductor) 7, Jas. Priestley tenor. Of the absentees on the anniversary one is dead, one has given up ringing, and the other was unable to attend. All the ringers in the quarter-peal, it is worthy of note, were over 50 years old, and the aggregate of their ages was 436 years.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the London County Association was held in the Church of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, about thirty ringers attending from Willesden, Islington, Holloway, Highgate, Clerkenwell, Southwark, Chelsea, Hackney, Hammersmith, Deptford, etc. Standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung during the evening.

The business meeting was held in the church vestry, two new members being duly elected, and various financial items, including 38s. for writing last year's peals, and £6 12s. 11d. for a set of handbells.

The Secretary reported that the sale of the old handbells realised £3 17s. 6d., but it was necessary to draw £3 10s. from the bank, to meet current expenditure, a portion of which would no doubt be returned at the end of the year. The meeting regretted the loss of one of the old members of the society, Mr. Coomb, who for a great number of years was actively connected with the Association.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the vestry, and to Mr. Boxall for having everything in readiness, the Master remarking on the clean state of the belfry and the improved state of things generally, compared with a few years ago. The new handbells, a set of sixteen (size 19, in F), supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were then tried, several courses of Stedman Caters being tapped off. The tone and quality of the bells proved exceptionally fine, those that heard them being highly pleased. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their fine production.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Sudbury district branch of this Association held their summer meeting at Sudbury, on Saturday, when a successful time was spent, both in ringing the bells of the Churches of St. Peter and All Saints', and also at the tea and business meeting held at the Bull Hotel. There were 27 members present at tea, while several more arrived later in the afternoon.—Mr. T. R. Dennis, the general secretary of the Association, very kindly took the chair, in the absence of the Rector of St. Peter's.

The report of the progress of this Archdeaconry is encouraging, for the membership is steadily increasing, and the peal record is higher than it has been for many years.—Mr. Turner, of Bury St. Edmunds, made the good suggestion that every member who goes to practice on the bells during the week should make it a rule to be present to ring for at least one service on the Sunday; and reminded members that their chief duty to their church was to ring for services.—This was endorsed by the secretary, who pointed out that they would certainly enlist the sympathy of those clergy in the district who at present are not in favour of ringers, when they found that peal ringing was not the only thing that ringers practised for.

The usual votes of thanks were passed; and the autumn meeting was fixed for Monk's Eleigh, if arrangements could be made. Touches of Kent, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Burstow on Saturday week, 25 members being present from Godstone, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, and the local band. Service was held in the church, and a capital address was given by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Teesdale).—Tea was provided by the Rector in the Church Room, and the business meeting followed.—Eighteen ringing and four hon. members were elected to the district. Bletchingley was proposed for the next quarterly meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. E. J. Teesdale, in reply, said it was a pleasure to meet the members of the southern district, and he hoped he would again have the pleasure of seeing them at Burstow.—The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Bob and Woodbine Minor.

A report of the meeting of the Association at Egham on Saturday will appear in our next issue.

GIFT ACKNOWLEDGED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to make use of your columns to thank all those members of the Hertford County Association who so kindly subscribed to the beautiful clock and ornaments which have been presented to me on the occasion of my marriage. My wife and I deeply appreciate those tokens of esteem from my fellow members, and we shall always treasure them as mementoes of my connection with the Association.—Yours faithfully, BERTRAM PREWETT.

DEPARTURE OF MR. A. M. C. FIELD, NEWCASTLE.

It will doubtless be news to many that Mr. A. M. C. Field is leaving England to take up an important appointment in San Paulo, South America. A few years ago, Mr. Field occupied the position of secretary to the Durham and Newcastle Association; but business matters necessitated his leaving the district, and it was only some few months ago that he again took up his residence in Gosforth. A very wide circle of ringing friends regret the loss of so enthusiastic a ringer to the Association, and extend to him their heartiest wishes for success in his new undertaking.—On Sunday, July 13th, as a farewell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for evening service, by: J. Anderson (first quarter-peal) 1, R. W. Falconer 2, J. F. Bird 3, N. Fleck 4, J. E. R. Keen 5, A. M. C. Field 6, W. H. Barber (conductor) 7, J. S Richardson 8

THE LATE MR. F. A. NUNN.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

The tragic death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, of Tottenham, who was drowned at Boreham, Essex, has left his widow and three young children totally unprovided for, and an urgent appeal is made for help in a very distressing case. A subscription list has been started, and already the following sums have been received: From his fellow workers, per Mr. Howell, £2 10s.; Anonymous, £2 2s.; Chelmsford and Boreham ringers, per Mr. H. F. Cooper, £1 5s.; total £5 17s. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged in this paper by "F.R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, The Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham, N.

FARNHAM.—On Monday, May 26th, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. R. Elkins 1, E. J. King 2, H. Chaffey 3, Alf. Croucher 4, Corpl. Gilbert, R.E., 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6, G. Upshall 7, T. Upshall 8. First quarter-peal on the method on the bells, and by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26th, at St. Margaret's, Rainham. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 (at 9d. each) in the Church Hall. The bells of this church are being rehung in a new iron frame, the old six tuned on the Simpson principle, with an addition of two trebles, making eight, with a tenor about 23 cwt., by Taylor, of Loughborough. All ringers and friends are heartily welcome.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The 26th annual festival will be held at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, July 26th. Service at 3.45 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next South and West District meeting will be held by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a small charge, 5.45. All ringing friends welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, July 26th. A tea will be provided at 5 o'clock for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Calverley for practice, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells will be ready from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Thornhill Arms at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available at six o'clock. — George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The bells at Hatfield will be available for ringing from 4 to 9.15 p.m. on Saturday, July 26th. Tea can be had in the Park for 7d. per head.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Church Eaton (6) and Haughton (5) on Saturday, July 26th. Bells at Church Eaton available from 3 o'clock.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, July 26th, 1913. The bells of St. Mary will be available in the afternoon and evening. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock.—R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 5 p.m., meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Petherton on Saturday next, July 26th. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following, bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on July 31st, August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 5th and 19th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 5th; Southwark Cathedral on August 12th; St. Paul's, Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, at Beighton. Church of St. Mary (6 bells, tenor 9 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A free tea will be provided, and members who intend being present are particularly requested to notify Mr. G. Parkin, 30, Manvers Road, Beighton, not later than July 28th. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Henfield Branch.—The bells of the above tower (which have recently been recast and rehung) have kindly been placed at the disposal of the association on August Bank Holiday, and all members of the association will be heartily welcome. Tower open from 3 till 9. Short service at 6. Tea in Parish Room at 5, as guests of the Vicar, to all who send word by July 31st to Mr. E. Lish, 2, North Cottages, Henfield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. Mary's (6), St. John's (8). Service at St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Bedford Temperance Hotel. Usual reduction to those notifying secretary early.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual all day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Hersham 10 a.m., Walton 12 a.m., Oatlands Park 2.30 p.m., Chertsey 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall, Chertsey, at 6 p.m. Supporters requiring dinner must notify me not later than the

31st inst. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, 1913. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Hilda will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. Tea will be provided at Bucks (Clifton Hotel). Members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify the secretary not later than Friday, August 1st. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting. — T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Monday, August 4th. Tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. R. Dickinson. Woburn bells (8) will be available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Husborne Crawley bells (6) after the service.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, the tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. Dench's address is now 37, Ditton Walk, Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE

Doubtless a great many of our readers have read with interest of the fact that Mr. Andrew Carnegie has recently entrusted the Carnegie Dunfirmline Trustees with the administration of the income derivable from two million pounds' worth of bonds, for public libraries, church organs and other objects in the United Kingdom. A correspondent now writes to us suggesting that an effort should be made to get Mr. Carnegie to include in the "other objects," assistance in the restoration of church bells. The idea is certainly a commendable one if only Mr. Carnegie could be induced to see it in the same light that ringers and church authorities, whose bells are in a dilapidated condition, will view it. Our correspondent says, "There are a great many things to which the benefits of the trust might be extended, but is it not possible, if a great number of ringers, backed up strongly by the clergy, were to make an appeal to Mr. Carnegie or his trustees through the Central Council, it might possibly be successful." We should like to think that success might attend such an appeal.

Mr. Carnegie, we believe, is passionately fond of music, and it was because he desired to give the public fuller opportunities of enjoying the pleasure of such a comprehensive instrument as the organ, that he has given such a huge sum to assist churches in their construction. However, Mr. Carnegie has not had so much experience of the melodies of a sweet-toned ring of bells. During his long residence in America he was in a land that was foreign to the joyous notes of a well rung peal, while in his far-off Scottish home their sound is never heard. But Mr. Carnegie has in many ways shown himself ready to help those communities who are anxious to help themselves, and we know from experience how, as a general rule, the people of a parish are anxious to do their utmost for the maintenance of their church bells. Unfortunately it is only too true that in many instances the cost is beyond the parochial means, and it would be a magnificent thing if, with good cause shown, it was possible to look for substantial help to a fund such as that which Mr. Carnegie has established for organs.

Despite all the bell restoration that has gone on in recent years there are a very large number of parishes where a bellhanger's attention to the bells is sorely needed, but is indefinitely postponed for lack of the wherewithal to meet the expense. If only the question could be opened up with Mr. Carnegie, there would be no difficulty in making out as strong a case for the bells as could be shown for the organs. The question is who will take the lead? If anything is done it should be done by a responsible body, and that body, it would seem, is the Central Council, but whether the Council could be induced to take it up is another matter.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	FRED CHAMBERLAIN... ...	6
HARRY PAGE	2	*JAMES CROSS	7
JOSEPH E. SYKES	3	TOM PAGE	8
WILLIAM B. BISS	4	BENJAMIN THORP	9
SIDNEY DAWE	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY COOPER, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Caters. Rung after meeting one short for Kent Treble Bob Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

THOMAS HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FISHER	6
WILLIAM R. SMALL... ...	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	7
GEORGE HUGHES	3	REUBEN HALL...	8
*JOHN W. JONES...	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
WILLIAM A. COOPER ...	5	*BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The composition is No. 1 on the Broadsheet. Rung for the Festival of St. James and also for Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., honorary secretary of the Llandaff Association.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5189 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. GORE	6
WALTER ALLWOOD	2	GEORGE HOLLIS	7
JOHN THORPE	3	CLEMENT GLENN	8
*ARTHUR HAGUE...	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	9
GEORGE HALKSWORTH ...	5	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, STOKE COVENTRY.)
On Tuesday, July 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect and esteem to the late Rev. Canon T. A. Blyth, D.D., for 28 years incumbent of of Stoke, first as Vicar and since 1907 as Rector, who was interred in St. Michael's Churchyard on the above date. He had been a Vice-President of the Warwickshire Guild since its formation in 1907.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR K. GOWER ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST GOWER...	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Jun. ...	2	ALFRED KING	6
*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	EDWARD W. BRAY	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. Ernest Gower's 100th peal. Arranged for Messrs. King and Hughes, who hail from Luton and London respectively.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE PRESTON	5
FRANCIS S. WILSON... ...	2	EDWARD C. ELLIOTT ...	6
*JOHN WILKINS	3	†CECIL G. MORRIS	7
JAMES E. FIGGURES ...	4	WILLIAM G. FOWLER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the organist (Mr. H. Wakeford, F.R.C.O), to Miss A. Backhurst. Francis S. Wilson hails from Tewkesbury.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
*WALTER S. WISE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. J. A. Trollope's 150th peal.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MICHAEL COSLANY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY C. ARTIS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	5
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ...	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	6
FREDERICK KNIGHTS	3	ALBERT G. WARNES... ...	7
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	CHARLES E. BORRETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY SEAR...	...*Treble*	FREDRICK J. MYNARD ...	5
WALTER SEAR	2	JAMES GEORGE	6
JOHN MEAD	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	7
CECIL A. VALENTINE... ...	4	WILLIAM SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. illett and Johnston.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN T. RICKMAN ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD STREDWICK ...	5
ARTHUR H. WHITE	2	JOHN CAPP	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NEATHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	...*Treble*	JOHN HOUGH	5
EDWARD I. STONE	2	HERBERT HURDMAN ...	6
WILLIAM J. SMITH	3	WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	7
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF... ...	4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT DAY	...*Treble*	HENRY LETTS	5
GEORGE BASSON	2	FRED WATKINSON	6
JOHN FLOWER	3	*WILLIAM H. WAIN	7
JOSEPH LORD	4	THOMAS STIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN FLOWER.

* First peal with an inside bell.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE	...*Treble*	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ...	5
THOMAS BETTISON	2	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	JESSE J. MOSS	7
CHARLES MASON...	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JONAS S. AMBLER ...	...*Treble*	LEWIS MIDGLEY	5
NORMAN NORTH	2	THOMAS HENRY GELDER	6
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ...	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
JAMES COTTERELL	4	FRED SALMONS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. S. Ambler on his 50th birthday. After the peal a splendid tea was provided at the King's Head Hotel, and thoroughly enjoyed.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	...*Treble*	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	5
FRANK I. HAIRS	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	6
JOHN J. PRATT	3	JAMES HUNT	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	FRANK V. SINKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

THOMAS BICKNELL ...	...*Treble*	JOHN SANDERS	5
CHARLES COTTRELL	2	WILLIAM J. MEERS	6
GEORGE GARRISON	3	JONATHAN PRESTON	7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON	4	JOHN E. PYWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

The bells were half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk of Erdington, one of the ringers at the above Church, who passed away on Thursday, July 24th, and was interred at the Parish Church on the above date.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 24¾ cwt., in D.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	5
WILLIAM POSTON	2	ARTHUR S. BOAR	6
CAMPBELL KINGS	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
HARRY KEMP	4	ARTHUR BUSHNELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of London to Ross, and to celebrate the coming of age of the conductor. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Sadler and Williams hail from Newent, Poston from Bridstow, Boar and Dyke from Cheltenham, the rest being local men.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sunday, July 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER...	6
THOMAS HUGHES...	3	ALFRED ROWLEY	7
SAMUEL PEARCE	4	JOHN RAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

Rung before the mid-day service in honour of the first anniversary of the institution of the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH	...*Treble*	HARRY SHUKER...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	THOMAS BOTTRILL	6
JOHN POTTER	3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	7
GEORGE E. TURNER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEVYNOCK, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNOG,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM EVANS	...*Treble*	JOHN L. MORGAN	4
CHARLES POWELL	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ...	3	*EDWARD PARRY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Messrs. Morgan and Parry were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Mr. D. L. Havard for their kindness after the peal. Rung in honour of St. James's Day.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.

*HARRY PEET	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK KILBORN ...	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	5
HORACE W. SHARMAN ...	3	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CHAPMAN.

* First peal in seven methods.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Kent and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CLAYTON PARNELL ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	4
*ALBERT J. NAUNTON ...	2	JOHN SPENCER	5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in four methods.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob each called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*LESLIE GROOM	...*Treble*	JOSEPH SADDINGTON ...	4
FRANK LEWIN	2	DANIEL REDHEAD	5
JOHN LEWIN	3	JAMES M. NICKERSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal in four methods.

LATE PEALS.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, July 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

REUBEN HALL	...*Treble*	JOSEPH WALKER	5
THOMAS HORTON	2	JESSE SCREEN	6
*HERBERT HOWE	3	THOMAS H. REEVES ...	7
FRED TROTH	4	ALBERT MILLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. John Augustine Kempthorne, D.D., and Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER HUGHES	*Treble*	THOMAS JENNION	5
GEORGE WOODHALL	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON... ...	6
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER	3	THOMAS MURRAY	7
HENRY FYLES	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Mr. F. S. W. Butler, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Gainsborough.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR EDWARDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	HENRY HEAD	6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM...	3	HENRY F. COOPER	7
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ...	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation. The band were full of praise as to the "go" and tone of the ring.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
SUCCESS OF DISTRICT SCHEME.

The midsummer quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Egham, on Saturday week. Situated on the extreme northerly confines of the area covered by the Association, the expense of travelling from the more southerly parts of the district doubtless accounted in part for the meeting being somewhat thinly attended. The following towers were represented: Ewell, Kingston, Mitcham, Christ Church, Mitcham; Wimbledon, Staines, Croydon, Yorktown, Old Windsor, and the local band.

The bells are a well-tuned and good-toned ring. Until last year they were a peal of six, now, with an outlay of nearly £600, the people of this pleasant riverside parish have added a treble, and a 17cwt. tenor by the Croydon Foundry, who recast the old bells, and hung all in a steel double frame. The confined space at the disposal of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston made the work of "giving 'em fits" a somewhat difficult matter. They are, however, to be congratulated on their work, the "go" being excellent. Unfortunately, owing to the squat character of the tower and the double tier, the sound box is nil, and does not sufficiently minimise the noise in the ringing room.

The touches rung at the meeting, though not in Surprise methods (!), were clean and well-struck.

A short service was conducted, in the absence from home of the aged Vicar, by the Rev. F. J. Tranter, who, in his brief address of welcome, commended the work of ringers, and gave a notable instance from his own experience in Australia of the reclamation from a life of criminality effected by the Divine power through the sound of church bells.

The Vicar and churchwardens, the latter being present, graciously received and entertained the members to tea.—At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. Churchwarden Hill was elected to the chair, and with his colleague Mr. Hopkins, the Rev. F. J. Tranter and Mr. Budgen kindly consented to become honorary members of the Association.

The Hon. Secretary read a list of 14 peals rung to the credit of the Association, including three by the Southern branch, since the last quarterly meeting, and these were ordered to be recorded in the peal books. He also gave a short resume of the transactions of the Central Council meeting at Newcastle.

It was resolved that the monthly combined practices should be discontinued during July and August, and the next of the series should be held at Mitcham towards the end of September, when both towers might be utilised.

The successful working of the Southern District was touched upon; an accretion of upwards of 80 members through its agency giving rise to a suggestion for the future further division of the Central District; its unwieldy size, as evidenced by that meeting, proving an obstacle to the successful and effective working of the Association and the furtherance of the objects aimed at, viz., the advancement of change ringing and the recognition of ringers as church workers.

Votes of thanks were carried by acclamation to the Vicar, assistant curate, the churchwardens, organist, choir boys, and to the steeplekeeper for their presence and help in giving the Association such a generous and hospitable welcome, in their respective spheres of office.—The Churchwardens, in replying, expressed their appreciation of the Association's visit, hoping that it would tend to advance the local band and help to bring them on as efficient change ringers, and urged all those present as brother laymen and church workers not to neglect their duty towards God and their neighbour in being present at the common worship of their Creator and Redeemer, to which the faithful were summoned by the sound of the "holy bell."

The Egham band are in a very happy and somewhat unique position in having churchwardens who take such an interest in their work, and it should brace them up "to rise from the stepping stones of their dead selves to higher things," and not to be content with rounds or "stonev." The writer knows from personal experience that it means a long pull and a strong pull, and a pull all together if it is to be done—but it can be.

PRESENTATION TO PORTSEA'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

On Tuesday evening of last week at the Portsea tower, the ringers presented Mr. J. T. Matthews with a silver-mounted umbrella. Mr. Harding, foreman of the Portsea band, regretted that the time had come when Mr. Matthews would be leaving them, for during the time that he had been a member, now upwards of 24 years, he had won the esteem of all who knew him.—Mr. Symonds, who also expressed regret, remarked that now only two members were left in the band who joined with Mr. Matthews when the tower was first opened.

The Rev. H. P. Thompson, in making the presentation, remarked how sorry the church officials were to lose one who was so regular in his attendance, and who carried out the duty of ringing the bells for service so faithfully.—Mr. Matthews feelingly replied, and said he should ever remember the happy times he had spent in the tower and with the ringers. The senior members of the band then rang a 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, J. Symonds 2, O. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, A. Collins 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. T. Matthews 8.—At the close of the touch, the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Garbett) visited the tower, and wished Mr. Matthews good health, long life and happiness in his new home at Chulmleigh, in Devonshire.

NEW BELLS AT COLD HIGHAM.

The sentiment and public interest surrounding church bells was clearly evidenced at Cold Higham, Northants, on Thursday week, when there was a service and festivities to commemorate the re-opening of the church bells. Their restoration was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the four old bells, which have done duty, some of them for centuries, have been recast. A treble has been added and a new iron frame installed with space left for increasing the ring to six. The bells are tuned on the Canon Simpson principle, the tenor being 8 cwts. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., in A. The new treble is inscribed: "To the glory of God, the gift of three sisters, Harriet, and Ellen Aris and Jane Howes, 1913." The cost of the work has been £180, of which £145 had been raised previous to the fete.

A large congregation was present at the dedicatory service, which was conducted by the Rev. Dr. King, R.D., of Gayton, assisted by the Rev. M. A. Howes (Rector). An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Howes, of Bedford (son of the Rector), who took as his text Psalm xci, 1, "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another." He spoke of the spiritual significance of Church bells, and said they must feel grateful that in their village they had become possessed of what was practically a new peal, and he trusted they would be rung for many generations to the glory of God. On one of the bells they had a permanent record of three lives whose work in that parish had not been in vain.

Subsequently Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells by a band comprising J. Slarke, J. W. Sharpe, C. S. Faulkner and G. W. Beesley (Towcester), and F. Wilford (hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association). A very successful garden fete was afterwards held in the Rectory grounds in aid of the restoration fund.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EWHURST.

The usual practice night routine in the belfry of Ewhurst Church, Surrey, was varied very pleasantly on Friday, when Mrs. Clark-Kennedy (the wife of the Rector) unveiled a peal board recording a peal of 5040 changes of Bob Minor which was rung on Ewhurst bells on February 15th last. Mrs. Clark-Kennedy was accompanied to the tower by the Rector and several lady friends, the Rector's warden, Mr. F. W. W. Topham, was also present.—Mr. R. Whittington, in welcoming the company to the tower, explained the nature of the performance recorded on the board. Mrs. Clark-Kennedy said before she unveiled the board she would like to say how glad she was to come into the old tower, and to have the opportunity of unveiling this record of diligence and tenacity rewarded. She remarked on the difficulty there was in a small village like Ewhurst in keeping people together long enough to be able to achieve results of this nature, and said how glad she was that a member of her own sex was amongst the band who rang the peal, and complimented Mrs. R. Whittington on her performance. She then unveiled the peal board, which is finished in black, and written in English gold, surrounded by pitch pine mouldings and turned columns. The board was made by Mr. R. Whittington, and written by Mr. Cheesman, of Cranleigh. At the Rector's request a short touch of Bob Minor was then rung, the ringers standing as in the peal: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, J. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the ringers handed to Mrs. Clark-Kennedy a souvenir of the occasion in the shape of a framed photograph of the ringers and the peal board.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

GARDEN PARTY AT SHEFFIELD.

Quite an innovation was introduced into the lives of the Sheffield ringers, when, on Saturday week, at the kind invitation of the newly-appointed Vicar and Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Rev. H. Gresford Jones, M.A., the members of the Parish Church company, together with the ringers from All Saints' and Ranmoor churches assembled at a garden party at the Parish Church Vicarage. The invitation also included the Parish Church ringers' wives, and the "Peacekeepers" and their wives. The whole assembly numbered upwards of fifty, and as each arrived they were most cordially and heartily welcomed by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones, whose hospitable personalities made everyone feel immediately at home.

The introductory part over, games of croquet, bowls and clock-golf were provided for the men, and quoits and various forms of amusement were indulged in by the ladies. The Vicarage is situated on a gentle rise, and surrounded by beautiful grounds and woodland scenery, which, together with a fine afternoon, induced everyone to throw themselves with whole-hearted happiness into the joys and pleasures of their immediate surroundings. To add to the already zealous interest of the players, prizes were offered by the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones for the best performances in the respective sections, keen competition ruling at golf, albeit that many of the players were handling a club for the first time. Whilst all this was proceeding, the Parish Church handbell band, under the conductorship of Mr. Geo. Holmes, gave an excellent rendering of selections on the handbells to the delight of all, and particularly to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones, who made most diligent enquiries into the practical part of the business. This item was something quite new to them, and came as a pleasant surprise.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY AND RINGING.

A break was made at 4.30 p.m. for tea, the whole assembly sitting down together in the spacious dining-room, the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones being at the head of two long tables, whilst good-natured assistance was also rendered by the senior curate, the Rev. Lloyd Wilson. A most sumptuous repast was partaken of. Afterwards, Mr. C. H. Hattersley thanked the Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones for their very kind hospitality, and said that never before had the Sheffield Parish Church ringers been so highly entertained. They all looked upon it as a very great honour indeed. Such gatherings as these went to prove that ringers at the present time, taken as a whole, were a bit above the ordinary body of men, but some folks who knew not the difficulties of competency, still had the idea that change ringing was only exercised by an ordinary class of people, but their imagination was altogether wrong, for ringers had in their ranks men of influence such as Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., who was a great authority on the subject, and also men of position in most all professions, whilst a very considerable number of clergy were numbered amongst the practitioners. His first remembrance of ringing with a clergyman was with the late Rev. W. Aldred, the then Vicar of Dore, as far back at 1886, and he assured them he thought it was a great honour indeed to ring with a clergyman, but he was not quite so sure that the reverend gentleman had the same thoughts towards himself. During the last few years the Art had been taken up by ladies, and they had so far progressed as to recently form a Ladies' Guild, whose members had already rung a peal of 5000 changes, which was ably conducted by Miss Edith Parker. This lady's performances were already far superior to what most men could ever aspire to. Touching on the Welsh Church Bill at present before Parliament, Mr. Hattersley said that if ever the Bill became law, he was afraid it would mean trouble for the Constitutional Church of England. In concluding, Mr. Hattersley mentioned that in all human probability their good Archdeacon would be amongst the living for the next forty or even more years, and he sincerely hoped that in the future he would find the same peaceful administration of his work as existed at the present time.

Mr. Sam Thomas, on behalf of the Ranmoor company, in seconding the motion, said he heartily endorsed all that Mr. Hattersley had just said, and he also was very pleased to see the differences that one heard of as taking place years ago between the clergy and ringers had almost entirely disappeared. It was quite common nowadays, when ringing visits took place in the country, to receive a hearty welcome and hospitality from the clergy, although this was not yet the rule in the towns.

Support was also given by Mr. F. Willey, on behalf of the All Saints' company, who said it was a great pleasure indeed to his company to be invited on this occasion. Referring to the remarks of Mr. Thomas, he said he believed the fault of bygone years lay as much with the clergy as with the ringers, inasmuch as they did not get to know their fellow church workers as much as they might have done. This state of affairs was now undergoing great alteration, and the clergy were everywhere recognising the ringers as a respectable body of church workers, and he hoped that the good feeling would continue.

Mr. H. Tomlinson and Mr. G. Heald offered thanks on behalf of the "Peacekeepers," the latter stating he had an unbroken record of over forty years' service under four Archdeacons, and this was the first time he had ever been invited under the roof of the Archdeacon of Sheffield.

ARCHDEACON'S WELCOME.

The Archdeacon, in replying, said the words he had just heard from the various speakers had touched him very much. He was delighted to be connected with such an excellent body of fellow workers in the service of the church, and it gave Mrs. Jones and himself very great pleasure indeed to welcome the company present that afternoon. He assured them he had experienced great difficulty in getting in touch with his kind helpers, as he found that being Vicar of Sheffield was very different to being Vicar of a parish, for his duties compelled him to enter into the work connected with other Sheffield parishes, with the result that he had to leave part of the Parish Church work to the care of his fellow clergy. He hoped, however, that in time he would get to know them all. He had taken this opportunity to invite the ringers and peacekeepers to the large house and beautiful grounds which had been found for him and entrusted to his care, as it was his wish that so long as he remained there, he could not do better than by asking his fellow workers to share with him God's good gift. It gave him great pleasure to see that some of the company present (notably from Ranmoor) were quite young men who were interested in the art of change ringing, and he wished them every success in the work they had entered upon. He fully recognised that the duty of ringers in calling others to the worship of God was somewhat exacting, and he knew that sometimes they felt inclined to take a rest after their exertions, but he sincerely hoped that all would try to attend at least one of the services each Sunday, and thereby set an example to others to become regular followers of the church. In concluding, the Archdeacon again expressed his delight at meeting such a body of men, and stated that he had recently been elected an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, which he considered a very great honour indeed (applause).

Mrs. Jones very kindly expressed her pleasure and thanks for the company of all present, and said she could not let the opportunity pass without making special mention of the delightful performances of the handbell ringers, who had helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable.

A resumption of the games and competitions followed until late in the evening, when the Archdeacon distributed the prizes to the men and Mrs. Jones to the ladies, whilst other tunes and selections were given on the handbells by special request.

The writer feels that he cannot possibly do full justice or even adequately express the appreciation of the ringers and peacekeepers at the affectionate kindness shown them on this auspicious innovation of good fellowship between the clergy and church workers of Sheffield, and the result, it is hoped, will be seen by the continued devotion to duty and unstinted assistance given to the Archdeacon in his future work to the honour and glory of God.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at North Petherton, on Saturday last, and attended by members representing Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzoy, Wembdon, Enmore and Taunton. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. E. de St. Croix (branch chairman), in the absence of the Vicar of North Petherton. After service tea was provided at the Clarence Hotel, followed by the usual business meeting. Wembdon was the place chosen for the next meeting.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. E. de St. Croix for conducting the service and presiding over the meeting.—The members afterwards returned to the tower and kept the bells rolling to various methods for the remainder of the evening.

A successful combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Arborfield on Saturday, 18 members being present representing the towers of Sandhurst, Binfield, Hurst, Finchampstead, Easthampstead and Arborfield. Touches of Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Cambridge, College Single and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung.

A successful practice meeting was also held on Saturday at Goring and Streatley by the Bradfield branch of the Oxford Guild. Tea was very kindly provided by the Rev. H. C. Wilder, hon. secretary to the branch, and the Rev. C W. O. Jenkyn was also present. The towers of Goring, Streatley, Pangbourne, Bradfield, Theale, Englefield, Beenham and Aldermaston were represented, the touches rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure.

The summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Staindrop, on Saturday. The attendance was somewhat meagre, but those who were there enjoyed the afternoon's outing, the six bells of St. Mary's being well utilised. A most excellent repast was served at the King's Arms Hotel. It was a pity there was not a better attendance, as it was a glorious day, and many would have enjoyed a walk in the beautiful country wherein Staindrop is situated.

A meeting for the North-Eastern district of the Essex Association was held at Harwich on Saturday, when ringers attended from Bocking, Mistley, Ipswich, Harwich, etc. Tea was provided at the Norfolk Dining Rooms, followed by a meeting, at which the election of three members of Rettendon and seven of Shalford were confirmed, and a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells. The ringing during the day included touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

A GLOUCESTER APPEAL.



To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to the wide circle of ringers who take in your valued paper for help towards the restoration of our church tower. Six years ago, thanks to the generosity of our squire, the four old bells in our tower were taken out, and a maiden peal of six (tenor 12 cwt., in F) were cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to the great joy of the whole parish; the bells not having been previously rung for about 60 years. A band of young ringers was formed, who soon mastered the Grandsire method, but ringing has had to be stopped now for nearly a year owing to the cracked condition of the tower. Thorough under-pinning is necessary, together with considerable work above ground. The architect employed estimated the probable cost at £300, and we thought that we might possibly be able to raise this sum locally, although the parish itself is only a small agricultural one of 400 people. Now, however, the lowest tender received is found to be nearly half as much again! and work has not been begun this summer, as was hoped.

I feel sure, judging from the practical sympathy we have received from ringers locally, that there must be many more who would like to help us to get our bells going again.

Any assistance, however small, will be most thankfully received.—

Yours faithfully,

F. VERNON WHITE, Vicar.

Corse Vicarage, Hartpury, S.O., Gloucester.

PRESENTATION TO A LADY RINGER.

On Saturday week the ringers of the Parish Church, Erdington, assembled for a peal on the bells as a farewell to Miss Margery F. Sampson, but owing to the serious illness of Mr. Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk, and who is also one of the ringing band, the ringers in sympathy with him decided to postpone it to some date later. By the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, the party were entertained to tea, to which justice was done. After tea the secretary, Mr. J. Preston, on behalf of the members, presented to Miss M. F. Sampson a gold bell, engraved with the monogram, "M.F.S.," and on the back with the following: "Presented to Margery F. Sampson, on the occasion of her leaving Birmingham, with best wishes from the ringers of the Erdington Parish Church. July 19th, 1913. J. Preston, secretary."

The Secretary, in making the presentation, said they were sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. T. Wells, and the members would sympathise with him and his wife in their trouble, and trusted their colleague would soon be restored to his usual health, and come amongst them once more. He congratulated Miss Sampson on the number of peals she had rung, and said it was the wish of those present that they should give her some memento before she left for her home in Edinburgh. They hoped she would wear it as a reminder of the delightful time she had spent with the ringers. They all wished that she would long be spared in the best of health to continue the art of ringing, and that, if she was in Birmingham at a future date, she would not forget to pay them a visit.

Miss Margery F. Sampson thanked the ringers very much for the beautiful present, and said it was to her a great surprise. She would always remember them for the kindly way they had received her when at Erdington, and would surely not forget to pay them a visit if she came that way.

The manufacture of the gift had been entrusted to Mr. Thomas Ruseam, one of the ringers, and was executed in fine style, the members expressing their appreciation of the artistic skill shown.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston for their kind hospitality.

From the ringers of St. Editha's, Tamworth, with which tower she has been associated, Miss Sampson has received a ladies' dressing case.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On May 6th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, M. Harris 3, R. Green 4, A. Roberts (conductor) 5, H. Kettle 6.

BOREHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

The parishioners of Boreham, Essex, joined whole-heartedly on Sunday in the service of dedication of their ring of bells which have just been restored by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry. The work has included the addition of two trebles, and the recasting of the 6th and 7th, and the contract has been carried out in the most satisfactory manner. The dedication took place before the usual morning service, the congregation gathering outside the tower, while the clergy, churchwardens and choir took up their position within, and the proceedings were quite impressive. After four verses of the hymn, "When morning fills the skies," had been sung, the dedicatory and other prayers, most of which were taken from the leaflet of the Essex Association's form of service, were offered. The local company then rang the bells for a few minutes, and the sound of the restored peal delighted everyone present. Messrs. Warner and Sons were represented by Mr. Andrew Warner.

At morning service, which followed, the bells were the keynote to everything. The hymns were: "Hark on high the joyful music," "Unchanging God who livest," and "Lifted high within the steeple." Special psalms were also sung, and the appropriate lessons were read by Canon Hulton. The Vicar (the Rev. D. N. Yonge) preaching from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord," spoke of the uses of bells and their sweet voices, and made mention of the beautiful tone of the two new bells. The offertories during the day were devoted to the Bell Fund.

For evening service, touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major were rung by the local band, and visitors from Chelmsford, Fryerning and Coggeshall, including Mr. D. Elliott, District Master of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association. The opinion of all who were present is that Boreham possesses a very musical peal, the "go" leaving nothing to be desired, and the workmanship being eminently satisfactory. The weights, etc., are as follow:—

	Note.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	F.	4	0	13
2nd	E.	4	0	20
3rd	D.	4	2	17
4th	C.	5	3	1
5th	B flat.	6	2	0
6th	A.	7	2	15
7th	G.	9	2	12
Tenor	F.	13	0	19
Total weight ..		55	2	13

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Erdington Bells and Ringers.



About half-way between Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield, in one of the suburbs of Greater Birmingham, stands the grand old Parish Church, St. Barnabas, Erdington, built in the year 1822-3 by the Commissioners for Building Churches on a site given by Earl Howe, and at a cost of £6,000. The church, a picture of which appears on the following page, was enlarged in the year 1883, and in 1893 a very fine open-timbered roof was erected. The church is built of stone in a decorated style, and the chancel contains a fine piece of work over the altar representing the Lord's Supper. The living is held by the Rev. Frederic Smith Swindell, M.A., who has recently celebrated his twenty-fifth year as Vicar of Erdington. The tower contains a clock given by Mrs. Perry to the memory of her husband, and a peal of eight bells (by Messrs. Taylor and Co.)-one of the finest in the country, presented in 1904 by the late Mr. Thomas Ryland, J.P., of The Redlands, Erdington, to the memory of his daughter, Mary Proctor Ryland. The tenor is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F, and on each bell is inscribed one line of a verse:—

Treble: Ring on joyous bells; never slumber,
2: Let us hear each message you bring,
3: And our hearts o'erflowing with gladness
4: Must break into music and sing.
5: Sing Praises to God our Creator,
6: Sing Praises to Jesus, our King,
7: Sing Praises to Thee, Holy Spirit,
Tenor: Ring on Blessed Bells ever ring.
Mary Proctor Ryland.

The bells were dedicated on February 21st, 1904, and a month later the first peal of Stedman Triples was rung on them by the St. Martin's Guild. In the same year a band of local ringers was formed under the instruction of Mr. Thos. Russam, their ringing master, of Alton. Great difficulty was found in keeping the men together, but they rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples on June 8th, 1907. The present band, a photo of which we reproduce, consists of the President (the Vicar), eight members and two honorary members. The ringers are very fortunate in having a good friend in the Vicar, who is always most kind and ready to meet them and grant the use of the bells, and also in having a hardworking and painstaking secretary in Mr. J. Preston, to whom credit is due for the fine peal tablets erected in the church to record two peals of Grandsire Triples, one to the memory of the donor of the bells and his daughter, and the other rung on the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary.

Our photo of the band has a pathetic interest, inasmuch as the group, taken on the belfry steps, includes the late Mr. T. Wells, whose death and funeral we record this week. Curiously enough, also, we report



ERDINGTON CHURCH.

in this issue a presentation made by the band to Miss Margery Sampson.

Those in the group, commencing from the top are: Chas. Cottrell, Rev. F. S. Swindell (Vicar), John E. Pywell, Geo. F. Swann, the late Thos. Wells, Geo. Garrison, Jonathan Preston, John Sanders, Thos. Russam, Miss Margery F. Sampson, Wm. J. Meers.

BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—LINCOLN.

SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES BY J. R. JERRAM.

As my account of Lincoln Cathedral bells was necessarily somewhat curtailed on account of space, I herewith submit the following additional notes to your readers.

The late Mr. North mentions several traditions as to the origin of "Great Tom," most of which he considered to be without foundation. All that can be gathered is that a large bell hung in the north-west tower for several centuries. I gave an account in my former article of the casting of the Great Tom of 1610 from an older, and somewhat lighter bell, by Robert Newcombe and Henry Oldfield in that year. I may add that this bell used to be swung, up to the year 1802. After this the ringing was discontinued on account of the supposed instability of the tower, and after this it was only tolled by means of a clapper rope. When the bell was cracked in 1827, among other proposals, James Harrison, bell founder, of Barton-on-Humber, recommended the casting of a peal of ten bells from the metal of the eight in the south-west tower and the six in the central tower, all to be hung in the central tower, with a new Great Tom in the centre! The Dean and Chapter fortunately did not accept his proposals. William Dobson, of Downham, proposed casting a new Great Tom from the metal of the old one, and that of the six Lady bells, then hanging in the central tower; adding about 10 cwt. more metal, and hanging the new bell in the central tower. Another proposal, broached by the Precentor, was to recast the old Great Tom, and to cast two new quarter bells; the metal for the latter being provided by melting up the front four bells of the peal of eight in the south-west tower! Happily this proposal was not entertained.

Up to 1827 the clock was in the north-west tower, and used on Great Tom, the quarters being struck on the fifth and tenor of the peal of eight in the south-west tower; the hammers being connected by means of cranks and wires carried along the west front from one tower to the other.

I mentioned in my former article the cutting off of nearly 9 cwt. of metal from the old Great Tom, with the idea of excising the crack. I may say that John Briant (then retired from business as a bell founder) warned the Dean and Chapter that this would be useless. Nevertheless they tried the experiment. When the order was finally given to Mr. Thomas Mears to cast a new Great Tom from the metal of the old one, and that of the six bells in the central tower, to save trouble, the old bell was broken into seven or eight pieces. The demolition took place after morning service on Wednesday, June 18th, 1834, the clapper being used as a battering ram.

With regard to the peal of six Lady bells in the central tower, the note of the tenor is said to have been one note above the tenor of the old peal of eight in the south-west tower. The total weight of the six bells when taken down and weighed was 68 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lbs. The ropes of the four largest bells were carried down and fastened to rings at the base of one of the piers in the nave below for the purpose of chiming. Two were chimed for service on ordinary days, and four on the Eve of Saints' days, Saturdays and Sundays. On Lady Days, March 25th, the singing boys used to go up to the bell chamber and chime them with cords on the clappers in the following order: 1, 3, 1, 2, 4, 1, 5, 1, 2, 6. This was supposed to fit to the words "A-ve-Ma-ri-a-or-a-pro-no-bis." The third was rung at 6 a.m. in summer, and 7 a.m. in winter. The tenor was rung as a "Pancake bell" at noon on Shrove Tuesday. She was also tolled forty strokes at the shutting of the Cathedral doors every night, after which the searchers walked round and searched the building throughout.

It is a great pity that these six bells should have ever been sacrificed just for the sake of increasing the weight of Great Tom and providing two quarter bells. Lincoln was the only Cathedral which could boast of possessing two peals of bells.

ODD CHANGES.

We would remind our readers of the urgent appeal which has been issued for help for Mrs. Nunn and her three young children, who are left totally unprovided for by the tragic death of Mr. F. A. Nunn, at Boreham. Contributions will be thankfully received by "F. R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, The Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham.



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The aptitude with which ladies acquire the Art is often wonderful. The Fakenham band have as recently as Easter last, admitted Miss A. E. Adcock to their circle, but she has made such admirable progress, that on Sunday week she succeeded in ringing the treble to 720 Bob Minor, the company being: Miss Adcock 1, A. Baldwin 2, C. S. Tuthill 3, C. Wybrow 4, C. E. Ebberson 5, G. Beverley 6, R. Cooke (conductor) 7, W. M. Tuthill 8. It was rung with 6-8 covering, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. E. Ebberson and R. Cooke.

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A correspondent of "The Guardian" makes an appeal to the Church not to miss the opportunity which presents itself of becoming the pioneer of carillon music in this country. If carillons are going to become common, he hopes it will be through the instrumentality of our Cathedrals and Churches, instead of being left to the initiative of municipal and other authorities. There is no country in the world, he adds, which has done more for bells and bell-ringing than England, and there is no body or institution which has done so much in this respect as the Church of England.

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St. Chad's company, Shrewsbury, under the instructorship of Mr. C. R. Lilley, are making rapid strides and, we understand, developing into a really good band. Those who know the enthusiasm of C. R. Lilley will not be surprised to hear this. The Abbey bells, which are at present hung for chiming only, will in the near future, it is hoped, be hung for ringing.

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In connection with the Hertfordshire demonstration of protest against the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill, held at Hatfield last Saturday, Canon Lord William Cecil invited members of the Herts Association of Ringers to use the bells of the Parish Church, and members attended in considerable numbers from many parts of the county. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were rung.

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We have received from Mr. John Beams, a member of the Surrey Association, a specimen of Peal Book, which he is putting on the market at 3s. 6d. Its pages are about the size of *The Ringing World*. Many ringers, we are sure, have had difficulty in obtaining a really suitable book for recording their peals, and in the neatly-bound volume of 300 pages, which Mr. Beams is now offering, this need is admirably met. As will be seen from an advertisement among our notices, Mr. Beams offers to write in the first peal in the book free of charge, if particulars are enclosed with the order.

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It is astonishing how ringers, after giving up the Art, frequently come back to "the old love." Recently, at Galleywood, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service, the tenor man having previously not touched a bell rope for 16 years. The ringers were: H. W. Kirton 1, A. Head 2, H. Head 3, H. Richell 4, H. R. Dawson 5, J. Walden 6, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 7, G. Head 8.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The meeting of this Guild at Aldington on Saturday week revived a custom that was at one time an annual summer event among its members. The threatening weather accounted for several absentees, but representatives attended from Appledore, Ashford, Brabourne, Mersham, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. The bells were kept going in the afternoon and evening, Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Minor being practised, a 720 being scored in the last-named method. Mr. C. Slingsby kindly entertained the visitors to tea, and Mr. A. C. Kay (Ashford) presided at the business meeting. The annual outing was discussed, and it was decided to visit Margate on Saturday, August 16th. Thanks to the financial prosperity of the society, 2s. will be allowed to each member attending.—It was also decided to attempt a peal at Ashford to-morrow (Saturday), if it is possible to secure the bells.—Mr. E. S. Ruck (Mersham), Messrs. C. Slingsby, E. J. Wanstall, G. Hooper, and W. Sherwood (Aldington) were elected members, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Nunn) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Slingsby for providing tea in such an hospitable manner.

DEATH OF MR. T. WELLS, ERDINGTON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Wells, Parish Clerk of Erdington, one of the ringers and honorary auditor of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, who passed away at his residence, 66, Church Road, Erdington, on July 24th, in his 45th year. The deceased had been ailing for sometime, although his end came very suddenly, and as a great surprise to many of his friends. It was only a fortnight before that he journeyed to Tewkesbury with the Erdington ringers for their annual outing, and seemed in the best of spirits, and it was a pathetic circumstance that in his speech at dinner he remarked that probably it would be the last time he would be with them as a ringer. He took to his bed on the following day, and lay for the greater time unconscious. An operation was performed, but without success, and Mr. Wells passed away on Thursday week. It was a great blow to his fellow ringers who had met the previous Saturday at the church for a peal which had to be postponed, and who then had to meet the following week for his funeral.

The interment took place on Saturday last at the Parish Church, amid great sorrowing, the church being filled with a large number of sympathising friends. The cortege was met at the entrance by the choir and clergy. The service, which was choral, was very impressive. It was conducted by the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. W. R. Turner and the Rev. A. Johnson. There were a large number of wreaths, including a floral bell from the ringers of Erdington. After the service, the "whole pull and stand" was rung recording the deceased's age, and afterwards a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect by the members of the Erdington Parish Church Society, including Miss Margery F. Sampson, who came at personal inconvenience to ring in the peal. Owing to a previously arranged outing of St. Martin's Guild, and such short notice, the members of the Guild could not be present, but sent an expression of their sorrow and regret.

The deceased has, during the short time he was connected with ringing, taken part in nine peals, seven of Grandsire Triples and two Stedman Triples.

The service on Sunday morning was a memorial one, and was attended by the ringers. The Vicar paid a great tribute to the late Mr. Wells for his good work in the parish.

RAINHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

St. Margaret's Day, which fell on Sunday week, was a red-letter day in the history of Rainham Church, Kent, for not only was it the dedication festival of the church itself, but also the occasion of the dedication of the two new bells which have been added to the six just renovated and rehung "in remembrance of our late Sovereign Lord King Edward VII, and in commemoration of the Coronation of our Sovereign Lord King George V and his gracious Consort Queen Mary."

For some months the bells have been silent, through dilapidation, but on Sunday crowds of people from the surrounding district came to hear them peal forth once more those melodious sounds which only bells can produce. The services throughout the day were conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Tamplin), and the special preacher was the Rev. Canon E. A. Stuart, of Canterbury Cathedral. In the morning, the Canon took as his subject, "The Transfiguration," and preached from the text, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." The dedication took place in the afternoon. Just before the sermon, Canon Stuart, the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. J. A. Walter and E. Jelly) wended their way to the west tower, where the Canon read appropriate prayers, and pronounced the words of dedication. Three leads of Grandsire Triples were then rung by the following representatives of the Kent Association: W. Cook 1, W. Haigh 2, F. Ockwell 3, W. Wilkins 4, W. Spice 5, W. Eastor 6, J. Champion 7, C. Belsey 8, and this was followed by an inspiring sermon by Canon Stuart on the first four verses of Psalm lxxxiv.

At the evening service, the church was again crowded, and an impressive sermon was preached by the Canon on the "Joy of Jesus," and an inspiring and happy day was brought to a close with the singing of the Doxology. After both the afternoon and evening services, some good touches were rung on the bells by ringers from Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Bromley, Sittingbourne, Borden, Tunstall, Upchurch, and Swanscombe, while Mr. Taylor himself, whose firm is responsible for the splendid work done to the bells, was also present at the dedication.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A SUFFOLK MOTOR TOUR.

The annual outing of the St. Margaret's Society, Leiston, took place on Saturday, an early start being made by motor. A circuitous route was taken, and touches were rung at the various places en route. The first halt was made at Laxfield, where the bells were set going to Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles, much to the delight and surprise of the villagers. Then, after refreshing the inner man, tracks were made for Stradbroke, where a cordial welcome was accorded to the ringers by the Rector. Owing to the bells being somewhat heavier than the members are accustomed to, a start was made with a touch of Kent, followed by a course of Superlative and a touch of Stedman Triples. Horham was the next place of call, and here the tower contains the lightest peal of eight in the county, the tenor weighing only 7 cwt. Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung After Horham came Worlingworth, where a good dinner awaited the party. A game of bowls was afterwards indulged in, Mr. D. Collins acting as instructor to some of the novices. When tired of the green, the party made for the church, and Oxford and Stedman Triples were rung. Journeying on to Framlingham, the members were pleased to meet Mr. H. E. Smith, who conducted them to the tower, where Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung. The final call was made at Rendham, Kent and Stedman Doubles being indulged in here. Leiston was reached again at 8.15 p.m., exactly 12 hours from the start. The members wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells and all who helped to make the outing a success.—It was unanimously agreed that this was the most enjoyable excursion since the inception of the society.

STOWMARKET.

The Stowmarket ringers visited Yarmouth for their annual outing. On arriving at the famous resort, steps were made for St. Nicholas' Church, where the visitors, having inspected the fine building, were met by Mr. R. Christian, of Yarmouth, who escorted them to the tower. Grandsire Triples and Caters, and a course of Double Norwich on the back eight were rung, and with the help of Messrs. D. Hayward and Hammond rounds on the twelve were tried. After dinner, the party dispersed to indulge in the many pleasures which Yarmouth provides, and met again at 5 p.m. for a visit to Beccles. They were met there by Messrs. Goate, Reynolds and Baxter, who had the tower and bells ready, but time only permitted a course each of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters, with the help of the local men. Stowmarket was reached again about 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The company extend their best thanks to Messrs. Christian, Hayward and Hammond, of Yarmouth, and to Messrs. Goate, Baxter and Reynolds, of Beccles, for their kindness.

VISIT TO ARUNDEL.

For their annual outing the Holy Trinity Guild, Gosport, visited Arundel, which was reached about 10 a.m. After several touches of Grandsire had been rung on the bells of the Parish Church, an inspection of the building and the Catholic Church followed, and after lunch in the park, the party was increased by the arrival of the Vicar and friends. A drive and boating on the river were enjoyed in the afternoon, and then a company, numbering about 40, sat down to tea. In the evening another visit was paid to the belfry, and subsequently some enjoyed a trip by motor launch, and others a drive, before returning to Portsmouth. The Guild wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Blackman for their attentions.

DISS RINGERS ENJOY THEMSELVES.

Thirteen members of the Diss company had a pleasant tour for their annual outing. Leaving Diss at 7 a.m., the party was conveyed in a brake to Kenninghall, where some fine touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round. Passing along Quidenham "long lane," with its mile of overhanging trees and beautiful hedgerows, a call was made at the Parish Church. The belfry being small and the bells hastily raised, the fact that a rope was missing was not discovered until the eighth man entered the belfry, when, with a look of surprise, he exclaimed, "Here, where's my rope gone?" However, it was possible to ring Minor, and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round.

Hingham was the next stop, and some touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were accomplished in fine style. The church is a grand old building, with a beautiful tower, and a belfry quite six yards square, containing a fireplace in one corner. After a stay of half-an-hour the party left for Wymondham, where an excellent dinner was provided at the Queen's Head. After due justice had been done to all the good things (and certainly the "fragments that remained" were very small), the Old Abbey Church was visited, and the bells were soon going to the strains of Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples. The bells are in good condition, they "go" splendidly, and the ringers very much enjoyed the "pull."

From Wymondham, a cross-country ride brought the party to New Buckenham. The stay here was short, owing to the bad condition of the bells—a peal of six. Winfarthing, with its newly cast peal of six was the final call, and some touches of Treble Bob Minor were rung in good style.

Diss was reached at 9.30, after a most enjoyable ride. The company would like to thank the Rectors of the parishes visited for giving permission to ring, and also the steeplekeepers for having everything ready.

A DAY IN ROMFORD AND HORNCHURCH.

The Stansted (Essex) company visited Romford and Hornchurch for their annual outing. At the former place they were met by three of the local company: Messrs. Watson, Butler and Jay. At the church, touches of Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman were rung, and the Vicar gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Romford. Dinner at the Fox and Hounds Hotel was done full justice to, and Mr. H. F. Dawkins here joined the party, who subsequently returned to the tower and rang a course each of London and Bristol Surprise. Hornchurch was reached about 3.30 p.m., Messrs. Butler and Watson accompanying the party who were met by Mr. Dale, the steeplekeeper. Ringing, however, could only be indulged in for one hour, owing to a garden party in the adjoining grounds. Touches of Stedman, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung, and an excellent tea was partaken of at the Bull Inn. The members wish to thank the Vicars for so kindly granting the use of the bells, Mr. H. F. Dawkins for making arrangemission to ring, and also the steeplekeepers for having everything thing in readiness.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL.

The members of St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury, visited Liverpool for their annual outing, and spent a very enjoyable day. They were met at the landing stage station by Mr. Caunce, who had very kindly arranged for the use of the bells at Aughton Church, which is about ten miles out of Liverpool, for a peal attempt which, however, unfortunately came to grief after 1 hr. 5 mins. good ringing, the method being Stedman Triples. The band meeting one short, the vacancy was filled by Mr. Gardiner, of the local company. Some of the members who were not in the attempt, visited the exhibition at New Brighton and other places of interest in the neighbourhood. The rest of the day was filled up by viewing the splendid decorations and illuminations which had been prepared for the Royal visit. The ringers wish to thank, through the "Ringing World," the Vicar of Aughton Church for the use of the bells; Mr. Caunce for standing in the attempt and arranging for the bells and acting as guide through the day; and Mr. Gardiner for filling up the vacancy at such short notice.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 150 PEALS.

	Tower.	Hand.	Cond.
Seven Methods, Doubles	1		1
Five Methods, Minor	1		
Bob Minor		1	1
Bob Triples	1	1	2
Bob Major	6	11*	6
Bob Royal		1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1	2
Grandsire Triples	2	1	1
Grandsire Major		2	
Grandsire Caters	5	1	1
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Stedman Triples	9	1	
Stedman Caters	8	2	
Stedman Cinques	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	6		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	8		1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Forward Major	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Duffield Major	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	27		
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	1		
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	12		
Cambridge Surprise Major	10		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2		
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	4		
Bristol Surprise Major	7		
London Surprise Major	3		

*Including 6720, 11,200 and one peal with four conductors and four composers.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFS.—On June 3rd, at the Parish Church, 1008 Grandsire Triples: S. Danby 1, E. Starkey (longest length with a bob bell) 2, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 3, T. Westwood 4, R. Faux 5, C. Starkey 6, T. Verry 7, R. Speakman 8. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Jones 1, *W. H. Jones 2, *A. Jones 3, M. J. Morris 4, J. Corrigan 5, W. Davis 6, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 7, C. Allen 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The members of the Manchester branch met on Saturday last at the Old Parish Church of Radcliffe. Manchester, Pendleton, Oldham, Ashton-under-Lyne, etc., were represented, and after a little ringing, the members, at the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. R. Lavers-Kemp), adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a substantial meat tea was provided for them. Afterwards the Rector kindly presided over the business meeting, and welcomed the ringers to Radcliffe, knowing that they, along with the choir, wardens and other lay helpers, were workers together with God for His glory and good of the church. He hoped in the near future that several alterations would be made in the tower to the advantage of the ringers.

Four members of the Radcliffe company were elected members of the Association, Messrs. W. H. Baines, J. Rothwell, W. Emerson and F. Emerson.

A discussion took place as to the advisability of admitting the Ladies' Guild to the Central Council. The meeting was of opinion that the matter should again be brought up at some subsequent meeting so that the delegates would know how to vote at the next Council meeting.

A suggestion was also made with regard to the monthly meetings, it being thought advisable that a tower should be chosen in Manchester (it being the centre of the branch), where members could meet with easy facility and have the opportunity of practising the higher methods.

It was also suggested that the meetings should be quarterly instead of monthly as at present. This matter will come up for further consideration at the next meeting, which will be held at Worsley.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for providing tea; and also to the local ringers and the ladies who looked after the members' wants.—The ringers then adjourned to the church, where further ringing was indulged in.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BIDSTON.—At the Parish Church, on May 14th, 720 Killamarsh Minor: J. Griffiths 1, C. E. Wilcox 2, H. Rogers 3, C. Rimmer 4, W. Wilcox (conductor) 5, S. Wood 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and first by the Wirral branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On May 25th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (with 40 singles), in 25 mins.: T. Wharmley 1, W. J. Sevier 2, A. Elliott 3, C. Cottam 4, T. H. C. Hand 5, W. Wharmley (conductor) 6. For the evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, J. Figgures 2, *J. Wilkins 3, S. Clarke 4, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 5, G. Arnold 6, C. Morris 7, *F. Knewitz 8. *First quarter. Rung as a wedding compliment to C. Morris, who was married on the previous day.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.—On May 24th, at St. Swithin's Church, 720 York Surprise: H. Sear 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, A. J. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and believed to be the first by the Guild. Also 720 of Cambridge Surprise: H. C. Edwards 1, H. Sear (first in the method) 2, C. A. Valentine 3, A. G. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on May 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Gregory 1, R. Evans 2, J. Evans 3, J. Cox 4, W. Smith 5, D. R. James 6, B. Thorpe (conductor) 7, J. Skyes 8. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman, which came to grief after 50 minutes' ringing.

WALLASEY. — On June 1st, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 St. Clement's Bob: D. Joynson 1, E. A. Webster 2, A. Sparks 3, J. A. Webster 4, T. Rogers 5, J. R. Griffin (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and for all the band.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On May 26th, 774 Grandsire Caters: R. Christian 1, G. Clayton 2, C. Harding 3, W. Blyth 4, D. Hayward (conductor) 5, H. W. Needham (Leicester) 6, H. Wright 7, W. Lee 8, F. Pestell 9, H. Hammond 10.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA.—On May 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Wright 1, R. Christian 2, A. Webber 3, H. W. Needham (Leicester) 4, D. Hayward (conductor) 5, W. Lee 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Needham.

BATH.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: E. Alexander 1, M. Whatley 2, A. Alexander 3, F. C. Rich 4, T. Hogsflesh 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Ma'Caffrey 1, A. K. Harrison 2, J. Francis 3, F. C. Rich 4, S. J. Hector 5, C. Raison 6, R. J. Cousins 7, W. Baxter 8.

PELTON.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on May 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Silver 1, J. Holland (conductor) 2, L. E. Mears (first 720 Doubles) 3, H. Thorpe (Grantham) 4, F. J. Craddock 5. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Francis Craddock, who has since sailed for Canada.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *W. J. Nelder 1, F. Andrews 2, *Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, H. Franks 4, T. Walker 5, H. Hills 6, J. Puplett (conductor) 7, *W. Arnold 8. *First quarter-peal.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 5th and 19th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on August 5th; Southwark Cathedral on August 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 2nd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, August 2nd, at Beighton. Church of St. Mary (6 bells, tenor 9 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Henfield Branch.—The bells of the above tower (which have recently been recast and rehung) have kindly been placed at the disposal of the association on August Bank Holiday, and all members of the association will be heartily welcome. Tower open from 3 till 9. Short service at 6. Tea in Parish Room at 5.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Peterborough on Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. Mary's (6), St. John's (8). Service at St. John's at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Bedford Temperance Hotel. Usual reduction to those notifying secretary early.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual all day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Hersham 10 a.m., Walton 12 a.m., Oatlands Park 2.30 p.m., Chertsey 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall, Chertsey, at 6 p.m. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, S.E.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, 1913. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Hilda will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. Tea (on the tables at 4.30 p.m.) will be provided at Bucks (Clifton Hotel). Members 6d., non-members 1s. 6d. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Monday, August 4th. Tea in the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. R. Dickinson. Woburn bells (8)

will be available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and the Husborne Crawley bells (6) after the service.—A. Rust, Honorary Secretary.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, the tower of St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available all the afternoon. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late The St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; business meeting to follow, all ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

The Secretary of the Ringers of S. Mary's, Dover, is Mr. H. C. Saywell, to whom all communications respecting the bells should be addressed.

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DEATH.

THOMPSON.—On July 23rd (suddenly), at West Norwood, Frederick John, eldest son of the late George Thompson, of Cavendish, Suffolk, aged 76 years.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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EASTON NESTON.—Northants.—On May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: James Slarke 1, C. S. Faulkner 2, G. Beesley 3, T. Law 4, C. Slarke 5, J. W. Unwin 6, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 7, F. Dickens (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, June 1st, 720 Double Court: J. Slarke 1, C. Slarke 2, G. Beesley 3, J. W. Unwin 4, C. Faulkner 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by the local band.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

FUNDS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

Our article last week, with its suggested appeal to Mr. Carnegie to place some portion of his recent munificent gift of two million pounds for public libraries, Church organs, and "other objects," at the disposal of the Dunfirmline trustees for the restoration of Church bells, has aroused interest in many places, and for the most part has met with approval. A correspondent this week backs up the proposal, although, drawing upon his own experience, he fears such an appeal may have little result. It is, of course, possible that where an individual application may have failed, collective action might be differently received. Doubtless, Mr. Carnegie is inundated with appeals for help for a great variety of objects, deserving and otherwise, and the only hope for success in such a matter as this, is to be able to advance the claims of the bells as a whole. There are scores of parishes where there is serious need for restoration and where the hope of raising sufficient funds, parochially, is out of the question. Whether the cause is one that would be likely to commend itself to Mr. Carnegie remains to be seen, but if we are to know his feelings in the matter he must be approached by a responsible body. Appeals for help are constantly being made to the Exercise at large, and the Exercise through its representative Council must take the matter up if anyone does.

As an illustration of how badly help is needed in many parishes one has only to turn to the pages of recent issues of this journal to find numerous appeals. Last week there was one from Gloucestershire. This week we have one from Essex. Rayne, a little agricultural parish, is making an effort to put its five bells in order and to add another. This is at a cost of £65, but there, is in addition, important restoration needed for the fabric of the church, which will cost £300, and in a place with a population of less than 400 it is practically impossible to raise such a sum. A direct appeal has been made to every tower in union with the Essex Association, and now those responsible desire to approach the wider circle of ringers beyond the confines of the county. It is hoped that those towers who have the advantage of rings of bells in good going order will give their assistance. Every little helps, and ringers need not hesitate to send their mite just because it is small. This is a case in which, by united effort, much might be done, and we commend the appeal to our readers. Speaking generally, we feel that those who enjoy ringing the bells might, perhaps, do more than they actually do now in supporting restoration schemes. Ringers as a class are not wealthy, but it is the "mickle" that makes the "muckle," and the Associations, by a little organization, might raise more than they do at present for the useful object of restoration.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

JAMES E. GROVES ...	...*Treble*	ALERED DAVIES	7
WILLIAM SHORT	2	WILLIAM FISHER	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
JOHN NEAL	5	JAMES GEORGE	11
JOSEPH PIGOTT	6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal of Stedman Cinques for the above Association. W. Short's 6ooth peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE	6
ALBERT JENKINS	2	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	7
WALTER RADLEY	3	JAMES BETTS	8
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	4	EDWARD EVANS	9
HOBART E. SMITH	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	...*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE HOWCHIN ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	2	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
*GEORGE H. CROSS	3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	8
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	WILLIAM STEELE	9
*WILLIAM J. ROGERS ...	5	*CHARLES F. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by F. J. HOWCHIN.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. PAICE	...*Treble*	H. TULLETT	5
W. HILLMAN	2	A. ARNELL	6
H. LEE	3	E. H. LINDUP	7
A. GROVES	4	E. BOOKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Messrs. Lee and Booker are members of the Heene band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E flat.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
ERNEST E. GRIMES	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung to oblige Ernest E. Grimes, of Haggerston, and Peter Laflin, of West Bergholt.

PORTSMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS 'A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN W. WHITING ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ...	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	EDGAR HUMFREY	6
FREDERICK BURNETT	3	HENRY JENNINGS	7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	4	HENRY C. INGRAM ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Mr. Humfrey, of Abingdon, Berks, who was spending a holiday in Portsmouth, was elected a member before starting the peal.

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

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	ERNEST BRETT	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE... ...	7
JAMES HUNT...	4	ALFRED B. PECK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. ALFRED W. GRIMES.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CAPP...	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
*FREDERICK C. RICE ...	3	KEITH HART	7
WILLIAM J. ALISS	4	WILLIAM STENNING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman, and was elected a member prior to starting.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM CRANE, Senr.	...*Treble*	JAMES H. MIDWINTER ...	5
WILLIAM T. PEGLER	2	DAVID TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM CRANE, Junr. ...	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
ARTHUR E. PEGLER	4	JOHN WARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This peal was arranged for G. F. Swann, of Erdington, who was elected a member previous to starting.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

MISS MAUD PIGOTT ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH PIGOTT	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	WALTER PIGOTT	6
HORACE BELCHER	3	SAMUEL GROVE...	7
HORACE HOWELL	4	RICHARD LEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Astbury, daughter of Canon Astbury (the Vicar), and Mr. Geo. B. Rawlins.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK HODGKIN ...	...*Treble*	FRANK SHARP	5
TOM SAUNDERS	2	PHILLIP HODGKIN	6
DAVID HODGKIN	3	GEORGE HADAWAY	7
LEONARD STARTUP	4	CHARLES H. SONE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWES, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

HOLBECK, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...	5
PERCY J. JOHNSON	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	6
JOHN B. JACKSON	3	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ...	7
WILLIAM B. SMITH	4	FRANCIS BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of William, son of Francis Woodhead, to Margaret Atha.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALFRED C. WRIGHT ...	...*Treble*	FRED W. HILL	5
HERBERT DAY	2	THOMAS W. GORE	6
FRED DAVIES	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
GILBERT H. HARDING ...	2	HENRY W. L. WELLS ...	6
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ...	3	SYDNEY HILLIER	7
CHARLES J. GARDNER ...	4	ERNEST BISHOP... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

L. A. Wilson hails from Wootton Bassett, W. G. Lancaster from Stratton St. Margaret, S. Hillier from Devizes, C. J. Gardner, H. Wells and E. Bishop from Swindon. G. H. Harding and S. J. Hector are local men.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt., in G.

HERBERT ASHTON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	5
ROBERT LEATHER	2	GEORGE CLEW	6
RICHARD DAGNALL	3	GEORGE SANT	7
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	4	FREDERICK J. HANCOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by F. J. HANCOCK.

This is the first peal by the Association and in the county in which a lady has taken part. The calling of this peal is No. 26 in the Central Council Collection.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.
Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD BEVAN	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	ARTHUR DEAN	7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	4	ARTHUR C. OTWAY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*REGINALD SMITH ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST L. BURGESS ...	5
EDWARD TRENDELL	2	ALFRED T. W. BONES ...	6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ...	3	HORACE GILBERT	7
†CLARENCE SMITH	4	*PERCY SPILLETT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. P. Spillett was elected a member of the Association before commencing the peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. REMING	...*Treble*	H. PHILIPS	5
A. KEEBLE	2	G. HARDY	6
W. DREW	3	J. AVIS	7
E. S. BAILEY	4	E. H. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by W. DREW.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. BARKER ...	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE A. SMITH	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.
Arranged for Mr. G. A. Smith, of Tunstall.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt., in A.

*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	...*Treble*	PERCY TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM B. KEMPTON ...	2	*ABRAHAM WILKERSON ...	6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ...	3	FRANK E. KEMPTON ...	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	4	FREDERICK DENCH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.
* First peal on eight bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	JOSEPH E. SYKES	5
WILLIAM B. BISS	2	*GEORGE COOK	6
BENJAMIN THORP	3	*WILLIAM KATHRO	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	*SYDNEY ESSEX	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.
* First peal and members of the local company.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	...*Treble*	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5
WILLIAM WIFFEN	2	*FREDERICK A. POULSON ...	6
ARTHUR SYMONDS	3	*GEORGE MORE	7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.
* First peal in the Kent variation,

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
JOHN BRAITHWAITE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ...	5
ALFRED NEWTON	2	ERIC L. BENNETT	6
WILLIAM ATKINSON	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	7
JOHN HOLME	4	ROGER SATTERTHWAITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.
First peal on the bells.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN ...	...*Treble*	DENISON HAYWARD	4
GEORGE ORFORD	2	JOHN BALLS	5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ...	3	ARTHUR J. CROWE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.
A. Bennington hails from Greenwich. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Faulkner, Master of the College Youths, to Miss Mary E. Bacey, with all good wishes for their health and happiness.

HEYDON, CAMBS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 14 Six-Scores of Oxford Single, 14 of Grandsire, and 14 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM PEACHEY ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT HOWARD	3
WALTER MANSFIELD	2	L. GEORGE MALLION ...	4
ROBERT G. KING	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by R. HOWARD.
This is the first peal on the bells. L. G. Mallion, who was elected a member before starting, hails from Fen Ditton, R. G. King from Royston, the rest from Barley.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES AYLETT ...	...*Treble*	MAJOR HARRIS	4
HERBERT H. HASTINGS ...	2	GEORGE H. KETTLE... ...	5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... ...	3	†WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. BRUNSDON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor as conductor. This peal was rung on the 50th anniversary of the induction of the Venerable Archdeacon Bree, D.D., to the Rectory of Allesley.

LEYTONSTONE.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEAL... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD...	4
GEORGE A. BLACK	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
GEORGE DAWSON...	3	HARRY TORBLE... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

The two former methods belong to Class III, to rest to Class IV.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

†ERNEST W. VERRIER	...*Treble*	†JOHN TRINDER	4
Lce.-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN	2	*W. SMITH	5
*JOHN CORNFORD	3	†HENRY C. CASTLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. A. HOLDEN.

*First peal of Minor, † First peal of Minor in six methods. Arranged for J. Cornford who was elected a member at Upper Deal on the occasion of an unsuccessful attempt for a peal on 25th ult.

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

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 4th's PLACE DELIGHT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV, Wragby, Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	...*Treble*	JOHN W. HARTLEY... ...	4
WILLIAM FERNLEY	2	JAMES FERNLEY	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	3	ALLEN S. GORDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JOHN DENTON	...*Treble*	DENISON HAYWARD	4
GEORGE ORFORD...	2	WILLIAM LEE	5
FREDERICK KILBORN	3	ARTHUR J. CROWE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE ORFORD.

Arranged for Frederick Kilborn, who hails from Desborough.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGORS AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt., in G.

EDMUND WEBB	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SCOTCHER	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs.

CHARLES POWELL ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES WEOBLEY... ...	4
ANDREW LAYTON	2	E. WILLIAM TURNER ...	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

The ringers wish, through the "Ringing World," to thank the Rev. — Onslow for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Size 21, in D.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD... ...	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5—6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

The following peals were rung by the Middlesex Association during a visit to Cambridgeshire.

LONG STANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

BRETRAM PREWETT ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	KEITH HART	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ...	1—2	ERNEST PYE	7—8
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	9—10
GEORGE R. PYE	5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: W. NUDDS.

* First peal of Cinques on handbells. First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells in the county.

CAMBRIDGE,
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS	*Treble*	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	*KEITH HART	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	REUBEN SANDERS	10
ISAAC G. SHADE	5	ERNEST PYE	11
CHARLES T. COLES	6	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Cambridge Maximus in the county. Rung on the silver wedding of the Master of Trinity College. J. S. Goldsmith's 250th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	7
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2	WILLIAM PYE	8
REUBEN SANDERS	3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	9
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	KEITH HART	10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	11
WILLIAM D. JAMES	6	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

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

W. D. James' 100th peal.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. JAMES	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3	ERNEST PYE	7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

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

First peal of Surprise in the county of Huntingdon, and first peal of Superlative by the Association. Messrs. Grimes, Pye and Hart were elected members prior to starting.

The peal of Superlative rung at Pendleton on July 28th was 5,152, and not 5,088 changes as reported.

BARRINGTON, CAMBS.—On May 24th, an attempt for a peal of Minor failed owing to a change course in London Surprise, after ringing 720 of Norwich Surprise. A second attempt also failed, after ringing 720 each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, and Duke of York Treble Bob. This was the first time that London and Norwich Surprise were rung in Cambridgeshire. The ringers were: P. Webb (Ickleton) 1, E. Bonnett (Royston) 2, W. L. Darlow (Royston) 3, R. Wilkerson (Royston) 4, A. Wilkerson (Cambridge) 5, R. G. King, conductor (Royston) 6.

ROYSTON.—On Sunday, on May 25th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. E. Austin 1, R. G. King 2, E. Bonnett 3, A. Gilbert 4, W. L. Darlow 5, S. E. Roberts (conductor) 6.

STAPLEFORD.—At the Parish Church, on May 31st, an attempt for a peal of Minor failed after ringing 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. E. Austin 1, P. Webb 2, L. G. Mallion 3, W. D. James 4, R. G. King 5, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 6. A second attempt also failed owing to a change course in Double Oxford, after ringing 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: A. E. Austin 1, P. Webb 2, L. G. Mallion 3, W. D. James (conductor) 4, A. Wilkerson 5, R. G. King 6.

WISBECH.—On June 8th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: G. Duffield 1, S. Andrews (conductor) 2, H. A. Piggins 3, G. E. Piggins 4, T. Haines 5, R. Narborough 6, H. Cheesewright 7, G. Yate (first 720) 8.—On May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells; and on June 10th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Andrews 1—2, T. Haines 3—4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6.—On June 12th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: *G. Yate 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, S. Andrews 3—4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6.—* First 720 on a working bell.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch of this association was held at Christian Malford on Saturday week, and proved the most successful the branch has yet held, so far as attendance is concerned. Ringers were present from Swindon, Wootton Bassett, Stratton St. Margaret, Chippenham and the neighbouring villages, and about 35 sat down to tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Weight, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the proposition of the Chairman of the branch, Mr. E. Bishop, and seconded by the Secretary, Mr. R. W. Hyner.

The weather was delightful, although very hot, and the beauties of the well-wooded district were thoroughly appreciated. Many of the ringers brought their cycles into use, with the result that an energetic afternoon's mission work was done, and change ringing was heard for the first time in somewhat remote towers. To begin with a party of six started from Swindon, and rode 13 miles to Dauntsey, where permission to ring was readily granted by the Rev. A. Law. The bells, a ring of five, tenor about 16 cwt., had not been rung since Christmas, and consequently the going was on the heavy side, and 120 Grandsire Doubles and several 24's were rung for the first time on the bells. A move was then made for the place of meeting, and the first 720 of Minor on the bells was accomplished under numerous difficulties by A. Lawrence 1, L. A. Wilson 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. H. Shepherd 4, C J. Gardner 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6.

After tea the business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rector. The objects of the association were briefly outlined by Mr. Bishop, who suggested that the bellhanger should be called in, and the bright, musical ring of six, by Rudhall, put in a condition worthy of the bells and tower, and further that if the funds permitted two trebles would be a splendid addition.—The Rector lent a sympathetic ear to the suggestions, and mentioned how pleased he was to receive a visit from the association.

Grittleton was selected as the place of the next meeting in September.

Sutton Benger was then visited, and the recently rehung five were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Singles. The cycling hosts of Swindon, Wootton Bassett and Stratton St. Margaret then turned their faces for home via Brinkworth, surely one of the most favoured villages so far as position and the beauty of the surrounding country are concerned. The Rector, Canon R. G. Livingstone, was interviewed, and readily gave permission for the bells to be rung. After clever scouting by Mr. Shepherd, the sexton was "rounded up," and promptly delivered the keys to the triumphant scout who scented another tower to add to his already long list. The bells, a ring of five in E flat, were a revelation to the visitors, who had no idea there was such a glorious peal, untried, so near home. Six-score of Grandsire Doubles was brought round in excellent style, and supposed to be the first on the bells.

Thus ended a most enjoyable afternoon and evening, and the energetic J. H. S. was well pleased in being able to add four towers to his list.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday at Rochdale Parish Church, there being a very good attendance of members. At the business meeting some discussion took place on the subject of ladies' representation on the Central Council, and the vote went in favour of the ladies when they get the requisite membership.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. H. Bastow for his services as late secretary, the opinion being expressed that he had carried out his duties in a very capable manner.—It was also decided that the secretary should send a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Mr. Zebulon Lord, who, in years gone by, had been a good and faithful servant to the Association.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Oldham on the second Saturday in September, at which meeting there will be an election of president and secretary.—A vote of thanks to the church authorities and to the chairman, Mr. W. Crabtree, brought the business meeting to a close.—The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Oxford Minor.

AN ESSEX APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The bells of our Parish Church have for some considerable time been in an unsatisfactory condition, and it has been decided to re-hang and quarter turn the ring of five bells, strengthen the frame, etc., and add a new treble to make a ring of six. An order has been placed with Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to execute the work at a cost of £65.

The scheme has the approval and warm support of the rector, churchwardens and parishioners, but as we are a small agricultural parish, and other necessary additions and improvements to the church are to be carried out at the same time at an estimated cost of £300, it is impossible for the whole of the money to be raised in the parish. At a meeting of parishioners we were elected a committee for the purpose of raising funds for the bell restoration, and respectfully ask you to bring our appeal before the readers of your valuable paper, feeling sure they will give us what assistance they can. The smallest contribution will be most gratefully received.

B. RIDGEWELL, L. RICHARDSON, G. BARNARD, W. TURNER, J. CLAYDEN, Ringers of Rayne Parish Church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The 26th annual festival of the Chester Guild was held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday week. Owing to the close proximity of the Borough Cemetery ringing could not be indulged in until the interments had taken place, but it was found possible to ring a few short touches before service, which commenced at 3.45 p.m. The service was attended by upwards of 100 ringers and friends, and was fully choral. The Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., Vicar of St. George's, Stockport, conducted the service, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association, being the preacher. He took for his text Acts xxix. 35, "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said it is more blessed to give than to receive."

In the course of his address the preacher said that the words of the text summed up the spirit of the teaching of the whole life of our Lord, who gave Himself for others. His whole message on earth was in giving of His best for the service of men, a giving without stint, and that life was crowned with the greatest self-sacrifice of all when He gave himself upon the Cross. He did not know that he could take a text that would be more fitting in that glorious church, because that was one of the noblest gifts that had been made in recent years in the diocese. It stood as a great and magnificent offering of one who would give of his best for Christ's service. The preacher continued that he was speaking to them as those that had received a great deal in that gift of the love of their craft and the skill to ring, that was one of the joys of their lives. He reminded them of the great cost of providing ringers with the necessary means for the exercise of their art, in providing towers and bells, which were in proportion the most costly part of the church. Another lesson that they learnt in the belfry was that enjoyment of their art must be shared with others. He impressed upon ringers that in the use of their art they ought to be considerate of the feelings of others; that while they were gaining enjoyment themselves they were not failing to give enjoyment to those who heard the bells outside. Bells could not be rung without letting others share in the sound produced, and it was the duty of ringers to use their art considerately, and to the best advantage to give pleasure and profit to those who heard. Ringers were inclined when they got in the tower at times to think of the bells as instruments for their own pleasure, and to forget that by inconsiderate use of them, or by use without taking pains about striking they might be giving not pleasure but annoyance and pain to those who listened.

After the service the ringers adjourned to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea had been provided by Messrs. T. W. Blackshaw and Son, to which about 125 sat down.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting took place immediately after tea in the School Hall, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber (Master), who was accorded a very hearty reception, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., and the Rev. A. T. Beeston (honorary secretary). Amongst the honorary members present were Mr. G. Christie-Miller, Stockport, Mr. J. Stringer, Sandbach, and Mr. T. Ashworth, Bowden.

The Master repeated his warmest thanks to the members for the magnificent present which delighted him a year ago. He should value it as long as he lived. He said it came as a complete surprise, and was in that sense the more acceptable. His interest in the Guild had not lessened with age and infirmity. Proceeding, he expressed regret at the absence of Mr. Holden, which was due to a very severe illness. They should all wish to send him, through his son, a message of sincere sympathy in his affliction and an earnest hope that he would be restored to health and strength again (applause).

The Master suggested that a resolution of protest against that "mean little Bill," the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill, should be passed.—The Honorary Secretary read the resolution, which Mr. Wilde (Chester) proposed in a few appropriate words.—Mr. Stringer seconded, saying they did not meet there as Liberals or Conservatives, but as Churchmen, and he thought it the duty of every bellringer, whatever his political views might be, to support the resolution of protest against this iniquitous Bill.—The Rev. J. H. Thorpe said the difficulty about this Bill was that the man in the street did not understand it. The great majority of the men of England and Wales did not understand the Bill, nor what it proposed to do. He made the suggestion that when the Bill was brought into the Commons for the third time there should be rung a universal muffled peal (applause).

The motion was then put to the meeting, and was carried unanimously and enthusiastically.—The Master suggested that a copy of the resolution should be sent to all the members in the county and the leaders of the parties in the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The Honorary Secretary read a letter of acknowledgment from Miss Parker of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting congratulating the ladies who took part in the ladies' peal.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Master, in moving the adoption of the report, etc., said that any delay there had been in issuing the report was certainly not due to the honorary secretary, but all the merit of compiling it was his. He asked them to adopt the report, which came before them in manuscript at the committee meeting, together with the statement of accounts. One could not help acknowledging how much they owed to their excellent secretary for all the labour and pains which he devoted to the matter, thus making the labours of the Master and the other members of the Committee so very much lighter than they otherwise would be.—Mr. Norbury (Macclesfield) seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

The Honorary Secretary said he was sure there was no competitor for the office of master, and he had great pleasure in moving the re-election of the Ven. Archdeacon Barber to the office.—Mr. Stringer seconded, and the motion was enthusiastically agreed to.

The Master moved from the chair the re-election of Mr. Beeston as honorary secretary and treasurer, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of that gentleman.—Mr. Beeston was unanimously re-elected.

The following hon. members were elected to the committee: Rev. F. C. Lowery Hamilton, Rev. H. L. Mallory, Rev. C. E. Coade, Rev. G. B. Thurstan, Mr. H. Hatt-Cooke, Mr. C. J. Bowen-Cooke and Mr. H. A. Haywood.

There was some discussion on the question of electing hon. and ringing members for the Runcorn branch, owing to the amalgamation of that branch with the Grappenhall branch, and it was eventually decided to elect one member to represent the two branches.

The following were elected separately as ringing members of the committee: Mr. Ashmole, Mr. Fernley, Mr. Holding, senr., Mr. Hough, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Scouce.

The Honorary Secretary read a report on the proceedings of the Central Council, which was listened to with interest by the members, and Mr. Bibby presented a supplementary report on the same subject.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should take place on August Bank Holiday, 1914, and that the place of meeting should be Liscard.

The Master moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the preacher for his address; to the Vicar and wardens of St. George's for the use of their magnificent church and schools; to the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of Norbury for granting the use of their bells; and to the local ringers for making arrangements; also to Mr. Moss for his kindness in acting as organist; and the choir for their kindness in being there on such a delightful afternoon.—Mr. Lewis seconded, and remarked that he thought Mr. Elsee had touched that day on his favourite subject, and he was glad that he did so, as he considered it most important. Probably a very small percentage of the public could tell the difference between Triples and the Major, but about 90 per cent. could appreciate the difference between good and bad striking, and the bulk of the opposition to ringing was due to this cause.—A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the business.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leading article last week you mention the possibility of an appeal to Mr. Carnegie to set aside a part of his gift for the restoration of church bells. From every point of view the idea seems an excellent one. Many an old pre-Reformation bell might have been and might yet be saved if there were such a fund to draw upon. At several places within my own knowledge either one of two things has happened where old bells are concerned and money tight. Either the fine old bells have been melted down into a light ring because the parish could not run to the heavy peal, which the retention of the old bells would have necessitated: or, the one or two old bells have been retained and the churches are still without a ring. From the musical, antiquarian and ringers' point of view (to put separately what ought to be combined in one) the advantages of such a fund therefore are very great.

I am not sure, however, that Mr. Carnegie has any sympathies towards church bells. I have myself approached him on the subject some time ago, but received no reply to my letter. Still, if a responsible body, such as the Central Council, would approach him on the subject they would, I should think, get a definite reply one way or the other, and, as you suggest, it should come from them if anyone.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. JERRAM,
Captain R.M.L.I.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The July monthly meeting was held at Wolvey on Saturday week, and from fifteen to twenty members put in an appearance from Rugby, Stoke Golding, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, etc. The local band are progressing well in change ringing, and one or two of them were able to take part in some Plain Bob Minor.

Tea was partaken of in the village restaurant, and subsequently the ringing master (Mr. J. George) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Hatton and Dunchurch were selected for August and September monthly meetings, and Southsea for the quarterly meeting in October.

Some good ringing was performed during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—RIPON.

By J. R. JERRAM.

At the present time Ripon Cathedral possesses a peal of ten bells. Tenor 49 inches diameter, about 20 cwt., the two trebles having been added in 1891.—The inscriptions are as follows :—

Treble.

JOHN KEARSLEY CIV: RIPON AMABILIS OB: 1890. R. KEARSLEY, H. C. BICKERSTETH AND H. KEARSLEY D.D. IN MEMORIAM [below] J. SHAW & Co. BRADFORD, 1891.

Second.

J. SHAW & Co. BRADFORD 1891 [below] + TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF ANN CROSS, WHO DIED 1890.

Tenor.

THE REVD. INo. DERING SUB DEACON, GULus. LAMPLUGH HENRY GOODRICKE HUGH THOMAS INo. FOGG CHRIS. DRIFFIELD AND JAS. WILKINSON PREBENDS, LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT 1761.

O [Seal of the Church, an Agnus Dei.]

▽ [Arms of Aislabie, of Studley.]

▽ [Arms of Lawrence, of Kirkby, Fleetham (a cross vagully).]

Mr. J. Eyre Poppleton, in his "Notes on the Bells of West Riding," published in the Yorkshire Archæological Journal, gives the above inscriptions, and also those on the old peal of five bells, which were taken down in 1761. He also mentions a bell weighing a little over a ton, said to have come from Fountain's Abbey, which formerly hung in the north-west tower, and was inscribed: " + I.H.S. Ora mente pia Pro Nobis Virgo Maria, Alexander Episcopus Ebor. Dei Gracia."

He also says that formerly there was a bell, 25 inches in diameter, which used to hang in the cupola at the north-west angle of the central tower, and was inscribed :— VOCO VENI PRECARE, 1710. A fragment of this bell is preserved in the vestry.



RIPON CATHEDRAL.

Third.

LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1761.

Fourth.

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[on waist]. Royal Arms.

Fifth.

[The same as on the third.]

Sixth.

[The same as on the third.]

Seventh.

[The same as on the fourth.]

Eighth.

[The same as on the third.]

Ninth.

THE RIGHT REVD. ROBERT DRUMMING ARCHBISHOP [A boar's head (Dean Wanley's crest)] F. WANLEY, D.D. DEAN OF RIPPON [a mitre] [a hunting horn, with letters "RIPPON" interspersed (Arms of the City)] IOHN TERRY, ESQ., MAYOR.

ODD CHANGES.

Most people who understand anything about method construction have probably anticipated criticism of the method rung at Caversham and published as "Washbrook's Surprise Principle," particularly in regard to its name. But the opinion passed upon it by the Legitimate Methods Committee is as crushing as it is brief.

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Mr. Alf. Grimes, who last year topped the peal ringing list, and who looks not unlikely to repeat the performance this year, is keeping up the pace with remarkable

consistency. On August Bank Holiday, 1912, he scored his 60th peal for the year with a peal of Treble Twelve, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; on August Bank Holiday, 1913, he reached his 60th peal for the year with a peal of Cambridge Maximus, at Cambridge. Quite a remarkable coincidence.

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The restored tower and peal of eight bells at Warfield Parish Church were dedicated on Thursday week by the Bishop of Oxford. There will be no ringing for three months to allow the new work to get settled.

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The ring of twelve at Chelmsford are to be opened on September 27th, and a select band, representative of the Essex County Association, is being got together to ring for the ceremony.

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We hear that Mr. Frank Bennett's tour in Leicester district is going on alright, and a good bag of peals will result. Miss Hilda Willson rang in four peals at the week-end, and accomplished two in one day—Double Norwich and Stedman Caters in about eight hours. Being only about 14 years old, she has certainly made a record by this performance.

DEATH OF MR. Z. LORD.

A WELL-KNOWN LANCASHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death at the Rochdale Infirmary of Mr. Zebulon Lord, of Bacup, one of the oldest ringers in Lancashire. The deceased, who was in his 70th year, had suffered from an internal malady for the greater part of two years. All his life had been spent in the county Palatine, and from boyhood he had worked in the local collieries. All his spare time had been devoted to bell ringing, of which he was not only a proficient exponent, but an able instructor. He first commenced change ringing in the bell tower at Christ Church when he was 15 years of age, and was the last of the old band of campanologists at that place. His connection with Christ Church as a ringer lasted about 38 years—for a considerable portion of which period he was the leader—and then his services were transferred to the St. Saviour's Church, Bacup. At the latter belfry he continued in active service as the leader up to the time of his illness, since when he had only been able to attend occasionally.

The devotion of the deceased to the art of change ringing was really remarkable, and he was never more happy than when instructing beginners. His services as an instructor were always in great demand, and his enthusiasm was such that he regularly tramped miles over the hills, after working at the colliery all day, to coach the ringers at various churches. In fact it is not too much to say that the majority of the local bell ringers at the present time, and others further afield, owe to the late Mr. Lord their knowledge of the art. He was one of a few devotees of campanology who some years ago drafted the six-bell diagrams for the instruction of beginners.

The oldest bell ringer in Rossendale, Mr. Lord was one of the founders of the Rossendale Association of Change Ringers, and had served the organisation both as secretary, and on the committee. He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, which he first joined in 1887. In connection with that body he had also held a seat on the committee.

It is now a little over four years since Mr. Lord celebrated his jubilee as a bell ringer, and at that time he was the recipient of many interesting presentations. The ringers at St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup, presented him with a purse of gold, and an autograph album in token of their appreciation of his valued services, and the esteem in which they held him. In connection with the same event the members of the Rossendale Association, along with friends from Todmorden and Heptonstall, presented to him a purse of gold, pipe and tobacco pouch, and an ebony silver-mounted walking stick.

Of an unassuming and genial disposition, the deceased was a man of strict integrity, and was held in high regard by all who knew him. His patience and kindness were exemplary, and as a result he quite endeared himself to his colleagues and pupils in the various bell towers with which he was connected during his life.

He had been twice married, and leaves a widow and three married daughters.

The interment took place on Wednesday week at the Bacup Cemetery, and the services at the house and the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. William Johnson, M.A. (Vicar of St. Saviour's). The funeral was attended by representatives of the bell ringers at the following churches: St. Saviour's and Christ Church, Bacup; St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch; Ramsbottom, Bury, Todmorden and Heptonstall. Messrs. Stanley Pickup, William Ashworth, James Standring and George Coates (ringers at St. Saviour's Church) acted as bearers. Mr. Illingworth Law attended as the representative of Messrs. G. Hargreaves and Co., the proprietors of the collieries where the deceased had been employed. After the interment St. Saviour's bells were rung deeply muffled.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Pendoylan on Saturday last, and, considering what an out of the way place the village is the meeting was well attended, and was most successful. The Vicar (the Rev. M. C. Gower Williams) heartily welcomed the members on their arrival at the church, and, after a few 120's Grandsire Doubles on the ring of six bells, which, by the way, were rehung a few years ago, the business meeting was held in the schoolroom.

The Vicar kindly took the chair, and expressed the pleasure it gave him for the Association to visit his parish.

The restoration of Michaelstone bells, which is under consideration, and for which funds are being collected, was discussed, the Honorary Secretary explaining that the Rector had written to him asking if the Association could assist with a subscription.—It was decided, however, that no grant could be made that day, but to leave the matter until the annual meeting.—The question of augmenting Penarth bells by adding two more was also discussed. — Representatives of the Penarth ringers were present, and said they were most anxious to have a complete octave, and it was decided that the secretary should write to the Rector of Penarth, asking if he will consider the question, and pointing out that no doubt the Association would grant a subscription towards the object if he would take the matter up.

New members were elected, and it was decided to leave open the place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting until the annual meeting.

The Vicar then invited every one to the Red Lion Hotel, where he had very kindly provided tea, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his hospitality. Some handbell ringing was next indulged in, much to the delight of the locals, and then a return was made to the tower, but unfortunately, owing to severe illness, close to the church, ringing had to be somewhat curtailed.

Pendoylan is one of the few towers in the Llandaff Diocese where call changes are rung, and several of the local ringers were much pleased to hear half-pull ringing. They promised to join the Association, and to make an effort to learn half-pull ringing.

Ringing papers were a thing unknown there, but copies of "The Ringing World" were distributed, and it is hoped in the near future that the objects of the Association will be achieved at Pendoylan.

SALISBURY GUILD.

The Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild held a meeting at Marlborough on Saturday last. Ringing began at St. Mary's Church, where the Guild service was held. At the business meeting, held after tea, the Hon. Secretary explained why the meeting was not held at Savernake, as had been wished, and it was decided to try to hold a meeting there in September.—Two ringers from Chiseldon, two from Hilmarton, and six from Lyneham were elected members of the Guild.—It was decided to hold a special meeting of the branch at Bremhill on the occasion of the rededication of the bells after restoration, and to hold the October meeting at Ramsbury.—A report of the last meeting of the Central Committee of the Guild was read.—The Secretary reported that, so far, nine ringers had promised to join the instruction centre at Hilmarton, where permission to hold it had been given by the Rev. E. W. W. Payne.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. E. G. Peters for conducting the service, and to Miss Ponting for presiding at the organ.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until late in the evening. Members were present from Marlborough St. Mary, Ogbourne St. George, Ramsbury, Chilton Foliat and Tidworth, but the number was not large, perhaps owing to the beginning of harvest.

THE LATE MR. F. A. NUNN.

Further subscriptions to the fund for assisting the widow and three young children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn, of Tottenham, have been received as follows: Chelmsford and Boreham ringers, £1 7s. 6d.; Vicar and churchwardens of St. Ann's, Tottenham £1 1s.; already acknowledged, £5 17s.; total, £8 5s. 6d. Further subscriptions to this most deserving fund are invited, and should be sent to "F. R.," c/o the Rev. F. Rice, the Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham.

"WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE."

To the Editor.

Sir,—The system produced by Mr. Washbrook and rung at Caversham, is asymmetrical, and therefore illegitimate; it is not principle and it is not Surprise.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The Cheltenham and District Guild had their annual outing on Saturday week, members and a few friends to the number of about 22 driving from Cheltenham to Stratford-on-Avon, and thence to Evesham in a motor char-a-banc, the drive being much enjoyed. Dinner was served at Evesham by Mr. Martin, of the Golden Heart Hotel, who provided an excellent spread, and did everything possible to render the visitors' stay agreeable. Mr. Middleton, of Evesham, and others met the Guild members, and conducted them to the Abbey Tower, where various touches were rung on the peal of 10 bells. The members of the Guild desire to thank the Vicar, and churchwardens, and ringers of Evesham for the use of the bells and for their kindness in having everything ready for them. Home was reached about 10 p.m., the drive occupying about an hour and three quarters.

AN ISLE OF WIGHT WEEK-END.

The annual outing of the St. George the Martyr Society, Southwark, was spread over a week-end in the Isle of Wight, which was reached on the Friday evening, the party proceeding to Brading, a quiet old village, with a ring of eight, the only one on the island that could be obtained for a peal. Here they were met by Mr. H. Jennings, who, in conjunction with the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), had fixed up the arrangements. Supper at the Wheatsheaf Inn and a touch of Stedman Caters and Treble Bob on the handbells closed the day.

A start was made next morning, soon after 8 a.m., for Thurstans' one part peal of Stedman Triples, which was brought round in two hours and 53 minutes, one of St. George's boys, only 15 years of age, ringing the tenor in capital style to his first peal. He rather puzzles his superiors as to where he actually pulls his bell, for even at the finish of the peal he had not got a single blister on his hands. The party then set out to walk to Shanklin, stopping en route for dinner at Sandown. The Parish Church at Shanklin was duly reached, only to find it without bells, but, after investigating matters, the visitors found it was St. Saviour's-on-the-Cliffs they wanted, and here the steeplekeeper and Mr. Jennings were awaiting them. Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, etc., were rolled off on this fine ring, tenor 18 cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, but much too heavy for the tower. After tea in Shanklin Old Village the party once more set out, and in order that they should not make another error in their travel, Mr. Jennings acted as guide through the "Chine" and "Landslip." This latter is like fairyland, some two and half miles in length, on the cliffs: the views in and from it, along the coast, being superb. The handbells had to be produced, and touches and tunes were rung, and sounded extremely nice in this lovely spot. Passing through Bonchurch, with its famous pond, the visitors made their way to Ventnor for the night.

Early on Sunday morning some of the party indulged in a dip in the sea, and after breakfast the visitors returned to Shanklin to ring for morning service, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being the methods. In a quiet spot, behind some rocks, a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round on handbells, and a little more would have been done, only a crowd had gathered, so the bells were put away. The Wheatsheaf Inn at Brading was reached in time for dinner, a splendid meal awaiting the party, who afterwards went on by rail to St. John's Road, Ryde, where Mr. Jennings, along with the captain of the local company (Mr. Oliver Coombes), conducted them to the grand Parish Church, with its fine ring of eight, tenor 26 cwt., to ring for the 3.30 p.m. service. Stedman and Cambridge Major were attempted, but the Major failed, the only touch that did not come round on the outing. A splendid view was obtained from the top of the tower, and, after tea, boat was taken to Portsmouth Harbour for St. Thomas' Church. There they were welcomed by Mr. Burnett, Mr. A. T King, Mr. E. Reynolds, etc. The bells are a grand ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt., cast last year by Messrs. Taylor; a perfect band of music. Touches were brought round for 6.45 p.m. service, in which some of the local men took part. Afterwards the visitors were chaperoned round Portsmouth to some of its many historical sites, by Messrs. Burnett and Reynolds, and returned to London by the 8.18 p.m. train, after having enjoyed what all thought to be one of the finest possible outings that could be obtained. Thanks are due to Mr. Jennings, who met the party on three consecutive days, and Messrs. Matthews, of Shanklin, the steeplekeeper of Brading, Mr. O. Coombes, of Ryde, and Messrs. Burnett and Reynolds, of Portsmouth.

A LADIES' DAY.

The ringers of Erdington Parish Church and friends visited Tewkesbury for their eighth annual outing. Stopping at Worcester, the party spent a pleasant hour looking through the fine old cathedral and other places of interest, after which they joined the steamer "The Fashion," en route for Tewkesbury, arriving there at 1 p.m. after a pleasant sail. The ringers made their headquarters for the day at the Abbey tea gardens—a most delightful spot which commands a fine view of the Abbey Church. After dinner a vote of thanks was proposed to the secretary, Mr. J. Preston, for the able manner in which he had carried out the arrangements for the day, and for the way in which he always conducted the business of the belfry.—Mr. Thomas Russam, presiding ringing master, seconded the motion, and testified to the work done by the secretary.—The vote of thanks was carried with applause, and Mr. J. Preston briefly replied.—The Abbey was then visited, and here the ringers were received by Mr. Joseph Wathen, the tower-keeper, who escorted them to the belfry, where touches of Stedman Triples were rung on the bells, which have been rehung. After ringing, the party proceeded to the top of the tower and had a fine view of the country, the sky being very clear. On leaving the belfry they visited the fine old church and abbey, and spent a short time looking over the various items of interest. After tea the return trip was commenced, and after another stay in Worcester, Birmingham was reached at 10 p.m., and Erdington an hour later. The day was most delightful, and the outing was much enjoyed by all. This was a ladies' day, several of the ringers' wives being present. Their best thanks are due to all who made the outing a successful one.

THROUGH THE WEALD OF KENT.

The members of the Rochester Cathedral company (joined by members and friends of the Chatham, Gillingham and Frindsbury companies, 26 in all) had a motor drive through the Weald of Kent for their annual outing, a start being made at 8.5 a.m. Headcorn was the first calling place, after a very exhilarating drive in the cool morning air. The hilly scenery from Chatham to Sutton Vallance was good, but from the hill at Sutton Vallance one looked on a glorious lowland scene of vast acres of pasture land, mingled with fields of growing corn and other crops, studded here and there with stately elms—a truly magnificent picture. At Headcorn the visitors were met by the Vicar's wife, who joined them in a few rounds on the bells, after which touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire were brought round. The bells here are good and go very well. The Vicar and Mr. Hodgkin, the venerable captain of the Headcorn company, also met the party. The church has a very fine old oak roof worthy of note, and in its churchyard stands the famous large and ancient oak tree. The journey was continued to Tenterden in heavy rain. On arrival the visitors made at once for the church tower, where is one of the finest rings in the county with a tenor 30 cwt. in D flat. The only drawback is that they do not go half so well as they ought to. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Treble Bob and Plain Bob were successfully brought round, the bells sounding much the best in the touch of Bob Major. At 12.30 dinner was served in the Town Hall. After the toast of "The King," a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Osborne, the organising secretary, and his committee for arranging such an enjoyable trip. After a course of Grandsire on handbells by W. Coote (Gillingham) 1-2, W. Haigh 3-4, W. Eastin 5-6, E. A. G. Allen (Rochester) 7-8, the party departed for Rolvenden, where they met with misfortune. First the stay of the treble broke, and after ten minutes of Stedman the 7th rope came down. It was quite obvious that these bells want overhauling, as they are in a bad condition. At the next stopping place, Cranbrook, illness, close by, prevented but little ringing being done. The church is interesting, for it contains an old baptistery with the robing room above, so that one can walk straight down the steps into the water. It is said to be the only one left in Kent. After an hour's stay a move was made for Goudhurst, where touches in various methods were successfully brought round, not, however, without difficulties for the tenor man, who had much more rope and sally than he could comfortably handle. The bells are a good ring, tenor 27 cwt. in D. Marden was the last place of call, and tea was awaiting the party on their arrival. Afterwards they made for the church tower, where hangs a grand ring of eight (tenor 14¼ cwt. in F), cast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and hung in a steel frame in the year 1909. These, in the opinion of the writer, were the best toned and going ring that they had rung on during the day. Some very good touches were brought round. The Vicar of Marden met the visitors at the church, and gave them a hearty welcome.

The last stage of the journey occupied about an hour and a quarter, Chatham being reached at 9.50 p.m., all being thoroughly satisfied with the day's doings. The company take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the various churches for so kindly giving permission to ring their bells.—E. A. G. A.

A SUSSEX EXCURSION.

Waldron and East Hoathly, situated in the heart of some beautiful Sussex scenery, were visited by the Southover Guild, Lewes, for their annual outing. A pleasant afternoon drive brought them to the former place, where, by the way, there are three ladies in the local band. Touches in various methods were rung for an hour, and then the party proceeded to East Hoathly for tea, served at the King's Head. In the absence of the rector and president of the Guild (the Rev. T. H. Windle), who was detained by other parochial engagements, Mr. J. R. Lusted (churchwarden and vice-president) presided, supported by Mr. J. Thornton Rickman and Mr. J. T. Glandfield (vice-presidents). The last-named voiced the feelings of the members in expressing regret at the absence of the Rector, who had sent his good wishes, and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Lusted for taking the chair, and to Mr. Rickman for acting as vice-chairman. — The motion was carried by acclamation.—Afterwards ringing took place on the six bells, and the county town was reached again about 10 p.m., after a most successful outing.

Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.

WELLINGTON'S RESTORED BELLS.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION.

The peal of five bells at Wellington, near Hereford, having been rehung in a new frame (the third having also been recast) by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and dedicated on July 15th, the Vicar and parishioners wished to keep the following Sunday as a day of thanksgiving. There being no change ringers in the place an invitation was sent to the members of the Bodenham band to spend the whole day at Wellington. The ringers arrived in time to raise the bells, and ring several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles for morning service. The service was conducted by the Rev. — Lee, formerly secretary to the Hereford Guild. Afterwards the bells were once more set merrily going until dinner time, when the ringers were heartily welcomed to a hospitable repast at the Rectory.

In the afternoon the bells were rung before and after the children's service, and during the ringing some of the children were taken up to watch the bells in motion.

The ringers were then entertained to tea at the Old Mill. Afterwards an extremely well struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 44 minutes by J. E. Lewis (conductor) 1, E. Downes 2, A. Downes 3, J. K. Armstrong 4, W. J. Bullock 5. This is the longest touch ever rung in the tower.

The service was beautifully rendered by the choir, and a most appropriate sermon was preached by the Vicar, who reviewed the history of the Wellington bells, which date back to the 15th century. He also held out the hope that at no distant time a treble would be added to make the six.

Immediately after service the ringers again took to the ropes, and rang the people home. The bells were then lowered in peal and supper was partaken of at the Vicarage, and so ended a most enjoyable day.

The warmest thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicar, and, indeed, everyone, for their kindness, and, judging from the feeling showed, Wellington will not long lack either its sixth bell or its band of ringers.

Previous to the re-opening of the bells they had been unringable for upwards of 40 years. Messrs. Taylor have now rehung them in a new steel frame, and, with the third recast, it only needs the treble —for which provision is made in the frame—to make them a grand peal of six. The tenor is 17½ cwt., and the "go" and tone of the bells are alike magnificent. Mr. W. Short, the Guild instructor, was in charge of the ringing for the dedication service, the dedication touch being rung by W. Short 1, Thomas Williams 2, W. H. Williams 3, J. H. Shepherd 4, Charles L. Sadler 5. Messrs. Laing, of Swindon, and J. H. Jones, of Hereford, also took part in the ringing after the service.

The fine old Norman tower has also been thoroughly and skilfully repaired at a cost closely approaching four figures, all raised by voluntary subscriptions, sales of work, etc., thus completing the thorough restoration of the sacred edifice—the chancel having been restored by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1884; and the other parts of the church, with exception of tower, in 1887, at a cost of £1,400, raised by voluntary subscriptions.

J. S. GOLDSMITH'S 250 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.	Handbells.
Seven methods on 6 bells	1		
Union Triples	1	1	
Court Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	1	1	
Grandsire Triples	31	18	1
Grandsire Major	1		
Grandsire Caters	5	2	
Stedman Triples	34	3	2
Stedman Caters	14	2	8
Stedman Cinques	5		
Bob Triples	1		
Bob Major	25	9	1
Bob Royal	3	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Double Norwich Major	22	2	
Double Norwich Royal	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	18	7	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	33	2	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	5		
London Surprise Major	13	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1		
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	1	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1		
Total	238	51	12

Rung in 78 towers in 14 counties.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the amalgamated Leatherhead and Guildford Districts was held at Ranmore on Bank Holiday, and was a distinct success from every point of view. The beautiful gardens of Denbies were open to the visitors, by kind permission of the Hon. H. Cubitt, and the large extent of glass houses and their profusion of fruit gave rise to many expressions of admiration. The splendid peal of bells were kept going in various methods till 4.15, when a well-attended service was held, and an interesting address given by Canon Chichester, Vicar of Dorking. Tea had been laid for 30, as 24 had informed the secretary they were coming. Brother Whittington, however, reported that he had sold 58 tickets, and that the company included Miss Bennett from London, Mr. Pitman from Lyminge, Mr. F. E. Dawe from Woking, three brother-strings from the wilds of Sussex, who wished to join the Guild, and other old friends from far and near. Luckily tea was laid under the trees, and after a postponement of half an hour, during which Alfred kept his merry men (and a maid) busy with handbells, everything was ready, the caterer nobly rising to the occasion, only plaintively remarking "that 30 teas were ordered, and he had already cut 50 plates of ham and beef, and that ought to be enough!" The two amateur waiters, however, urged him to further efforts, and finally all were satisfied. A move was again made for the tower, and a party went down to Dorking (where a peal of Stedman had been lost in the morning), and had about an hour's ringing there. The thanks of all are especially due to Mr. Dobinson, churchwarden of Ranmore, and Mr. Dodd, of Dorking, for their attention to the bells and the comfort of the visitors.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT CAMBRIDGE.

A SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY.

At the invitation of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, members of the Middlesex Association revisited Cambridge for the holidays, and spent a most enjoyable time. A varied and full programme had been arranged, and, thanks to Mr. Boughey's preparations, and the readiness of the Cambridge ringers to assist in making the visit a pleasurable one, nothing was wanting to ensure the success of the trip, for even the weather was on its best behaviour. The party numbered thirteen, but, as events proved, there was nothing unlucky in the number. When the main body reached Cambridge they were met by the advance guard, and straight away drove to Long Stanton. They were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley), an enthusiastic ringer, and Mrs. Woolley, by whom the visitors were kindly entertained to tea on the lawn. Without waste of time, however, the very tuneful little peal of eight were set going to Bristol Surprise, which rolled home in fine style. After taking farewell of the hospitable hosts, the return drive to Cambridge was embarked upon. It was enlivened by a touch of Stedman on handbells.

Sunday was an easy day for the majority, but it provided an opportunity for practice for the morrow. At Great St. Mary's, for morning service, a course of Cambridge Maximus was rung as preparation for the principal event of the visit, an attempt for the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Cambridge. It was a capital course that promised well for success the next day. Afterwards most of the band visited the Catholic Church, where, on the magnificent eight (tenor 32 cwt.) courses of Bristol and Cambridge Major were rung. A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques was on the programme for the afternoon, and the band, having been entertained at Pembroke College by Mr. W. D. James, rang the peal in the latter's rooms, with Mr. James taking part. Serious interruption, just before the end of the peal, by someone who entered and demanded a cessation of the ringing might have brought disaster, and it is probably as well for the intruder that he was not successful in stopping the peal. While the ringing was in progress the other members of the party enjoyed the pleasure of boating on the Cam. Subsequently the party rang for service at St. Andrew's, and in the evening all foregathered at Mr. Boughey's home in Trinity College, where a happy hour was spent in social intercourse and with the handbells, Double Norwich, Bristol Surprise and Stedman Cinques being rung on the latter.

On Monday morning, at Great St. Mary's, a peal of Cambridge Maximus was embarked upon, and in 3 hrs. 57 mins. a splendid peal in this intricate method was rung, the listeners outside being as pleased with the striking as the band were with their performance. Subsequently a company numbering nearly 30, and including Mrs. Prewett and a number of Cambridge ringers, as well as the Middlesex members, were entertained to lunch at the Lion Hotel by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. After a sumptuous repast the health of Mr. Boughey was cordially drunk, and thanks tendered to him and to all who had helped to make the visit such an enjoyable one.

Later on a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at Great St. Mary's, and once more success attended the efforts of the ringers. Thus everything attempted was achieved, and last year's performance of two peals of Stedman Cinques on Bank Holiday improved upon. For those whom duty called homeward that evening, little time was left, but several of the party stayed until Tuesday with the object of attempting a peal in Huntingdonshire, and adding one more to the long list of counties in which some of them have scored peals.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 14th and 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 19th; Southwark Cathedral on August 12th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells available all the afternoon. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The quarterly meeting of the Oldham and District Society will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Saturday, August 9th. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30.—Charles Platt, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late The St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; business meeting to follow, all ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready at 4.—Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Maries, Sheffield, on Saturday, August 16th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BIGGLESWADE.—On May 25th, 896 Grandsire Triples: E. Hussey 1, F. Blood 2, J. W. Barker 3, A. Pratt 4, C. Pratt 5, H. L. Harlow 6, W. Mayes 7, L. C. Franklin 8. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on June 1st, for evensong, 576 Cambridge Surprise: J. Church 1, C. Chasty 2, F. Webb 3, E. Tingey 4, H. Tysoe 5, H. L. Harlow 6, F. Smith 7, J. W. Barker (conductor) 8.

HANDSWORTH.—On May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: J. Johnson 1, W. G. Ellis 2, C. Starkey 3, T. Westwood 4, T. Verry 5, R. Faux 6, T. J. Bratton (conductor) 7, R. Speakman 8.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, on June 3rd, at 7.0 a.m., in honour of the King's Birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 45 mins: W. H. Daynes 1, F. S. Bacon 2, J. Law 3, W. Weatherstone 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8. The conductor's 100th quarter-peal.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—For the King's birthday, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 57 mins.: R. Goate 1, T. Beckett 2 E. Ripe (longest length) 3, C. Parnell 4, G. Baxter 5, W. Spaulding 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Freestone 8. Also another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 55 mins., with R. Rush (longest length), tenor. These are the first quarter-peals rung entirely by the St. Michael's company for several years.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.—On June 7th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: *Rev. C. A. Phillips 1, *Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth 2, A. F. Martin Stewart 3, *W. W. Hughes D'Aeth 4, G. Preston (conductor) 5, C. W. Goodenough 6. * First 720 of Kent. First 720 on the bells. This is thought to be the first 720 of Kent rung in the branch.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 1st, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples: J. Milman 1, W. H. Newell 2, F. Walker 3, H. Golding (conductor) 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCS.—On June 3rd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 53 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (first in the method as conductor) 1, *W. Dickenson 2, *J. T. Bartram 3, J. C. Tinker 4, *P. Ballance 5, *C. H. Baker 6, J. T. Ladd 7, *H. Torr 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's, on June 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: *H. Brooker 1, W. Wise 2, *W. Ives 3, J. A. Trollope 4, D. Wright 5, W. Hewett (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, *G. Burt 8, A. W. Grimes 9, *H. Kitching 10. * First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—Midland Counties Association.—On June 5th, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's), in 49 mins.: W. C. Wakley 1, E. J. Stone 2, A. P. G. Stone 3, H. Hurdman 4, G. Bull 5, J. H. Swinfield 6, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 7, J. A. Sanders 8. Rung to celebrate the weddings of Mr. Charles Sanders, a member of the St. Paul's Society, to Miss Bertha Clark, and of Mr. J. W. Webb to Miss Olive Wakley, both of which took place on June 4th.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On June 5th, at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Trotter, of Edinburgh, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. King (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, W. Mead (first quarter inside) 4, L. Meager 5, E. Mark 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, V. Sear 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, T. Bolton 2, W. Honeyball 3, A. Hubbard 4, C. Collis, junr., 5, A. Jones 6, G. W. Honeyball (conductor) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8.

BOWNESS-ON-WINDERMERE.—On May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 47 mins.: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, A. Newton 2, G. Whittam 3, J. Holme 4, E. L. Bennett 5, T. F. Hewetson 6, W. Robinson 7, R. Satterthwaite 8. All the above are from Ambleside except A. W. Brighton (London).

PAISLEY, GLASGOW.—On May 18th, at St. James' Church, for morning and evening service, several 120's Grandsire Doubles: G. Tawse 1, A. W. Brighton (London) 2, J. Sunter 3, J. Stevenson 4, A. E. Wreaks (conductor) 5, J. McGovan 6, A. Rodger 7, D. Colville 8. First 120's by all except A. W. Brighton and A. E. Wreaks.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On May 23rd, 1260 of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 54 mins.: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, A. Newton 2, G. Whittam 3, J. Holme 4, E. L. Bennett 5, T. F. Hewetson 6, W. Robinson 7, R. Satterthwaite 8.—On May 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, A. Newton 2, G. Whittam 3, J. Holme 4, E. L. Bennett 5, T. F. Hewetson 6, J. Holmes 7, W. Robinson 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On May 7th, at St. Kentigen, Crosthwaite, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. E. Chillingworth 1, F. Hogarth 2, J. Bell 3, T. Wilson 4, T. Hogarth 5, T. Hartley 6, F. W. Postlethwaite 7, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples.—On Thursday, May 15th, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 37 mins.: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, T. Hogarth 2, J. Bell 3, T. Wilson 4, T. Graham 5, T. Hartley 6, F. W. Postlethwaite 7, W. Campbell 8. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor. Miss M. E. Chillingworth is from Bradfield, Berks, and A. W. Brighton from London.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On May 17th, 1036 Grandsire Triples: W. Holifield 1, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor), 2, G. Holifield, senr., 3, A. H. White 4, F. S. White 5, C. G. White 6, R. White 7, F. White 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, on Sunday, 18th May. Both touches were rung with the bells muffled, in token of respect to the late W. Woodward, who rang the tenor to the first peal of Grandsire Triples rang at Appleton in the year 1855. He was interred at Appleton, on Saturday, May 17th, having died at the age of 82 years.

EARL SOHAM.—On June 3rd, in honour of the King's birthday, 720 College Single, and touches of Plain and Oxford Bob, by B. Ellis, H. W. Crickmer, W. Saban, W. G. Crickmer, H. Hall, E. Jenkins, G. Balls.—On June 8th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob: W. Saban 1, H. W. Crickmer 2, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 3, C. Button 4, H. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Bloor 1, C. Woodward 2, H. Page 3, J. Woodward 4, C. H. Page 5, S. Churton 6, G. F. Page (conductor) 7, H. Austin 8.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, June 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Avis 1, R. Tall 2, C. Constant 3, R. Smith 4, A. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, A. Lott 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the Rev. J. D. Gedge on the loss of his wife, and to the Rector (the Rev. Canon Gedge), on the loss of his mother.

CAVENDISH DELIGHT.

We have been requested to publish the enclosed Minor method, which, though it has been composed since 1882, was rung to its extent for the first time just recently at Cavendish, Suffolk, conducted by W. Underwood. It was composed by Mr. Alec Hurst.

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TAMWORTH RINGERS' GIFT.

As briefly mentioned last week, the ringers of St. Editha's Church, Tamworth, have presented Miss Margery F. Sampson with a lady's dressing case, on the occasion of her departure for Edinburgh. The presentation was made by Mr. A. E. Young, the captain, who referred to the enthusiastic manner in which Miss Sampson had taken up ringing during her stay at Tamworth.—Miss Sampson, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the members of the Tamworth band for their patient tuition.—Before the presentation a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 47 minutes on the occasion of the choir festival as a farewell to Miss Sampson: R. P. Bridley 1, C. Chapman 2, Miss Sampson 3, A. J. Chaplin 4, J. H. Chapman 5, A. E. Young (conductor) 6, A. Everett 7, J. Pratt 8.

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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

A NOTEWORTHY PERFORMANCE.

The performance of Miss Hilda Willson in ringing two peals, one of Double Norwich and one of Stedman Caters, in one day is another remarkable tribute to the prowess of the lady ringers. Speaking "without the book" we are not sure that such an achievement has ever before been attained by a member of the fair sex, but in any case it is a performance sufficiently rare to be noteworthy. Indeed, when one considers the age of this young lady, the feat appears little short of remarkable. To stand at the end of a rope for something approaching seven hours with only one short break is no mean test of endurance even for a man, but for a girl of only 14 years it is a great triumph of pluck and perseverance, and it obvious that Miss Willson is possessed of grit and no inconsiderable skill. She is a credit to her association and to her enthusiastic father.

This performance only goes to emphasise what we have several times previously pointed out, that the realm of campanology which was once looked upon as the exclusive domain of men is fast being conquered by the gentle sex, as they are surely conquering all other positions upon which mere man is already established, whether in the pleasures or the more serious things of life. The presence of ladies in the Exercise is no passing fad. In ever-increasing numbers they are taking to our Art, and while, we suppose, they will always lack the physical strength successfully to tackle long lengths on heavy bells, there has been ample proof that in the scientific side of ringing a lady can be equally as clever as a member of the sterner sex. It is pretty clear, from the trend of opinion which has shown itself at various association meetings, that ringers generally are ready to welcome the ladies on an even footing, for a good many societies have expressed the view that they should be admitted to the Central Council when their Guild reaches the requisite number of members, and when the matter comes before the central authority next year at Winchester there is little doubt that a majority will be found in favour of admitting ladies.

The first record of their prowess in the tower, is now in the belfry of Cubitt Town, where the ladies' peal was rung. The handsome marblette tablet recording the performance and subscribed for by the ringers of England, has been erected and awaits the unveiling ceremony, which, however, cannot take place until October 4th. Canon Simpson, of St. Paul's, is to perform the ceremony and the occasion will doubtless be one for a considerable gathering of ringers, both male and female. The tablet is a worthy one and will provide a fitting memento of a performance, which we believe is only the prelude of many and even greater achievements to come.

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Yours truly,
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TEN BELL PEAL.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs.

ALFRED NAYLOR	*Treble*	*PERCY J. JOHNSON	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	JOHN MCKELL	7
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3	†REV. W. P. WRIGHT ...	8
THOMAS HAIGH	4	FRANCIS BARKER	9
WILLIAM PEARSON	5	SAM THOMAS	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

CECIL J. BAKER	*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
CHARLES WILKINSON ...	2	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	6
JOSEPH HALL	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY... ...	7
ARTHUR FREEMAN	4	HENRY W. WILDE ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This peal was arranged for Henry W. Wilde, who hails from Pulford, Cheshire.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES ...	*Treble*	THOMAS LANCASTER... ...	5
WILLIAM POLLARD	2	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	6
HARRY PARRISH	3	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT ...	7
JOHN GEORGE HALL	4	THOMAS METCALFE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	*Treble*	ROBERT WILDING	5
GEORGE DEBENHAM	2	THOMAS FITZJOHN	6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	3	*JAMES CHINERY...	7
JOHN SPARROW	4	HARRY A. TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

* First peal in the method.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERIC FILTNESS	*Treble*	WILLIAM LATTER	5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	2	SPENCER MARSHALL... ...	6
REGINALD BROUGH	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
ARTHUR T. VERRALLS ...	4	†JOHN LYDDIARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

† First peal. * First peal of Grandsire.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. COOPER	5
THOMAS HUGHES	2	REUBEN HALL	6
BERT HORTON	3	EDWIN J. TYLER	7
EDGAR MARLOW	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Dutch Scouts to Sedgley.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

†ERNEST PARKER	*Treble*	†WILLIAM BENNETT	5
WILLIAM HOYLE	2	HENRY MOORE	6
GEORGE STACEY	3	GEORGE ATKINS	7
SIDNEY MASON	4	*WILLIAM THORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES	*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
REUBEN HALL	2	EDWIN J. TYLER	6
EDGAR MARLOW	3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	7
BERT HORTON	4	WILLIAM A. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Price, members of the above church, Mr. Price having been a sidesman for over 25 years. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Price entertained the Vicar and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. J. Arthur Price), the ringers and several friends to supper, the Vicar, Mr. B. Gough and Mr. Bert Horton heartily congratulating them on attaining 25 years' married bliss.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

A. R. SOWDEN	*Treble*	G. ARCHER	5
W. IRELAND	2	J. SMITH	6
A. G. BENNINGTON	3	J. SOUTER	7
C. MORE	4	A. LEEDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

The peal was arranged for A. G. Bennington, who hails from London.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALFRED HOWARD	*Treble*	THOMAS H. ASHLEY	5
DAVID HUGHES	2	HENRY WILLIAMS	6
EDWARD W. DUTTON	3	THOMAS MURRAY	7
†WILLIAM HUGHES	4	ALBERT WOOSNAM	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a memorial peal to the late Mrs. Maitland Wood, wife of the Ven. Archdeacon Maitland Wood, who was formerly Vicar of this parish.

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

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK	*Treble*	JOSEPH PIGOTT	5
WILLIAM SHORT	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	3	JOHN BASS	7
ALFRED DAVIES	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK,
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEMING	*Treble*	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	5
JAMES MOTTS	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	6
EDGAR PEMBERTON	3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	7
WILLIAM MOTTS	4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The peal was arranged and rung especially to oblige Mr. Adolphus Roberts, who belongs to the St. Michael's Society, Stoke Coventry, and who was spending his holiday in the Ipswich district. Mr. Albert Fleming, who hails from Witnesham, near Ipswich, a busy ringing centre in former years, kindly rang the treble, this being his first attempt in the method on the treble.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS EVELYN STEELE	*Treble*	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
ARTHUR PAYNE	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	6
MATTHIAS HOBBS	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
ARTHUR PETTITT	4	ALFRED KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal in the method and first peal of Stedman rung in the county by a lady. Arranged especially for Miss Steele and W. Perkins, who hail from Bedford and Irthlingboro' respectively.

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

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF ST. SIMON S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr., in E.

*ARTHUR PAYNE	*Treble*	ROBERT GOFTON	5
*GEORGE R. HARRISON	2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON	6
ROBERT W. FALCONER	3	R. ALDER GOFTON	7
JOHN G. GREEN	4	THOMAS T. GOFTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

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

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

John T. Rickman	...*Treble*	Frederick Page	5
John Capp	2	Charles Page	6
Arthur H. White	3	Albert D. Stone	7
Charles W. Clarke	4	Keith Hart	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Keith Hart.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*William Audsley	...*Treble*	John Wheadon	5
Isaac Emery	2	Reginald Brough	6
George Povey	3	Edwin Barnett, Senr.	7
Fredk. W. Richardson	4	William Floyd	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin Barnett, Senr.

* First peal.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

George H. Cross	...*Treble*	George Howchin	5
Frank R. Copeman	2	Bertie J. Howchin	6
George Moy	3	John Moy	7
A. G. Bennington	4	Frederick J. Howchin	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. H. Cross.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

William Dickinson	...*Treble*	Arthur Hague	5
Walter H. Wood	2	*Colin Ryder	6
John T. Holmes	3	Albert H. Ward	7
Christopher Ward	4	Rupert Richardson	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves, and
Conducted by Albert H. Ward.

* First peal and first attempt.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael Coslany,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Percy C. Artis	...*Treble*	Bertie J. Howchin	5
Frederick Knights	2	George Howchin	6
*Alfred G. Bennington	3	Frederick J. Howchin	7
Frank R. Copeman	4	William Steele	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker, and
Conducted by William Steele.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

John Aldis, Senr.	...*Treble*	Alfred G. Bennington	5
George Howchin	2	Charles F. Woods	6
Frank R. Copeman	3	Ernest Lincoln	7
Frederick J. Howchin	4	William Steele	...*Tenor*

Composed by William Harrison, and
Conducted by William Steele.

TODMORDEN, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale and Rossendale Branches.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Unitarian Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Edward Schofield	...*Treble*	Stanley Pickup	5
Luke Suthers	2	*James Whitehead	6
*Hugh Reynolds	3	William Ashworth	7
Herbert Davenport	4	William Crabtree	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves, and
Conducted by William Crabtree.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. It is 42 years since there was a peal of Major rung on the bells.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

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

Edward Evans	...*Treble*	Edgar Pemberton	5
Rev. William C. Pearson	2	James Motts	6
William Motts	3	*Rev. Everard S. Powell	7
Robert H. Brundle	4	Charles A. Catchpole	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and
Conducted by J. Motts.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*William Bibby	...*Treble*	Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5
*Thomas Murray	2	Edwin H. Lewis	6
George R. Newton	3	William Davies	7
E. Maurice Atkins	4	Harry Chapman	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the Patronal Festival. For calling see C.C. Collection No. 175.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Biggleswade Branch.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

John W. Barker	...*Treble*	Charles A. Pratt	5
†Edmund J. Hobbs	2	Fred Blood	6
John Hare	3	William J. Mayes	7
†Horace H. Smith	4	*Edward Hussey	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker, and
Conducted by J. W. Barker.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells which were recast and rehung, and three memorial bells added (given by local residents) to complete the octave, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. J. W. Barker belongs to Bedford, Smith and Hobbs to Husborne Crawley, J. Hare to Hitchen, J. W. Mayes to Old Warden, C. A. Pratt, E. Hussey and F. Blood to Biggleswade.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES HUNT	...*Treble*	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ...	5
ERNEST PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Bristol on the bells. After the peal the band were sumptuously entertained by Mr. F. L. Vaux (churchwarden), to whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

F. TOWNSEND	...*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	5
E. T. GREEN	2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	6
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...	3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	7
HAROLD JAMES	4	ALFRED OSMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is the first peal in the method by Harold James, who is 18 years of age, and it was his first attempt. He is also thought to be the first native of Poole to ring a peal of Stedman. The peal was arranged for Messrs. Garrard on the occasion of a visit to the district.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT R. GREEN ...	...*Treble*	LAWRENCE B. PORTER ...	5
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ...	2	HENRY MANCE	6
FRANK A. SMITH	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
HENRY Y. GOWLETT	4	RICHARD N. RUNHAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. William Hardy (brother of the conductor) and Miss Alice Witcher.

PRIVETT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr., in F.

*REGINALD ROUTH ...	...*Treble*	§CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.	5
HUBERT CHAFFEY	2	ALFRED R. ELKINS	6
†ALFRED J. CROUCHER ...	3	CHARLES EDWARDS	7
‡WILLIAM G. ELKINS ...	4	*ALBERT E KING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with a bob bell. § First peal on eight bells. Arranged and rung as a 20th birthday compliment to A. R. Elkins.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*WALTER PUGH	...*Treble*	GEORGE CONDICK, Senr. ...	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	JOHN AUSTIN	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	*EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	7
JESSE GILLETT	4	*ARTHUR S. BOAR ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT, and
Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
On Thursday, July 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In five methods, being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight and Bob Minor, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST HAMMOND ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED LING	4
JAMES STARLING	2	HENRY PUTTOCK	5
ALDERMAN LING	3	WILLIAM SAWYER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
On Thursday, July 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In five Minor methods, being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight and Bob Minor, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

ERNEST HAMMOND ...	...*Treble*	JAMES STARLING	4
JAMES WARDLEY	2	HENRY PUTTOCK	5
ALDERMAN LING	3	WILLIAM SAWYER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, and Oxford.
Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

LISS, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*JOHN WOOLACOTT ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES EDWARDS	4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ...	2	†ALFRED R. ELKINS	5
HUBERT CHAFFEY	3	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal upon the bells.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs., in G.

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

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, College Single and Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ROBERT SUMMERS	...*Treble*	ALLEN GWYNNE	4
†JOHN BEVAN	2	EDWARD SUMMERS	5
JOHN GWYNNE	3	WILLIAM POSTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal away from tenor as cover. † First peal on inside bell.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

S. ELLIS	...*Treble*	*W. LEVER	4
J. SPALDING	2	W. C. AYERS	5
A. G. BENNINGTON	3	J. LARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. LARTER.

* First peal. Mr. A. G. Bennington hails from London, the others belong to local towers.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK DAINTY	...*Treble*	OSWALD RICHARDSON	4
JOHN J. JUTSON	2	*FRANCIS DAVIS	5
WILLIAM WALDRON	3	GEORGE JUTSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

* First peal. First peal on tower bells by ringer of treble away from tenor behind. This is the first peal on the bells since June 11th, 1849.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES J. TYRELL	...*Treble*	WALTER W. BONHAM	4
EDWIN YATES	2	ALBERT J. GREEN	5
THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STAPLETON	4
HARRY W. GAYTON	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS	5
EDWIN YATES	3	CECIL A. VALENTINE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

Messrs. Yates and Tompkins were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandiacre Pleasure, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY	...*Treble*	ARTHUR FREEMAN	4
WILLIAM HALFORD	2	HENRY W. WILDE	5
JOSEPH HALL	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*HERBERT A. HOLDEN	...*Treble*	*MUS.VICT. A. JARRETT, R.E.	4
FREDERICK HAYES	2	*CORPL. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I.	5
GUY R. AMBROSE	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. This peal was arranged for Messrs. V. A. Jarrett and J. Bennett, of Chatham, and H. A. Holden, of Meopham, the others being members of the local band. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick Hayes.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, July 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	HARRY A. TURNER	5—6
FRANK J. LEVITT	3—4	JAMES CHINERY	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.
Umpire: ERNEST HUNT.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	JOHN SPARROW	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire: ALFRED ELY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALFRED ELY	1—2	HARRY A. TURNER	5—6
FREDERICK G. DEWELL	3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire: WILLIAM GOODSHIP.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WALTER PERKINS	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal away from the tenors.

A LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a holiday tour in Leicestershire.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 2, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS HILDA F. WILLSON	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
JAMES HOUGHTON	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... ...	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	*JOHN OLDHAM	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	4	WILLIAM WILLSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt in the method.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM WILLSON	5
HARRY WHITTLE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... ...	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
EDWARD JACKSON	4	JAMES HOUGHTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Edward Jackson, on his return to Western Canada. The company desire to thank the Vicar, Rev. W. D. Gee-Clarke, M.A., for the use of the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

*MISS HILDA WILLSON	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	7
JAMES HOUGHTON	4	WILLIAM WILLSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
On Monday, August 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Tenor 23 cwt.

*HARRY THORPE... ...	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	2	*WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ...	3	JAMES HOUGHTON	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	WILLIAM WILLSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt., in D flat.

*MISS HILDA WILLSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
*EDGAR VALLANCE	3	JOHN OLDHAM	8
HARRY WHITTLE	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	9
E. MAURICE ATKINS... ...	5	JOSEPH POWELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt at Stedman Caters.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
*MISS HILDA WILLSON ...	2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	6
HARRY WHITTLE	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish, writes that the peal at Widnes, on August 2nd, was the first peal by the Association, and of Major in Lancashire, in which a lady had taken part, and adds his congratulations to Miss Gillingham on her success.

APPEALS.

Writing from Corse Vicarage, Hartpury, S.O., the Rev. F. Vernon White requests us to acknowledge the following sums in answer to his appeal for funds towards the restoration of the tower: North Forest branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, 10s.; Newent ringers, 5s.; Mrs. Fielding, St. Michael's, Newent, 2s. 6d.; Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Exmouth, 2s. 6d. Further donations will be most thankfully received.

We would also remind our readers of the appeal for help towards the restoration of Rayne bells: and of the urgent need there is for assistance in the case of Mrs. F. A. Nunn and her three young children, left unprovided for by the tragic death of Mr. Nunn. Subscriptions to this latter fund should be sent to "F.R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, the Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham. The treasurer acknowledges with thanks 5s. from Capt. C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I.

PRESENTATION.

On Saturday week some of the old ringing friends of Mr. Frank Sharp, now of London, but until lately captain of the Marden (Kent) band, met at Marden to attempt a peal of Bob Major. As recorded in our last issue, this was successfully accomplished. At the conclusion of the ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Johnston) visited the belfry, and presented a valuable silver watch and chain to Mr. Sharp, who had been one of the principal advisers in getting Marden bells restored, and increased from six to eight. The Vicar spoke of the great assistance Mr. Sharp had been in the ringing at Marden, and of the pleasure it gave him (the Vicar) to make the presentation.—Mr. Sharp, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the Vicar and ringers for their gift, which, he said, would constantly remind him of the many pleasant hours spent in Marden belfry.—The watch is inscribed: "Presented to F. Sharp, as a memento of faithful services as captain of bell ringers for 14 years at the Parish Church of Marden, Kent, August 2nd, 1913."

OFF TO NEW ZEALAND.

To-day the s.s. "Athenic" bears away from our shores another ringer who will strengthen the ranks of the band of Auckland—Mr. C. J. Hamblin, of Woking, and formerly of Hersham, Surrey, sailing with his wife and two daughters, to join his two sons, who are already in New Zealand. Mr. Hamblin is one of the original band formed at Hersham when the bells were put in about twelve years or so ago. Always a regular attendant at service ringing and practice, he has been able to render valuable help at the belfries in the district, and his departure will be much regretted. Mr. Hamblin takes with him the best wishes of a large circle of ringing friends in West Surrey, who were anxious to give him some tangible token of their regard. He has, however, had to leave England before the gift—a gold bell pendant—was ready for presentation, and it will be forwarded to him. Mr. Hamblin has rung quite a number of peals, up to Double Norwich, and it was some source of disappointment that he was unable to ring a peal of Superlative before his departure. On Sunday, two quarter-peals were rung as a farewell. In the morning, at Oatlands, 1299 Stedman Triples was rung in 43 mins., by: F. E. Dawe 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, H. Walters 3, J. B. Hessey 4, C. J. Hamblin 5, F. G. Shepherd 6, F. J. Shepherd 7, A. E. Gray 8. In the evening a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung, in 43 mins., at Hersham, by: G. Edser, senr., 1, A. Woodrow 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, F. J. Shepherd 4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5, W. A. Woodrow 6, A. F. Shepherd 7, J. Emery 8.

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This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September, 1911. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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At the Handbell Contests, held annually in Manchester the First Prize for the last 14 years has been awarded to bands using our bells, and on twelve of those occasions they have gained the Second Prize also.

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MR. WILLIAM SHORT.

There is no more popular figure in the Midlands, and certainly no more able ringer on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, than the valued instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. William Short, who rang his 600th peal on Bank Holiday. There are many things necessary to make a successful instructor, patience and perseverance being no less in importance than skill, and of all these Mr. Short is possessed to a large degree. He has spent eleven winters in raising the standard in both methods and striking, and the results of his work are to be found in many towers in the diocese. Of a genial but retiring disposition, Mr. Short has made for himself a host of friends, and the Hereford Guild is indeed fortunate in having as the occupant of such an important office one so well versed in the practical side of the Art. Mr. Short was born at Pershore on Easter Day, 1868, but his first experince in ringing was gained at Clent in 1887, the year after he had left his native heath. His first visit to a belfry was on Jubilee Day, and he was taken in hand by Mr. Thomas Barber (the father of Messrs. John and W. H. Barber), with four others, and taught to ring. Their first 720 was scored in March, 1888, and the first peal of Triples on November 24th in the same year, the first by all except the conductor, Mr. Henry Martin, of Belbroughton. Having no conductor in their band, Mr. Short was given some tips and conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples in the following January and a peal of seven Minor methods in December, while on the Boxing Day he conducted a peal in seven methods and another of Grandsire Triples—two peals in a day at that time being very rarely rung.



MR. W. SHORT.

In 1890 Mr. Short went to London, and during a stay of 18 months rang 41 peals, including the first peal of Minor in the Metropolis, which he conducted at St. Michael's, Wood Green; the second peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in London and Grandsire Triples at Windsor Castle, the only one rung there in the last century. Returning to Kidderminster he rang Superlative, Double Oxford and Duffield, and going to Birmingham in 1895, he rang his first peals of Stedman Caters, Kent Maximus and Stedman Cinques. In January, 1899, he was elected Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. During his occupancy of the office the first peals of Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Superlative and Cambridge were rung in the city, and the first of London for the Guild was rung at Kidderminster, conducted by Mr. William Pye. This was Mr. Short's first peal of London, and his next was the record 14,112 at King's Norton. In 1899 he took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters and the first peal of Royal in Ireland, and on a subsequent visit conducted the first peal of Treble Ten in Erin, and rang in the first Surprise peal rung out of England—Superlative—at Bray. On the return journey he called the only peal that has ever been rung on the sea, a peal of Stedman Caters on SS. "Cambria" between Dublin and Holyhead, and the same day rang in the first Surprise peal in Wales—New Cambridge—at Bangor.

In addition to the record peal of London, Mr. Short has taken part in several other long lengths, including the record 11,111 Stedman Cinques, which he conducted; 10,176 Double Oxford; 9,328 Superlative; 8,888 Stedman Caters, on handbells; and 7,392 Double Norwich. Among his other noteworthy performances have been the first peal of Major (Double Norwich) at Pershore. This he conducted, as well as having called the quickest peal of Major, rung in 2 hours 35 minutes, and taken part in the quickest peal of Minor, in 2 hours 17 minutes, on tower bells. Of his 600 peals 230 have been rung for the Worcestershire Association, about 200 for St. Martin's Guild and 102 for the Hereford Guild. The others have been rung for the Cumberlands, Middlesex, Midland Counties, Stafford, Salop and Gloucester and Bristol Associations. In addition to the peals which go to make up the 600, Mr. Short has had the misfortune to take part in false peals of Stedman Cinques and Caters, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major.

	Rung.	Hand-bells.	Con-ducted.
Stedman Triples	113	4	40
Double Norwich (6,160) (6,944) (7,392)	70		18
Grandsire Triples	59	1	41
Seven Minor Methods	47		26
Grandsire Doubles	44		30
Stedman Cinques	37		13
Stedman Caters	35	6	12
Superlative Major	31		3
Kent Treble Bob Major	27	1	10
Bob Major	24	2	10
Cambridge Surprise Major	17		4
London Surprise Major	14		6
Five Methods Minor	9		8
Kent Treble Bob Royal	8		2
Grandsire Caters	7		2
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6		6
Double Oxford Major	6		5
Canterbury Major	4		3
Bob Triples	4		
Grandsire Minor	3		3
Bob Minor	3		2
Four Methods Minor	3		2
Bristol Surprise Major	3		
Three Methods Doubles	3		2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2		
New Cambridge Major	2		
Bob Royal	2		2

Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1
Three Methods Minor	2	2
Duffield Major	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Canterbury Royal	1	
Bob Caters	1	
Erin Cinques	1	
Forward Major	1	
Grandsire Major	1	1
Stedman Doubles	1	1
Six Methods Minor	1	1
Kent Minor	1	1
Canterbury Triples	1	
Union Triples	1	
Total	600	258

These peals have been rung in 165 towers (in 107 of which Mr. Short has conducted peals) in 22 counties in England, Ireland and Wales.

ODD CHANGES.

The handsome peal board, executed by Messrs. Caspar and Co., recording the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, has been placed in the tower, where it awaits the unveiling ceremony, which will be performed by Canon J. G. Simpson, of St. Paul's, on October 4th. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Hartley) is taking the utmost interest in the proceedings. Full particulars as to arrangements will be published in due course.

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The marriage of Mr. T. Faulkner while Master of the College Youths recalls the fact that it is a rare occurrence for a President or Master of any ringing society to be married during his term of office. Mr. Martin Stewart joined the benedicts a year or so ago while Master of the Salisbury Guild, but we have to go back twenty years to find an instance of the Master of the College Youths married in office. This was Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was wedded on October 7th, 1893, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where a fine peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in the evening, under the conductorship of the late Mr. J. Pettitt. St. Bride's Church was selected because it was the only twelve-bell tower in the city where the bells could be "fired."

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Ringers visiting Shrewsbury from August 20th to 22nd and desiring to ring should communicate with Mr. C. R. Lilley, 63, King Street. St. Chad's Society will be pleased to meet visitors, and ringing can be arranged at St. Michael's (6 bells) on August 20th, St. Mary's on the 21st, and St. Chad's on the 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested and pleased to see your article last week on the suggested appeal to Mr. Carnegie, and perhaps more so to see you are dwelling on the subject again this week. I have been down to Yarmouth and Gorleston this holiday, and met many ringers there, and all those to whom I mentioned the matter seemed to like the idea very much. There is no doubt that the Central Council are the people who ought to try and move in the matter by setting the ball rolling, and who knows but what we may have among our clergy some who are personal friends of Mr. Carnegie, and whose influence might help to bring success. I certainly hope to keep the ringers in this district interested in the matter, and do what little I can, and I only hope that success may be our reward.—Sincerely yours,

FREDK. KILBORN.

Desborough, August 9th.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, when members attended from Yaxley, Maxey, Wisbech, Whittlesea and Pinchbeck, with the local companies. Among the visitors were the Rev. E. V. Cox (Walsall), Messrs. York Green (London), Fourt (Isham) Giddings (March), Miss D. Steele (Bedford), etc.

The service was held at St. John's Church, and conducted by the Rev. M. A. Tester, who also gave the address. A good company afterwards sat down to tea at the Bedford Cafe, the proceedings being presided over by the Rev. Canon Bury, supported by the Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. F. T. Cooke (secretary), etc.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough, supported by Canon Bury, Mr. W. Chattle, Mr. R. Gamble, etc. The report and balance sheet were accepted. The former recorded that nine peals had been rung since last December, the Wisbech band being highly commended for the progress they had made during the last twelve months, while Mr. G. Jutson, conductor of the St. Mary's company, Peterborough, was also congratulated. The balance sheet showed receipts £9 18s. 1d., and expenses £3 14s. 6d., leaving a balance of £6 3s. 7d. The number of honorary and ringing members is now about 100.

Mr. F. T. Cooke resigned the office of secretary, being unable to give the necessary time required, and Mr. J. J. Jutson was unanimously elected to succeed him.—Mr. G. Jutson voiced the feeling of the meeting, in expressing regret at Mr. Cooke's resignation, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his services during the two years of office. The other officers and committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Cooke and Mr. O. Richardson to the latter.

Mr. Ralph Narborough, the society's representative on the Central Council, gave an excellent report of the proceedings. With reference to the Ladies' Guild, it was felt that they should be represented on the Council as soon as their number warranted it.

The sum of £1 was voted to the fund for restoring St. Mary's tower, Wittlesea.

A vote of thanks to the Dean and the clergy for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

The methods rung during the day were a peal of Bob Minor at Maxey in the early morning; Bob and Grandsire Doubles at the Cathedral; Plain and Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples at St. John's; Oxford and Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, at St. Mary's.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MIDDLESBROUGH.

A special meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held on Bank Holiday, at Middlesbrough, the assembly numbering about 40. The bells of the Parish Church were at the disposal of ringers from one o'clock, but prior to this a mixed band succeeded in recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Old Ormesby, a picturesque little village, about three miles from "smoky Middlesbrough."

Ringers were present in the afternoon from Bedale, Hemingborough, Marske, Middleham, Middlesbrough, Ormesby, Ripon, Skelton, Stockton, West Hartlepool, Pateley Bridge, and these had the additional pleasure of the company of a band of ringers from Shipley, who were spending the week-end in the neighbourhood. Tea was provided at the Clifton Commercial Hotel, Middlesbrough, presided over by the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), who was supported by Vice-President Dr. H. C. Pauli, the Rev. J. C. C. Kern (Vicar of Ormesby), Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (Croydon), and Mr. T. Metcalfe, secretary.

After tea, the loyal toast was duly honoured, and the President of the Association (the Rev. W. P. Wright) said how pleased he was that the Middlesbrough band had re-joined their Association. He explained that it was in order to welcome them that the meeting had been arranged. He hoped that the Middlesbrough band would again become what it was in the days of old: "A tower of strength to the Association."—Mr. F. G. Laverick responded, on behalf of the Middlesbrough ringers, and thanked the Association for their kind welcome and good wishes.

Mr. Cyril Johnston was elected a life member of the Association, and Mr. J. W. Passman, of Middlesbrough, an ordinary member.

The Shipley ringers, through Mr. A. McFarlane, of Middlesbrough, expressed their appreciation of the courtesy shown to them by the members of the Association.

The belfry was again visited, and several well-struck touches were brought round. These included Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I beg to apologise to two bands for taking part in two false peals: one at Worsley, Lancashire, on April 11th, 1912, and the other at Widford, Essex, on August 5th, 1913. Both were Double Norwich, by Mr. A. Knights, and both conducted by me.—Yours faithfully,

W. KEEBLE.



York Minster.

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A PLUCKY BUT UNLUCKY RINGER.

Many ringing friends of Ernest C. Hunt, formerly of Kidderminster, who migrated to the United States some years ago, will sympathise with him in the misfortune that has overtaken him while following his employment at the Bush and Terry Carpet Manufactory. Mr. Hunt, who is 39 years of age, while working overtime on the night of March 15th, 1912, was using the elevator, and had conveyed a loaded truck down to the third floor of the factory. During his absence a fellow employe pulled the elevator back to the fourth floor without giving him any warning, and when returning in the dark, Mr. Hunt stepped into the shaft. He fell to the bottom and received terrible injuries, as a result of which he lost the use of his legs (one of them has since been amputated), and suffered impairment of his digestive organs. It is feared that he will never rise from an invalid's chair. His wife was compelled to go to work to keep him and his two children, the millowners refusing to help him. A young lawyer, named Daniel O'Connel, however, took up the case for compensation, which was tried in the district court of Philadelphia, and Mr. Hunt has recently been awarded 7,500 dollars (about £1,250). He was an excellent fellow and a most willing ringer, always ready for a peal, although he had only his thumb and little finger on his left hand. The latter he used as a hook through the end of the rope. He has rung the 7th at Kidderminster to several peals, including the longest on the bells. His peals number about 70, in most methods from Grandsire to London.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

The usual all-day meeting of the Yorktown District was held on August Bank Holiday, and the fine weather was the means of bringing plenty of visitors to the various towers during the day. Ringing was commenced at Hersham at 10.15 a.m., and, after touches in various methods had been brought round, a move was made to Walton, some going by cycle and others on foot. Here there was an hour's ringing before dinner. At 2.30 the new peal of eight at Oatlands Park were raised in peal, and to enable all to have a pull, the touches were short and sweet. Mr. Neighbour (one of the churchwardens) welcomed the party on behalf of the Vicar, who was away, and stayed till the end of the ringing. Having a desire to hear some changes on ten bells, a course of Grandsire Caters, on handbells, was rung in the churchyard, after the tower bells had been lowered in peal. At 3.45 the party proceeded to Chertsey, where ringing took place from 4.30 till 6. Owing to Chertsey being without a Vicar, no clergyman was present at tea, and after justice had been done to an excellent repast, Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., took the chair for the business meeting. —The Ringing Master, in his report, made reference to the loss which the district would sustain by the departure of Mr. C. J. Hamblin, who is leaving for New Zealand.—Mr. Hamblin thanked those present for the kind words and good wishes expressed, and remarked that what little he had done had been done purely for the love of ringing. —Messrs. G. Alder, G. Gigg, F. Smith and J. Sparrow, were elected members, and the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.—More ringing at the church and some handbell ringing at the meeting-room concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable day. Ringers were present during the day from the following places: Hersham, Yorktown, Oatlands, Binfield, Sunbury, Streatham, Shepperton, Leatherhead, Ewell, Rotherhithe, Egham, Woking, Burnham, Brockley, Camberwell, Chertsey, Deptford, Epsom, Sutton, and Surbiton. A feature of the day's programme was the appearance at all four towers of the evergreen Mr. W. Weatherstone, who showed fine form in all the methods rung. One does not often add four new towers to their list in one day, after reaching the age of three score years and ten.

VICAR'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

In celebration of the 86th birthday of the venerable Vicar of Easton Neston, Northants (the Rev. R. C. Collins), the bells of the Parish Church were rung on Saturday week, among those taking part being: Messrs. F. Wilford, F. Hopper, W. Allen, and Farey (Northampton), Slarke (2), Faulkner, Beesley (2), Sharpe (Easton Neston), Law and Rollings (Weston Favell), etc. Subsequently the ringers were entertained to tea at the Pomfret Hotel, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar and Mrs. Collins. After tea, Mr. F. Wilford proposed the health of the Vicar of Easton Neston, and of Mrs. Collins and family. In doing so he said he was voicing the foelings of all those present when he told them how pleased they were to come over and ring the bells on such an unique occasion as his 86th birthday. They sincerely hoped he might be spared in health and strength for a few more years to carry on the good work he was doing amongst them.—Mr. J. Slarke also added a few remarks, and said he was thankful that he was able to be present on that very enjoyable occasion, to do honour to the Rev. R. C. Collins, a gentleman whom he very much respected.—The toast was drunk with musical honours.—The Rev. R. C. Collins said how very pleased he was to be present with them. If there were one thing more than another which lifted one up, it was the consolation of having been able to gain the good fellowship and kindly feeling of those with whom one had to minister, and the gathering that evening would remain in his memory as long as he lived.—Handbell ringing was afterwards indulged in, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at St. Michael's Church, Melksham, on Saturday. The bells were kept going briskly during the afternoon. Fifteen sat down to tea. A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), who kindly took the chair, in the absence of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, from whom an apology for absence had been received. The chairman was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and ringing members from Swindon, Melksham, Southbroom, Holt, Westbury, Devizes, Beechingstoke, and Wootton Bassett. The two next meeting places were decided upon as follows: September 6th, Erlestoke (with Edington and Bratton combined), and October 4th, at Bradford-on-Avon.—Mr. West proposed, and Mr. Hillier seconded, the election of three new members from St. Peter's, Poulshot.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Melksham, for the use of the church bells, was proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Hart, and unanimously carried, and the ringers then adjourned once more to the tower, where ringing was continued during the evening.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association visited the delightful old village of Cranham for a meeting, and the result has been that steps are to be taken to organise a local band at the earliest opportunity. Twenty-four members of the branch from Avening, Minchinhampton, Bisley, Stroud, Painswick, Barnwood, and Cooley, were present, and rang touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob on the musical ring of six during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. H. R. Hanson) conducted a service in the church, and in the course of a practical address referred to the way in which the Diocesan Association had linked together the ringers of so many parishes into one great brotherhood, that had been the means of lifting the office of the ringer from a secular one to that of a most efficient and useful body of church workers.

After the service, the visitors were entertained to tea at the Rectory, and the Rector and churchwardens were cordially thanked for their kind hospitality, and the use of the bells. After further ringing, the visitors journeyed to Painswick, where they enjoyed some ringing on the grand old peal of twelve.

COAL STRIKE IMPROVES RINGING.

A DERBYSHIRE VICAR'S VIEWS.

The August meeting of the Sheffield District Society, which is always allotted to a six-bell tower, was arranged for Beighton, and proved very successful. The Church of St. Mary is a pretty little building, and is very pleasantly situated. The ring of six bells (tenor about 10 cwt.) were found to be in very fair going condition, thanks to the efforts of the local company, though the bells themselves could do with the tuner's attention. The day turned out beautifully fine, and the attendance was good, about 45 ringers turning up from Anston, Beighton, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Croydon, Dronfield, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Staveley, and Worksop. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going with intervals till 9 p.m., the striking at times being exceptionally good. The methods rung included Plain Bob, College Single, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Chester and London Surprise Minor.

A substantial tea was provided in the Schools, by the kindness of the local company, and was attended by the Vicar, the Rev. —. Maugham, and one of the churchwardens.—A short business meeting followed, Mr. G. Halksworth, President (Doncaster) presiding. Mr. T. Lee (Norton) was elected an ordinary member, and Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon) a life member.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells, to the local company for so generously providing the tea and making all arrangements, and to the ladies for their help at the tea table, was proposed by the President, who referred to the fact that this was the first visit of the society to Beighton. He was pleased to note such a large attendance, and also that the Vicar and one of the wardens were present. He hoped that it would be the first of many such meetings, and that the local company would stick to their art and make good progress.—The motion was seconded by Mr. H. Haigh, and carried with acclamation.

The Rev. —. Maugham, in responding, said that it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the society on its first visit to Beighton, and he much appreciated their welcome to himself. He was much struck with the large attendance, and also with the variety in ages of those present, showing as it did great interest in the art among those who practised it. It gave him pleasure to hear such good ringing, and he was very glad that his own company were making such good progress, the improvement in their ringing being very noticeable. He believed that this improvement was in the first case traceable to the recent coal strike, which provided them with plenty of leisure in which to obtain efficiency. It was often said that Satan finds work for idle hands, but in their case at least it was not so. He concluded by wishing the society every success.

After tea, a move was made for the tower again for more ringing, some ascending it to enjoy the pleasant view from the top, while others indulged in games of bowls on the Vicarage lawn.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THROUGH SURREY.

A glorious day among beautiful Surrey scenery was spent by the Mitcham ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on August 2nd. They began with a touch of Stedman upon their own bells soon after 6 a.m., and then enjoyed a pleasant ride, through the quiet lanes of Morden, Cheam and Ewell, to Epsom. At the old-fashioned "Marquis of Granby" Inn, where Mitcham ringers have assembled annually for many years, breakfast was served, before making for St. Giles' Church, Ashtead, where several touches were rung. The charming position of this church, situated in Ashtead Park, and surrounded by noble trees, its quietude and restfulness is indeed a pleasant memory. Ranmore was the next objective, and was reached via Leatherhead and Mickleham, and by a sharp and arduous climb to the top of the commanding eminence, from which lovely views are revealed. The Vicar of St. Barnabas had kindly placed the bells at the disposal of the party, and several good touches were rung. Descending the hill, the party came next to Dorking, where they partook of dinner, and spent a pleasant hour with friends met on the way.

Touches at St. Martin's and a look round the church and town preceded the resumption of the journey to the quaint and quiet villages of Betchworth and Buckland, at each of which places ringing was indulged in. Then on through Reigate, where tea was enjoyed, to Kingswood, where a last touch was rung. A moonlight ride over Banstead Downs brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

YORK MINSTER SOCIETY.

The members of the York Minster Society journeyed to Scarborough for their annual outing. A pleasant hour was spent in St. Mary's belfry, touches of Stedman, Bob Major, and Treble Bob being rung on the bells, whilst the ladies of the party criticised from seats on the Castle Hill close by. The bracing air and exercise had made everyone ready for tea, at which the President, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, presided. A bowling match had been arranged for the evening, at the Alexandra Garden Greens, and a very pleasant hour was spent, the form shown by the novices of the company being surprising. After the match the company walked round the noted Marine Drive, and then spent a social hour together. The Minster City was reached again on the stroke of midnight, after a most enjoyable time. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar of St. Mary's for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and the local ringers, especially Mr. Cole, who did everything possible to make the visit such a success, and Mr. Gibson, who met them and took part in the ringing.

A CYCLE TRIP.

A party of half a dozen cyclists from Hinton had a pleasant trip on Sunday week. Going first to Toddington, where they were met by Mr. C. Lawrence, the captain of the local band, they inspected the interior of the church, and then on the light peal of six in the tower rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 41 mins.: A. Keyte 1, H. Cotton 2, F. Johnson (conductor) 3, W. Jones 4, C. Lawrence 5, A. Colley 6. In cycling back a call was made at Dumbleton, another light ring of six, upon which 360 Doubles were rung, T. Sallis and J. D. Johnson taking part. A walk through the beautiful grounds of Dumbleton Hall brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

TRIP TO PLYMOUTH.

The Burnham (Somerset) band had a long day out for their annual excursion. Accompanied by Mr. W. Champion, Mr. J. Prior (churchwardens), and a few friends, they left Burnham at 7.45 a.m., by motor, and joined the Plymouth excursion at Highbridge for Plymouth, which was reached at noon. The party then took train for Devonport, where a capital dinner awaited them at Day's Imperial Restaurant. Subsequently they were met by Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Plymouth, and took steamer to Saltash, where, at the Parish Church, they were met by Mr. S. B. Rogers, and the bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. Afterwards the party returned to Plymouth, Mr. Marsh very kindly pointing out the places of interest en route. After tea, a move was made to the Charles Church, where, with the kind help of some of the Plymouth ringers, touches of Triples and Caters were rung. Afterwards nearly all visited the Hoe and other places of interest. The ringers wish to thank the clergy and others for the use of the bells, Mr. S. B. Rogers for getting permission and meeting them at Saltash, and Mr. Marsh, who spent the remainder of the day with them, and did all he could to add to their pleasure. Leaving Plymouth at 9.45 p.m., Burnham was reached about 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, after a day full of enjoyment.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD EXCURSION.

On Bank Holiday, seven members of the Plymouth branch, at the invitation of the President (the Rev. Maitland Kelly), met him at Mill Bay, chiefly for the purpose of paying a visit to Portlemouth, and having a ring on the six bells recently erected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This little place lies just across the river from Salcombe, where the Rev. M. Kelly was formerly Vicar for 13½ years. Leaving Mill Bay at 9.10 a.m., they journeyed to Kingsbridge, where they met Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, who was spending his holiday in the neighbourhood. Here a waggonette was in waiting for the party, and the first stop was West Alvington, where the nice six were soon set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, etc. This is the church where the present Bishop of Marlborough was formerly Vicar. Expressing pleasure with the comfortable ring, the party proceeded to Marlborough, a very large church with a peal of six. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were again rung, but not with the comfort one would wish.

The next stopping place was Salcombe, and as the party were passing the Vicarage, a large tree was pointed out to them which Mr. Kelly had planted when resident there. At the Temperance Hotel, the party sat down to a substantial luncheon, which was very much enjoyed, and before making a start for the chief object of the journey, Mr. Walter Marsh, on behalf of the party, thanked the Rev. M. Kelly for his generous hospitality. A little motor ferry took the visitors across the river, and then! Ye Gods! What is this? "Mount Blanc!" Did you ever, gentle reader, try to ascend a mountain after a good feed. But the party got their reward by a most enjoyable ring: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by Walter Marsh. There was a single bell here for years, which Mr. Kelly used to hear on the opposite side of the water. When he found there was to be a peal of six put up, he asked Mr. Taylor to let this one remain as tenor. This has been done, and a very pretty peal they are.

Embarking on a steamer, where they were packed as sardines, never so tightly, a pleasant four miles down the river brought them to Kingsbridge again. The next move was to Brent, by train, where Mr. Davey took his departure. Here the sexton had given the party up and gone home. Never plan things, brother ringers, to a quarter of an hour, or you will surely be disappointed. The sexton was found at last, the bells raised, and two six-scores rung. The bells are a nice peal, and go well. This concluded a most pleasant day.

A VISIT TO MIDDLESBROUGH.

The members and friends of the St. James' Society, Bolton, Bradford, made Middlesbrough the headquarters of their first annual outing, which was spread over the August holidays. They were met by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, who had made their arrangements, and after tea visited St. Paul's, Thornaby-on-Tees, where touches in different methods were rung. On Sunday morning, an early tour of the docks was made, and after breakfasting the visitors rang for morning service at St. Hilda's Parish Church, Middlesbrough. Places of interest were inspected, and much pleasure was experienced at the opportunity of going over the transporter bridge. After dinner, the party made their way to Ormesby, where they found a beautiful peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), and gladly accepted the invitation extended to them by Mr. T. Metcalfe to ring for service.

On Monday morning, Saltburn-by-Sea was visited, the company being met by Mr. Littleton and Mr. Laycock. The beautiful peal (tenor 23 cwt.) delighted the ringers in the touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples that were rung. Returning to Middlesbrough, a visit was paid to the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association, which was being held in the town, and this concluded a very enjoyable excursion in which the party received the heartiest possible welcome on all hands. They desire to thank the various Vicars for giving them permission to ring, and all who helped to make the trip such an enjoyable one.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Bank Holiday, the members of St. Giles' Society, Reading, accompanied by their ladies and friends, the party numbering 18 in all, had their annual outing. Leaving Reading at 7.45 a.m., by brake, they made for Twyford, at which place they had very kindly been invited to breakfast by the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Ackworth), and, needless to relate, this was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. —Mr. Osborne proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Ackworth for their great kindness, and the tower was then visited, and the bells sent off into the tune of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A course of Kent, in which Mr. F. Dentry took part, brought the ringing at Twyford to a close. Next, the party wended their way to Wooburn, which was reached after a splendid drive through the pretty country of Cookham and Bourne End. Here again the bells were soon going to Stedman and Bob Major, Miss E. Goodship calling a touch of Stedman and Mr. C. Higgs a touch of Bob Major. After a look round the church and admiring the beautiful screen, a move was made for dinner, which had been most ably prepared by Mr. W. Mellett, of Wooburn Green. The next move was to High Wycombe, where the Parish Church was visited, and a few courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. Tea was next partaken of, and much enjoyed by all. The tower was again visited afterwards, and a course of Kent Royal and rounds on the beautiful twelve bells enjoyed for the first time by most of the party. Time going all too swiftly, the homeward journey had soon to be started on. After a pleasant journey of about 20 miles, which was enlivened by songs, etc., Reading was safely reached about 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The society take this opportunity of thanking all who assisted in making the day such a pleasant one, and epecially the respective Vicars and ringers for the use of their bells. A.W.O.

MEARS ASHBY BELLS DEDICATED.

The Parish Church at Mears Ashby, in Northamptonshire, now boasts of a fine ring of six bells, with a tenor of 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs. They are the product of the Loughborough foundry, and replace an old peal of five, which have been recast, and a treble, inscribed "Te Deum Laudamus, 1913," added. The bells, which are tuned on the Simpson principle, have been hung in a new iron frame, and the way in which the contract has been carried out reflects the highest credit upon Messrs. Taylor and Co. The work has cost just over £300, and the whole amount, except a few pounds, has been raised, thanks to the generous gifts of Lady Wantage, Mr. H. M. Stockdale, J.P., Major H. Stockdale, J.P., and others. The dedication was performed by Bishop Clayton, a few rounds being rung in the course of the service. The Bishop, who preached an eloquent sermon from Revelations xxii, 17, spoke of the charm of our village churches, and said the bells gave a voice to the church. By means of the bells the church sent out its message far and wide, and those who lived in the utmost parts of the parish heard their sounds. What did the bells say? What were the thoughts that arose in men's hearts when they heard Church bells? First of all the bells told them that the Church of God, like God, cared for man. Whether the occasion was one of national rejoicing, or whether the hearts of individuals were deeply stirred, the bells proclaimed it. The church had a gospel to preach, and the bells helped to do that. Most of all, the most frequent work of the bells was to give an invitation, and they said to the people "Come."

Subsequently various touches were rung, including 720 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Double Court, and 360 Plain Bob, the ringers taking part being Messrs. F. Wilford, general secretary of the Northants Association; W. Perkins, district secretary, J. Houghton, J. Garrett, J. Mawby, A. Perkins (Irthlingborough), G. W. Ette, H. Ette, H. Pettit (Wellingborough), F. Jones (Earl's Barton), F. Goosey (Mears Ashby), etc.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

For the first time the annual summer festival of the Bedfordshire Association was held on Bank Holiday. The venue was Woburn, but the attendance of members was small, owing, no doubt, to other attractions. Touches of Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung at intervals between 11.30 and 8.30. Tea was provided in the town hall at 5 o'clock by Mr. King, of Woburn, and a service was held in the church at 6 o'clock, at which the Rev. C. R. Dickinson, formerly Vicar of Woburn, gave an excellent address. By kind permission of His Grace the Duke of Bedford, K.G., the ringers were allowed to visit the sculpture gallery and the gardens of Woburn Abbey. After the tea, a vote of condolence to the members of the family of the late Canon Haddock, for many years a vice-president of the Association, was passed.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 28th; at St. John's, Hackney, on August 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on August 19th; St. Mary's, Wathamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late The St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 16th, at All Saints', Isleworth. Tower open from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; business meeting to follow, all ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 16th. Bells ready at 4.—Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt; a good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.; a good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6 Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open from 2 till 9. Short service 4.45. Tea 5.15 at the Half Moon Assembly Room, by kind invitation of the Rector. Business to follow.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, August 23rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by August 20th?—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

ST. MARTINS GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Talbot Hotel, 9d. per head, at 5.30; to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Burley on August 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Secretary.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Womborne, Staffordshire, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th? The bells (10) will be available.—N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. J. Salter's address is now 40, Anchor Fields, Kidderminster.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — Will members please note that my address is now 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield?—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

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ST. MARY CRAY BELLS.

The five bells of St. Mary Cray Parish Church have been recast and rehung in a new frame, and augmented to six by the addition of a treble. The work, which also included the overhauling of the church clock, has been carried out in the most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and of the £260 to which the contract amounted, only £10 now remains to be raised by the Vicar and churchwardens. The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Rochester, who commented upon the interesting fact that the restoration had been completed at the time when the parishioners were commemorating a quarter of a century's earnest and faithful work and service by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ball), and that one of the first and happiest peals that the ringers would be able to ring out on the restored bells would be that in honour of the Vicar's silver wedding.

There was a large congregation at the service, and after the dedicatory prayers had been said, the local band rang a few rounds. The effects produced by the recasting and retuning were at once evident. The bells are lighter in tone than of yore, yet more resonant, while the harmonies produced by the retuning upon the latest method are most beautiful. The Archdeacon preached an appropriate sermon, and at the close of the service members of the Kent Association rang 360 Kent Treble Bob: T. Groombridge, senr., 1, C. F. Johnston 2, W. J. Jeffries 3, J. Wheadon 4, E. Barnett, senr., 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6. The Archdeacon congratulated the band on their striking, and Mr. C. F. Johnston upon the work which his firm had executed. A touch of Bob Minor and 120 Grandsire Doubles concluded the ringing.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

A voice of protest is raised in our columns this week against the suggested appeal to Mr. Carnegie, who, it has been advocated, might be approached to allow part of his recent gift to the Dunfirmline Trust to be devoted to the restoration of church bells. The idea has been discussed among ringers, the majority of whom would be only too glad if, in cases where parishes are handicapped by lack of money, there was a fund which might be turned to with some assurance that help will be forthcoming. Unhappily there are many instances to be found in which, for want of funds, bells have been allowed to get into extremely bad repair. The cost of restoration is too great a strain on parochial resources, and the bells have to hang silent in the steeple, whereas the promise of substantial help would be an incentive to additional local effort.

Our correspondent, who now takes exception to the proposal to approach Mr. Carnegie, says: "I do not object to the principle of outside help for church bells, but the idea of relaxation of effort and depending on the gift of one wealthy man, who may have no interest in or knowledge of the district, is to me most objectionable." In many cases bell restoration would be impossible without help from outside the parish, and as a rule those responsible for carrying out such work are only too glad of assistance from any source. We admire the example set by the Irish villagers, quoted by our correspondent, who gave their pence regularly every week for years in order to build their own church, but such instances of long continued self-sacrifice on the part of a body of parishioners are difficult to find. The example may probably form an ideal, but in the majority of cases bells would have to hang silent for many years if this were the means taken to raise funds for restoration. Our own view is that if the fund were available there need be little objection to taking advantage of it, especially when local authorities have with such frequency obtained similar help for public libraries, and churches have accepted assistance for organs.

In these instances the conditions of the gift have far from relieved those to whom they have been given of all necessity for effort. Grants are only provided in cases where the people themselves do their share as well, and so, doubtless, it would be if the objects of the trust were extended. But there is not much object in discussing conditions until it is known whether there is any likelihood of an appeal being successful and to know this it is necessary for somebody, representative of the whole Exercise, to approach Mr. Carnegie.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

*THOMAS WALKER ...	...*Treble*	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	7
†CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
FREDERICK G. PERRIN ...	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	5	ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS	...*Treble*	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ...	6
EDWARD TRENDELL	2	CHARLES W. BRETT ...	7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	3	JOHN WILLIS	8
PERCY J. PAINE	4	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ...	9
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE...	5	GEORGE J. JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung on the birthday of Mrs. Helmore, the wife of the hon. secretary of the Association.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRUM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Treble*	SIDNEY PROCTOR	6
HARRY THORPE	2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	7
ERNEST NIDD	3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ...	8
REV. C. J. STURTON... ...	4	FRED TURNER	9
J. FRANK PROCTOR	5	THOMAS H. HALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs., in G.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	RUSSELL RICHES	5
ROBERT RICHES	2	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT... ...	6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON ...	3	WALTER RICHES	7
ERNEST LINCOLN...	4	FREDERICK SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

This peal was arranged for Mr. A. G. Bennington, who hails from London.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.
Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK DAWSON	...*Treble*	HARRY GREEN	5
WILLIAM GREEN	2	ROBERT FINCHAM	6
GEORGE H. COOKE	3	JESSE DAWSON	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	4	JOSEPH FOSTER...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal by all except the conductor.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... ...	2	EDWARD TRENDELL	6
FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	3	JOHN WILLIS	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	4	WILLIAM J. WALKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This, and the peal at Canterbury Cathedral, was arranged for J. Willis, of Peterboro'.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	5
WILLIAM HEWITT	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
WILLIAM J. NEW	4	WILLIAM WARNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ...	...*Treble*	JOHN STENTON DANIELS...	5
LOUIS ATTWATER	2	*FRANK N. ATTWATER ...	6
ROBERT GRIMWOOD	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER	4	GEORGE LIDDIARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. WATHEN	...*Treble*	EDWARD HORTIN	5
†HARRY WARD	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
FRANK WARD	3	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	7
DAVID APPLEBY	4	ARTHUR E. REED ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal, and elected a member of the Society previous to starting. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. J. H. Sandford, wife of the Rev. J. H. Sandford, B.A., lecturer at Kingsbridge, Devon, and late curate of St. Giles' Parish. The above ringers are all members of the local band.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD GRIMES... ...	...*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	*FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	6
ALFRED B. PECK...	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
HAROLD BURTON...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

BEXHILL.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOSEPH SHARP	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. HOWSE... ...	5
ERNEST GOWER	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	6
FRANK MEDHURST	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	7
*WALTER ALCOCK	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell. The band wish, through the "Ringing World," to thank the Rector (Archdeacon Churton) for the use of the bells, and the local company for having everything in readiness for the peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK ATWELL ...	...*Treble*	JOHN BUTLER	5
FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ...	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
JOHN BULLEN	3	WALTER WALLACE	7
JOSEPH E. SYKES	4	FREDERICK STANBURY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

The conductor's 100th peal. Mr. Walter Wallace hails from Derby and was elected a member previous to starting. Mr. J. E. Sykes belongs to Huddersfield.

HALEWOOD LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt., in G.

HENRY FYLES	...*Treble*	THOMAS MURRAY	5
MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	2	WILLIAM BIBBY	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
*JAMES R. GRIFFIN	4	HENRY CROSBY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

ALBERT G. WARNES ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
JOHN F. WILSON...	2	DENISON HAYWARD... ...	6
WILLIAM STEELE	3	*GEORGE ORFORD	7
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method. A. G. Warnes has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Arranged for Messrs. Hayward and Orford, of Great Yarmouth.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	ERNEST PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is the author's No. 43.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALFRED R. ELKINS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS MACK	5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ...	2	*CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.	6
HERBERT CHAFFEY	3	*WILLIAM J. READ	7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	4	CHARLES EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Miss E. Steel.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	5
FRANK WITHERS	2	ALFRED DAVIS	6
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ...	3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	7
GEORGE SWANN	4	JOHN WITHERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMBERS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED FALLON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ...	5
HARRY FARLOW	2	BENJAMIN CLARK	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	DANIEL JONES	7
ANDREW JONES	4	CHARLES A. DARBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. A. Darby and Miss E. M. Prince, who invited the band to a sumptuous repast at the conclusion of the peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WHEELER ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN J. HARDING	5
FREDERICK W. THORNTON	2	CECIL CREASY	6
FREDERICK BURNETT ...	3	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ...	7
*JOSEPH WHEELER	4	*RICHARD STONE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LANCE-SERGT. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I.

* First peal. F. W. Thornton hails from Greenwich, Kent. This is his first attempt at a peal for five years.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN ...	...*Treble*	FRANK R. CUNDALE ...	5
*MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE	2	*COLIN RYDER	6
ARTHUR HAGUE	3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	7
GEORGE HALKSWORTH ...	4	JOHN W. J. COTTAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method; also first tower-bell peal by Miss Hague, who is the first lady to ring a peal of Stedman for the Association.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	...*Treble*	LEONARD F. TAYLOR ...	5
WALTER S. WISE	2	RICHARD KENDELL	6
*WALTER G. ROWE	3	*WALTER FARLEY	7
DAVID WRIGHT	4	ROBERT ETHERINGTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Mr. W. Farley, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Wells, Somerset.

DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM	*Treble*	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH	2	HENRY W. BROWN	6
LOUIS A. WILSON	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
*FREDERICK C. RICH	4	SYDNEY HILLIER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. ASH	5
WILLIAM B. SMITH	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	6
WILLIAM WOODHEAD	3	FRANCIS BARKER	7
JOHN B. JACKSON	4	FRANCIS WOODHEAD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

W. B. Smith's 50th peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Milton Gomersal and Miss Alice Fox. After the peal the band were sumptuously entertained.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES ...	...*Treble*	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	5
WILLIAM ROSE	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	FREDERICK DAY	7
FRANK COPEMAN	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	5
FRANK I. HAIRS	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	WILLIAM HEWETT	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

YALDING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, Junr.	*Treble*	JIM BEACH	4
GEORGE FULLER	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, Senr.	5
ALBERT RELFE	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. FISHER	4
GEORGE R. FINCH	2	WILLIAM B. REEVE	5
DAVID LEGGETT	3	ROBERT G. MILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

EAST HADDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK ROWLEDGE	*Treble*	THOMAS LAW	3
FRANK ROLLINGS	2	GEORGE PARKER	4
HARRY CLARKE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

First peal as conductor.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. FISHER	4
GEORGE R. FINCH	2	ROBERT G. MILES	5
HENRY PUTTOCK	3	WILLIAM B. REEVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MERVYN DUCK	1—2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5—6
ALBERT COATES	3—4	F. PHILIP CHEETHAM	7—8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: JOHN W. WILKINSON.

Mr. Cheetham, a member of the Cambridge University Guild, was elected a member of the Cleveland Association previous to starting for the peal.

The two peals of Minor rung at Blaxhall, Suffolk, and published last week, should be credited to the Norwich Diocesan Association. The sender omitted to supply this information.

MEMORIAL BELLS IN CORNWALL.

VICAR'S REMARKABLE RECORD.

At Gulval Parish Church on Friday week a large number of parishioners and others gathered to witness the dedication of an augmented peal of bells and a tower clock, in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Wingfield, who was in charge of the parish from 1839 to 1912. These expressions of appreciation have been subscribed for by the parishioners and a few outside friends. In the tower has been erected an automatic clock, with four 5ft. 6in. dials in black and gold, and controlled by batteries which require attention about once in twelve months. The hours and half hours are struck on a tenor bell which weighs 12½ cwt. The mechanism which drives the hands is entirely dissociated from the other mechanism, so that the time keeping qualities of the clock will not be in any way affected by adverse climatic conditions. Gulval can now claim the honour of possessing the first electric public clock in the county, as there is not one nearer than Torquay. Two treble bells have been added to the old ring of six, these having been supplied and hung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of London. The bells are now a nice ring of eight, and the whole peal is a credit to the Spitalfields Bell Foundry. The excellent "splice" and the musical quality of the trebles, which are tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, leave nothing to be desired. At a later date a suitable tablet will be placed on the walls of the tower, and a tablet for the little church at Trythall is in course of preparation. The whole of the work has cost £364.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. Canon Maddrell, Revs. W. B. Tremenheere (Madron), A. T. Boscawen (Ludgvan), and J. T. Inskip (Vicar of Jesmond, Newcastle), who some years ago was Vicar of St. Paul's, Penzance. After a touch had been rung upon the bells, Mr. R. F. Blitho mounted to the ringing room and dedicated them to the memory of the late Vicar, who was their friend and guide for 73 years, and who was a man of the highest integrity, the soul of honour, and the memory of whom would always remain engraved on their hearts. A special form of service was used, the lessons being read by the Revs. A. T. Boscawen and W. B. Tremenheree, and the prayers by the Vicar.

The address was given by the Rev. J. T. Inskip, who paid an eloquent tribute to the service which the late Vicar rendered to the parish to his diligence, to his love, to his example and to his humility, his courtesy and his consideration. The preacher pointed out that Mr. Wingfield was born before Waterloo, lived in six reigns, and was Vicar of Gulval under seven Bishops.

A BOLSOVER PEAL.

There was an interesting ceremony at the Parish Church, Bolsover, on Saturday afternoon, when the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. Webb Peploe) dedicated a tablet erected to commemorate a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, rung at Bolsover on April 12th. in honour of the golden wedding of his parents, Prebendary and Mrs. Webb Peploe, London. In addition to the members of the Bolsover band, there were present visitors from Chesterfield, Ripley, Darley Dale and Mansfield. At the close of the service of dedication, the Vicar gave an impressive address on the words, "Ring out the false; ring in the true," which appears at the top of the tablet. Subsequently, touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, Norfolk and Cambridge, were successfully brought into rounds, and during the afternoon the ringers visited the Vicarage, where they were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Webb Peploe.

LEICESTER.

Keepe: Tyme: in: anye: case:
The: last: strayne: was: good:
Then: lett: us singe: it againe:
Excellent: well: sange: my: hartes:
4th bell, St. Mary's, Oxford.
Cast at Leicester, 1610.

The Bennett visit to this city was intended to be made at Whitsun, but was delayed till now, and became almost derelict at the last minute. I was fortunately able to help fill up a gap at short notice, and thus follow out a similar inclination of my own of long standing. In 1899 my only peal in Leicester was scored at St. Mark's—Kent Treble Bob Major, by Sottanstall—but the composition, well known to all experts for years, and published in Shipway, was afterwards found to be incorrect. When you capture a new tower and lose it again through no fault of the conductor or band, you're naturally eager to recapture it, and that is what I have done after an interval of 14 years. My tenor man on each occasion was the well-known W. W., of Leicester. I mention the town because we have another W. W. coming on at Netherseale—who in the meantime had not been idle with the bonds of matrimony, for the child of a few months old—little Hilda Willson—had now grown up with sturdy strength, and was destined to aid my second effort. The London men arrived in Leicester on Saturday, August 2nd, punctually at 3.35—were met by Mr. Willson, and at once conveyed with the rest of the team to Anstey Church, 3½ miles out of the town, by a waggonette that runs to and fro regularly, but I was not with them, having been lost in the crowds. I may tell you some 1,500 people left this station for Blackpool alone on the previous day, and several hundreds were refused bookings, so you will have some idea of a Leicester holiday season, and that is my excuse.

The first difficulty arose now. Seven men were at Anstey under the impression that one has missed his train, and that one was in Leicester without any knowledge of the other seven. "Headquarters near station" was all the hurried information I had by postcard, but after several inquiries of hotel keepers if a man, named Willson, had booked rooms for a party, I learned where we were to sleep, and that the others had gone on. My hope of standing in peal No. 1 was almost gone, till a generous farmer in the courtyard of the hotel offered me a ride in his dog cart, and this kindness allowed me to pop my head round the belfry doorway—which is on the ground floor—and inquire when they were likely to say "Go." My seven friends, knowing there was no means of my getting there in time, had given up their mate, and changed the method to suit a willing local man.

Of Anstey Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary, I can say but little. It is none too handsome, and shows generally late decorated features. It is built of stone, with slated roof, and consists of a low square tower. The tower is without buttress or relief, and finished with a plain battlemented parapet. Now for the bells very little can be said in their favour—in Edward VI's time there were only three bells and there is no record of their departure. Later they were cast into a peal of five, tenor 38in. diameter, in 1723, and, with additional bells, made eight in modern times. The bells themselves tell us but little, as several are blank. The treble, however, bears an inscription of value to all those ringers who are able to help others, and though its nearly two centuries old, the reward still stands good for A.D. 1913. "God: reward: my: benefactors 1723."

Here some good instruction work was put in by Mr. Willson a decade ago. The local men mastered Standard methods, and on scoring Double Norwich, presented their tutor with a handsome marble clock, which I had the pleasure of inspecting later on. The progress of a change ringer is usually coupled with progress in his occupation, and this band, like many others, became broken by members leaving the parish for a higher standard of wages. Having conveyed our thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Kerry Williams, M.A., and the local men for their hearty welcome, we called at a certain house licensed under the Act, previous to a pleasant walk back across the fields to London Road, Leicester, for supper and bed.

Sunday proved to be a day of heat, but very enjoyable nevertheless, and we were received at St. Saviour's tower by the remnants of the St. Saviour's Company, many having gone on holiday, two Nottingham friends, and Mr. J. Needham, the steeplekeeper, a 500 of Stedman Triples being rung for service on a grand modern peal of bells (tenor 26 cwt.), cast by the neighbouring Loughborough firm, and in excellent going order. This belfry partly resembles an old curiosity shop, with its quaint engravings of churches hung on the walls, its fine set of 200 cup bells, an old clock bell and a town crier's handbell—the collection of the aforesaid Joe Needham. One of the pictures I was tempted to pack off to Dr. A. H. Nicholls, of Boston, U.S.A., as a memento of Boston, was a view of Boston tower, Lincolnshire, published in 1715, giving particulars of this famous "stump" commenced in 1309. The length of that church and the altitude of its tower are equal 94 yards, and the number of steps (365), windows (52), pillars (12), equalling the days, weeks and months of the year. Concerning the cup bells some question may arise as to their ownership when we're all gone to rest, so here's the version. They were presented to St. Margaret's Society of Ringers, Leicester, in 1775, remaining in the care of successive representatives until the company's numbers were reduced in recent years to only five. Mr. Needham, following the long observed rule, was allowed to hold them by virtue of being the oldest member. At this stage the bells were so dilapidated that they were never used; several were cracked; many handles were missing, and the clappers and springs were composed of a few scrag ends—the whole being worth only their weight as old bell metal, and being useless to the society. It was agreed by the five survivors that Joe should retain sole control of the bells if he had them renovated, which proved a costly business for him, and I would here say that Leicester ringers owe him a debt of gratitude for preserving to future generations an historical set of cup bells which were used by the first peal ringers of the town.

Mrs. Needham had to be called upon because Mr. N. thought his visitors needed something more than a peep at his ringing books, a touch of Treble eight or a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. A set of three well bound volumes, the several parts of the Clavis, were in excellent preservation, and bear the well known signature "J. W. Snowdon" on the front pages. Strange to say, these were bought at Edinburgh, and the interesting point is, how did they get there from Ilkley after Snowdon's death? "Having seen all he'd got," to use our antiquarian friend's own words, we proceeded to Loughborough, from which a five mile motor 'bus drive was enjoyed, though under crowded and dusty conditions, but the 4d. fare was better than a 2s. 6d. conveyance or the bare road. This modern development of petrol propelled country transport permitted us to get to Shepshed, or "Sheepshead," as the name of the parish was formerly known, well up to time. One cannot pass the days of one's life without receiving constant reminders of the life hereafter. The very pursuit of change ringing brings the change ringer in touch, as it were, with the departed. Many a hamlet reveals the sleeping place of our forefathers who have left to us those hallowed walls that hold those brazen bells we love to swing.

SHEPSHED AND ITS BELLS.

Shepshed Church, dedicated to St. Botolph, is erected on a knoll overlooking the village. Stone is greatly employed in building everywhere, as the neighbourhood abounds in suitable quarries. The nave of the church, with its side aisles, is rather short, and covered with a flat lead roof, and the chancel, somewhat large, has a steep slate roof. The whole of the church is stonework without parapet walls, and yet the nave is surmounted by battlements giving an eccentric outward appearance to the whole building. A square tower is finished with an octagonal stone spire of good proportions, and contains a musical ring of eight, tenor 13cwt. 2qrs. 10lbs. and 43in. diameter. This octave grew from a set of three bells of Edward VI's reign, subsequently made five prior to 1805, in which year Briant, of Hertford, cast a most musical ring of six, recently increased by Taylor and Co. They were used in former days as follows: The 5th as Curfew bell at 8 p.m. daily; the 4th as pancake bell on Shrove Tuesday, and the 3rd as ringers' call bell. The Vicar (the Rev. W. D. Gee-Clarke) kindly permitted a peal to be attempted, and furthered our welcome by coming to thank us for the peal—Double Norwich—afterwards, and offer congratulations at its successful termination. A very difficult position for the Vicar, that of doing justice to the living while carrying out one's duty to the departed, was thoughtfully overcome by arranging to take a funeral service that afternoon an hour earlier than originally intended.

We had the pleasure of hearing a well struck touch of Grandsire rung by local men, with Miss Lilian Willson standing in. Tea at the Black Swan was welcome. Mr. Whitworth, the licensee, and one of the Shepshed band, with his wife, attending our needs promptly in order to let us catch a certain motor 'bus. I would not be hurried, the charm of the village, its pretty bells and the distant woodland scenery all combined to draw one to the place and to check the haste that clamours for motor and locomotor carriages. Having abandoned my prospect of a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willson, of Leicester, I was preparing for a five mile tramp back to Loughborough, and the last train up, when again something happened that I ought to tell you about. My companions, having made a good return journey, reached Leicester at nine o'clock. Sundry reflections as to how I was getting on with myself were made, disparaging to my ease and convenience, the opinion of several being that I would make straight for our roost at the County Hotel, as I could not get in before 10 p.m. Their surprise can be imagined when, on arriving at Keythorpe Street, they found me comfortably seated in Mr. Willson's arm-chair, Miss Willson playing the organ, and Mrs. Willson giving me a few private notes of her husband's hobby.

(To be Continued).

CORRECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wish to make a correction to the foot-note of the peal of Minor rung at Maxey, on August 4th, 1913. There have been two peals rung there since 1849; one was in 1895, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James, the other in October, 1903, conducted by Mr. T. Murray. Both teams were from St. Martin's, Stamford. Many apologies to those concerned.—Yours truly, GEORGE JUTSON.
Peterborough.

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the claim to having rung first peal on Liss bells, as I find that the first peal on them was rung on April 13th, 1903, conducted by Mr. A. B. Bennett. C. EDWARDS.

THE "WILLIAM" PEAL AT SUNBURY.

The genial steeplekeeper at Sunbury has long had a desire to ring the tenor to a peal in which all the band bore the same Christian name, but it was not till Monday of last week that the attempt could be made, for it is a tall order to arrange such an undertaking. Mr. G. Spencer undertook the task of getting the band together, and he certainly deserves great credit for the able manner in which he carried out the various details. One of the "Bills" could not come owing to overtime duty, and almost at the last moment Mr. W. Weatherstone, who is now 72, was pressed into service. Before the peal was started the camera was brought into use, and the operation having been performed without injury to the lens, "Go, Stedman," was called at 7 p.m. After ringing 400 changes, however, it was necessary to stop and let two "Bills" change bells. But the second start proved better, and, after 2 hours



Wm. Warne (Sunbury).	Wm. Shepherd (Hersham).	Wm. Fussell (Slough).	Wm. Welling (Windsor).
Wm. Hewitt (Camberwell).	Wm. Lawrence (West Ealing).	Wm. Weatherstone (Greenwich).	Wm. New (Isleworth).

and 53 minutes' ringing, the welcome "This is all" was heard. A good peal was rung, and on its completion several local ringers and the Curate complimented the team. The Conductor from previous experience found out a valuable hint to "namesake bands," viz, to go by numbers only when correcting an error. Had he asked "Bill" to do his last whole turn—well, there would have been some excellent "firing." Mr. Griggs, another "Bill," turned up at the convivial afterwards, and regrets were expressed at the absence of still another "Bill" who was to have had a finger in the "Pye." The band represented eight different towers, and altogether some hundreds of miles were travelled by the eight men. If rumour proves correct we shall soon see a peal board placed in the tower to record the performance.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch was held at Sonning, on Saturday, members being present from Henley 2, Hurst 1, Wargrave 1, Caversham 2, Wokingham (All Saints') 1, Binfield 2, Sonning 1, Easthampstead 1, Twyford 1. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain Bob Major, and Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, on handbells.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: J. Johnson 1, H. Withers 2, S. Asbury 3, F. Burleigh 4, T. Collinson (conductor) 5, J. Bird 6, J. T. Bratten 7, J. Ford 8. Messrs. Bratten, Collinson, Johnson and Withers belong to Birmingham, the rest are local men.

MOORSIDE, LANCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on the 41st anniversary (May 25th), three 640's (called differently), and 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in which H. Lawton, P. Scholes, A. Wild, F. Taylor, H. Hampson, F. Wild, J. Ogden, F. Chapman (conductor), L. Hampson and C. Platt, took part.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

COWDEN, KENT.—On Whit-Monday, visitors rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Baker (Cowden), ringing his first 720. The local ringers rang some six-scores of Doubles, conducted by W. Ladd.

WRITTLE.—At the Parish Church, on May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. E. Pellatt 1, C. Gray 2, H. J. Sudell 3, H. J. King 4, W. J. Kemp 5, S. H. R. Cooper 6, G. B. Lucas, senr. (conductor) 7, L. G. Hicks 8.

GREAT WALTHAM. — On May 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. E. Pellatt 1, H. J. Sudell 2, C. Gray 3, W. J. Kemp 4, S. H. R. Cooper 5, G. B. Lucas, senr., 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, L. G. Hicks 8.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. E. Pellatt 1, H. J. King 2, H. J. Sudell 3, W. J. Kemp 4, S. H. R. Cooper 5, Frank Bennett (conductor) 6, J. White 7, S. S. Dunwell 8.

WEST BROMWICH.—At All Saints', on Trinity Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Reynolds 1, F. Bendall 2, W. Peart 3, T. Taylor 4, A. Caddick 5, E. Pagett 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, H. Pagett 8

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On St. George's Eve, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Smith (conductor) 1, J. Town 2, E. Tigwell (first quarter-peal) 3, G. W. Clarke 4, F. King 5, J. Lovell 6, F. Terry 7, W. Meek 8.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS. — On May 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Sharman 1, W. Hobbs 2, E. Chapman 3, C. W. Clarke 4, F. Sawfoot 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells. Also 360 Woodbine.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.—On May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Dawson 1, W. Green 2, G. H. Cooke 3, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 4, H. Green 5, R. Fincham 6, J. Dawson 7, J. Foster 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

KENNINGTON.—On May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 44 mins.: H. D. Opher 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, Alec. Miller 5, Arch. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 12th, at Great St. Andrew's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. B. Williamson 1, W. B. Kempton 2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 3, J. Taylor 4, T. R. Dennis 5, A. Wilkerson 6, F. E. Kempton 7, F. Dench (conductor) 8.

CHEPSTOW.—On May 19th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: B. Tamplin 1, J. H. Prickett 2, J. Prickett 3, E. Rose 4, *I. Priest 5, W. Arnold 6, R. Thompson (conductor) 7, *J. Gregory 8. *First quarter-peal.

NEWCHURCH.—On May 21st, at St. Nicholas' Church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 19 mins.: J. H. Haydock 1, T. Harrison 2, O. Eastwood 3, R. Leach 4, J. B. Taylor 5, W. Taylor 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormond 8. This half-peal from Taylor's was conducted by Walter Taylor, and rung as a birthday compliment to Lawrence Taylor, one of the Newchurch ringers.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On Trinity Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): A. Keyte 1, H. Cotton 2, W. Jones 3, T. Sallis 4, F. Johnson (conductor) 5, A. Colley 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. E. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 7, H. Dew 8. For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples (Shipway).—On May 15th, 434 Grandsire Triples, H. Dew, conductor; and 593 Grandsire Caters: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Dew 5, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 6, H. Champness 7, W. W. Tucker 8, P. Springham 9, C. Ridgwell 10.—On May 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: W. W. Tucker 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, P. Springham 6, H. Dew 7, W. T. Prior 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—Recently, at the Parish Church, before service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Gray 1, F. Housdon (Saffron Walden) 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, J. Luckey 5, W. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, G. Jordan (conductor) 8. 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Watts (conductor) 1, A. Prior (Leytonstone) 2, G. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, T. Jordan 8.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On May 8th, at the Parish Church, 1008 Bob Major: G. Packham 1, G. Walder 2, W. Wheeler 3, F. Stoner 4, T. Garson 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by the local branch, and also by all the band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 11th, for evening service, and to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Faulkner's wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: W. Massey 1, J. Faulkner 2, H. Hill 3, H. Hubble 4, E. J. Garratt 5, W. Prestidge 6, A. Prestidge (conductor) 7, J. Massey 8.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit-Sunday morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Dowding 1, W. Palmer 2, J. Withers 3, T. Pritchett 4, J. S. Pritchett 5, F. Withers 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, W. Dowler 8.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—CHESTER.

By J. R. Jerram.

There appear to have been only five bells previous to 1867. It seems from the inscription on the sixth (the only old bell remaining) that the old peal was cast by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham. This bell bears his trade mark, a cross of calvary on three steps, surmounted by a crescent and star, with the initials H. O. on either side in Lombardic letters.

The inscriptions on the present peal of eight, which have been kindly obtained for me by Mr. W. Sconce, are as follows:—

Treble.

PRIMO FUSUM A.D. 1867. J. WARNER ET FIL: LONDINI.

Second.

[Ditto].

Third.

[Ditto].

Fourth.

DENUO FUSUM A.D. 1867. J. WARNER ET FIL: LONDINI.

Fifth.

REFUSUM A.D. 1604. DENUO REFUSUM, A.D. 1827. I. RUDHALL. I SWEETLY TOLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON MEATS THAT FEEDS THE SOOLE.

Sixth.

H + O ☼ + NOS SVMVS CONSTRVCTE AD LAWDEM DOMINI. [and on sound bow] DECANVS ET CAPITVLVM CESTRIE ME FECERVNT ANNO DNI. 1606.

[All this inscription is in Lombardic letters].

Seventh.

REFUSUM, A.D. 1634. DENUO REFUSUM, A.D. 1827. I. RUDHALL, OPERANTE.

Tenor.

BENEVOLENTIA CIVIUM ERGA DECANUM, F. ANSON, S. T. P. REFUSUM A. D. 1827. J. WARNER ET FIL: LONDINI.

Call-bell.

+ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, 1626.

The augmentation of the peal from five to eight is certainly a success, and does the founders credit. The present tenor weighs 29 cwts. 0 qr. 11 lbs.

The word "fecerunt" on the sixth must of course be understood in the sense of "fieri fecerunt."



Chester Cathedral.

ODD CHANGES.

We understand that the scheme for replacing the bells at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, with a peal more worthy of the parish church of such an important town, has so far advanced that a peal of eight with a tenor of about 25 cwt. is assured. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to make the ring into one of ten bells.

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A correspondent has sent us an account of a curious action which is taken in some Devon towers. The rope ends are cut so as to do away with the "tuck" and leave the ringer with a single rope with a knot in the end. This has many disadvantages.

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A single end is, of course, not at all comfortable for ringing and does not enable the ringer to get anything like the same grip, while there is, of course, no possibility of lenthening the rope for a short man, or when the weather causes it to shrink. In the course of a visit to some country towers our correspondent found that the cutting had been done in more than one belfry and he

thinks the attention of the incumbents should be drawn to the absurd action, with a view to putting a stop to it.

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The Royal Assent has just been given to the Bill constituting the new Diocese to be formed in Essex, and St. Mary's, Chelmsford, has now assumed the dignity of a cathedral.

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A large gathering of Essex ringers is expected at Chelmsford for the dedication of the new ring of twelve bells at the cathedral on September 27th. The dedication service is to be held at 3 p.m., the preacher being the Bishop of St. Alban's. At 4 p.m. there will be ringing by a special band, conducted by Mr. Faulkner, and after tea, to which the Rector and churchwardens are issuing invitations, there will be ringing until 8 p.m., when festal evensong will be held. The bells will again be open afterwards until 10 p.m.

BELLS AND THEIR USES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with great interest Mr. Jerram's notes on the use of the six "lady" bells in Lincoln Cathedral. "Two were chimed for service on ordinary days, and four on the eves of Saints' Days, Saturdays and Sundays." This evidently ancient usage admirably illustrates the principle, for which I have consistently contended both in your columns and in the Central Council. It is true that the bells in question were only chimed, an eminently inferior substitute for ringing, but the principle was observed: namely, that of employing the bells to do special honour to Sundays and other Feast Days and of beginning such observance of each festival, including Sundays, the previous evening. Now that chiming has fortunately in most places given place to ringing on all such occasions, it is our part to keep regularly to the ancient usage by ringing on all feast days and their eves, and on Saturday as the eve of Sunday.—Yours truly,

F. Ll. EDWARDS.

Kingston Magna Rectory.

SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

MR. WASHBROOK'S REPLY TO THE LEGITIMATE METHODS COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the Legitimate Methods Committee allow me to say that I entirely differ from them. My method is a principle, because it fulfils all that is required and all that is possible in a Major Principle, which is, that every bell performs the same work in a course. It is not necessary to argue this point, I hope, that a system could not be allowed because the division ends are alternately "in" and "out."

We have no right to use the word "illegitimate," have we? Any method that fulfils the order of hunting, dodging, and place-making is legitimate in my opinion. It is not desirable from a musical point of view to ring methods with place-making in 1-2 and 7-8, and it is not fashionable to lie four blows in one place in the interior. I am afraid that we are getting too much science and too little art. Here we have a system fulfilling all the old laws of hunting, dodging and place-making in their best form, extremely interesting to ring, difficult (especially if the 6th is moved), and the finest of bell music, and four gentlemen would condemn it because it is not following out some new fangled theory, which not one ringer in a thousand would ever understand or care about. Perhaps these gentlemen would be so kind as to tell us in plain ringers' language what is the matter with the system.

I would also like to remind them that there is no law governing what a Surprise Principle really should be. I am glad to think that this may possibly lead to some opinions on the matter, and before I enter into points of theory on this subject I would be glad to see some outside opinions. But do let us look at things as they are in practice, and not throw some good things away for the sake of some stupid theory that the future generations will laugh at. Let us remember that some of our finest musical composers ignored the theory of music, and a good job they did, too, as we should have been short of some of the best if they had not.

J. W. WASHBROOK.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is there any independent spirit left in these islands? In many villages and even in large townships one sees Carnegie Free (bless the mark!) Libraries. When a church needs a new organ an appeal is made to Mr. Carnegie, and now one is aghast to find the suggestion of an appeal, and that by a large and representative body, on behalf of church bells. In this despised country a Roman Catholic congregation some years ago had a wretchedly small and unsuitable place of worship. Many of the members had perforce to crowd round the door, the interior being packed. What did they do? Every Sunday for years collectors went round to their houses, and these poor people paid a penny or two of their hard-earned money with clockwork regularity. Now a large and handsome building stands where the former unsuitable one was.

Some grit here! But then Mr. Carnegie had not come back from America. I am sure these people got help outside their own parish, and I do not object to the principle of outside help for church bells, but the idea of relaxing all effort and depending on the gift of one wealthy man who may have no interest in or knowledge of the district is to me most objectionable.—I am, sir, yours, etc.

C. MURRAY.

Laurel Lodge, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PLEASURE AND BUSINESS AT MARGATE.

Ideal weather favoured the annual outing of the Romney Marsh and District Guild on Saturday, when Margate was visited. Arriving at this charming town fairly early, the party proceeded to St. Peter's Church, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung under the conductorship of Messrs. C. W. Player and C. Tribe, Master J. Cobb Pitman, of Lyminge, ringing his first touch of Triples. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Cambridge, also took part in the ringing. Dinner was served at Austen's restaurant. In the afternoon St. John's was the rendezvous, and the company was augmented by the presence of Messrs. A. J. Saxby (Margate), J. N. Oxborrow (Brixton), and Selby (Westerham). Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were the methods rung, Messrs. J. N. Oxborrow and W. E. Pitman acting as conductors. After tea, which was partaken of at Austen's, the Church of St. Laurence, another peal of eight, were at the visitors' disposal, and some capital Grandsire Triples were rung, Mr. C. W. Player conducting.

Mr. C. Tribe presided at the business meeting which was held, and, on the proposition of Mr. C. W. Player, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson, the next meeting will be held at New Romney on September 13th, in conjunction with the annual assembly of the Ashford District of the Kent Association, which takes place there on that date. As to the monthly peal, the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) wrote stating that negotiations were in progress regarding the quarterly peal of the Sussex Association (East Division) at Rye. This would probably be on the 30th August.—It was decided to ask Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, who is conducting the peal of Stedman at Rye, to journey to Appledore to make an attempt for Stedman there on the same day.—Master J. Cobb Pitman was enrolled as a member, and Messrs. W. E. Pitman and G. J. Youngs voiced thanks to the clergy at the various churches for the use of the bells. They also expressed gratitude to Messrs. Saxby and Twyman for the splendid arrangements they had made and the cordial welcome they had extended to the visitors. The outing was a huge success, and a great source of enjoyment to all. The towers represented were: Appledore, Ashford, Lyminge, Rye, Salehurst, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At a well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch at Westhoughton members were present from Bolton, Leigh, Horwich, Walkden, Hindley and Manchester. Some very good touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Horwich (8 bells). The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for use of the bells, and also the local band for having the tower ready.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Further subscriptions to the fund for assisting the widow and three children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn are acknowledged from Loughton ringers, per Mr. E. Wightman, 8s.; Rickling, Newport, Essex, ringers, per A. B. Wiffen, 4s. Contributions will be most thankfully received by "F.R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, the Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham.



YORK MINSTER.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted with the following rings of 12 bells:

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

NORTHANTS CYCLING TOUR.

A party of Central Northants ringers had a pleasant cycling tour last week. A start was made as early as 5 a.m., and the Northampton contingent picked up reinforcements on the way until at Towcester the band was complete, and the cyclists made their way to Brackley. Here Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and then the party proceeded to Evenley, two miles distant. The journey was short, but eventful, as a pair of swerving horses caused the most nervous of the company to "run in quick" to the hedge. On the light ring of five, in good going order at Evenley, Grandsire and Stedman were rung, and then the Vicar very kindly invited the visitors to lunch on the Vicarage lawn, which was much appreciated. The host and his daughters were very interested in bells and bell ringing, and it would not be surprising to hear there were some more lady ringers soon. After doing full justice to lunch, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and his daughters for their kind hospitality. A ride of about five miles through very interesting country then brought the party to Aynhoe, where they found a fine peal of eight in very good order, but very noisy in the ringing chamber. At King's Sutton, another ring of eight were tried, and Grandsire Triples rung. After the bells had been lowered, however, everyone wanted to know where the ropes came from, and when the local ringers said "Banbury," someone remarked that, "although Banbury had a world-wide reputation for making cakes, they had a lot to learn yet in making bell ropes." Middleton Cheney are a grand ring of six, with tenor 28 cwts., and here Bob Minor and Grandsire were rung. After ringing at Marston St. Lawrence, the Vicar invited the visitors to the Vicarage to drink his health, and not one asked to be excused. Tea had been arranged at the Rectory, Thenford, for four o'clock, and on arrival the party found a splendid repast ready for them. After tea, the captain was a little premature, when he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Crum for their kindness, for the Rector, in his reply, said it was not Mrs. Crum yet, but he hoped it would be soon. So best wishes for their future happiness were added to the vote of thanks.—At the church the nice light ring of five were set going to Stedman and Grandsire. Culworth, another ring of five, provided the last call of the day, for on arriving at Morton Pinknye a death in the village prevented ringing. The sixteen mile ride back to Northampton was safely accomplished, and everyone agreed it was a splendid day's outing. The band was as follows: F. Hopper, W. Allen, J. Dean (Northampton), H. Clarke (Kingsthorpe), A. Smeathers (Finedon), F. Rowledge (Moulton), A. Starmer (Flore), T. Law (Weston Favell), and they take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for giving permission, and the local ringers for having the bells ready.

A MIDDLESEX OUTING.

The members of the St. Mary's Guild, Acton, visited Hayes and Uxbridge for their annual outing. The first call was made at Hayes, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Hudson), the ring of six at St. Mary's was placed at their disposal. Before ringing, the ancient edifice, one of the oldest in the county, was inspected, and a visit was paid to the summit of the tower, where the magnificent view of the surrounding country rewarded those who delighted in the climb.

Mr. Bolton, the steeplekeeper, who had everything in readiness, joined the visitors in several touches of Grandsire and Stedman, which were brought round. The party then proceeded to Hillingdon West, where the beautiful peal of eight at St. Andrew's was kindly placed at their disposal by the Vicar (the Rev. F. O. Sutton, M.A.), who gave them a very hearty welcome. Mr. Waite, the steeplekeeper, having got things comfortably arranged, a course or two was rung, and then the visitors adjourned for a meat tea, at which they were met by the Rev. C. H. Shakespear, B.A., of St. Mary's, Acton, who presided, supported by Mr. J. R. Mackman, the instructor to the Guild.—Mr. H. W. Cotton (secretary) welcomed and thanked Mr. Shakespear for his presence, and the Chairman briefly replied.—Mr. R. Holloway (captain) said how very pleased he was to find that the Guild was entirely self-supporting, and he was also pleased to think that this outing did not necessitate them having to fall back upon the generosity of the parishioners. They had to thank Mr. Mackman, their tutor, for the fatherly manner in which he coaxed them along in the art of change ringing. He suggested that the next outing should be one extending over a week-end, and proposed Beaconsfield and High Wycombe, and adjoining neighbourhoods.—Mr. J. R. Mackman thanked the captain for his complimentary remarks, and said that the progress made by the individual members of the Guild had pleased him very well indeed, and he wished to impress upon all present that the only way to become proficient in the art of campanology was to stick to it, by attending and ringing for divine services, and getting as much practice as possible. One of the most important points was to listen to the "striking."—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. C. H. Shakespear for presiding, and to the Rev. E. R. Hudson, M.A., and the Rev. F. O. Sutton, M.A., for the use of their bells.—The whole of the party returned to St. Andrew's, where many courses each of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung, with the kind assistance of Mr. H. H. Chandler and Mr. J. Pratt. As the party were leaving the tower they were met by the Vicar, who expressed the hope that all had enjoyed themselves, and that they would visit him at some future date.—The best thanks of the Guild are due to both Mr. Waite and Mr. Bolton for all they did to add to the enjoyment of the outing.

ST MARY ABBOT'S GUILD AT CHATHAM.

Chatham was the venue of the annual outing of the Abbot's Guild, Kensington, and the party, who numbered 12, were fortunate in including a valuable guide in Inspector Collins, who had made arrangements for a tour round the dockyards. Here, of course, were objects of extreme interest, the museum with its figure heads of old wooden battleships, the splendidly equipped fire station, huge workshops of various kinds, warships in construction and others in dry dock being overhauled, the miniature railway engines and carriages for conveying the staff, etc., about the yard. These engines had a wire covering over the funnels, but not, as one member suggested, to prevent flys from falling in. The party were also fortunate in being able to go on board the battleship 'Albion,' over which they were conducted by Warrant Officer Cook. The chief items of interest on board were the big twelve inch guns and turrets. The latter appeared to be arranged so as to turn wherever required, but whether in half turns or whole turns no information was given, or whether the gunners made a bob when the guns were fired is not known.

Gillingham was the first tower visited, where the ringers, in company with Messrs. Haigh and Cook, enjoyed touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, etc. After lunch the party, who were augmented by three more members, visited St. Margaret's, Rochester, but some difficulty was experienced in ringing owing to a long draft and trouble with a stay. The Cathedral was next on the programme, and the long and torturous climb to the ringing chamber was well repaid with touches of Stedman, Superlative and London on this fine ring of eight. Tea and a walk round the castle and grounds, and inspection of various features of interest in Rochester, brought the visit to a close, votes of thanks having been duly accorded to Messrs. Haigh, Cook and all others who had contributed to the day's enjoyment, as well as to the various authorities for the use of the bells. On the return journey to town the party had a somewhat alarming experience, having selected compartments near the engine. After going for some minutes the carriage roof was subjected to a terrific bombardment, and, on looking out to see what was amiss it was thought at first that a cluster of shooting stars must have got in our way. However further investigation revealed the fact that it was only a South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company's engine on its metal trying to make up lost time and throwing out lumps of red hot coal in its efforts. This company should take a tip from the dockyard engines unless they wish to cremate their passengers.

MISSIONARY OUTING.

A "missionary expedition" was indulged in by the Coseley (Staffs) Parish Church company for their annual outing, the villages of Trysull, Pattingham and Patshull being visited. Accompanied by Mrs. Gough and Miss Mullett, Messrs. Bayliss brothers, of Bradley, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, of St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, the party had a pleasant drive to Trysull, where the fine-toned ring of six were utilised, and two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 720 Grandsire Minor were rung to the delight of the villagers. At Pattingham, where tea was partaken of, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Darlaston Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Major were rung. In the evening, Patshull Park, the seat of Lord Dartmouth, and the pretty little church were visited. In the newly painted and renovated belfry, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Canterbury and Plain Bob Minor were rung before the horses' heads were turned for home, which was reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing.

BOYNE HILL.

On August Bank Holiday, the ringers of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, held their annual outing, and visited Hurst, Twyford, Sonning, and Henley-on-Thames. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Grandsire being rung at each tower, and a most enjoyable day spent. The ringers wish, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to thank the clergy and foremen of the respective towers for having everything ready, and last but not least, the Vicar of Twyford for his kind invitation to lunch after the ringing at this tower. The Rev. R. W. Acworth was much delighted with the ringing of the handbells piloted by Mr. G. Martin, to whose share, as usual, fell the duties of conductor for the day.

The ringers of Loughton and Woodford, Essex, had their annual outing on Bank Holiday. Mr. Edgar Wightman and Mr. J. Rann are to be congratulated on the success of their arrangements. The places and towers originally selected were: Tottenham, Wood Green, High Barnet and Old Southgate, but owing to a business demand of 2s. 6d. for opening the belfry, Wood Green was left severely alone. The company numbered 14, and a brake was requisitioned at Loughton for the day. Various touches from Grandsire Triples to Forward and Double Norwich were successfully performed at each tower visited. Tune playing on the handbells by Messrs. Morse, Kimberley, Green and Wightman further enlivened the proceedings. Dinner was partaken of at the Church House, Barnet, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire were accomplished on the handbells by Messrs. Wightman, Carter, Freeman, Bacon and Rann. Thanks are due to Messrs. R. Roffey, Miller and Dart for their attentions to the comforts of the party, who spent a most enjoyable day.

BURNHAM REVISITED.

Once again the St. Ann's Guild, South Tottenham, paid a visit to Burnham-on-Crouch for their annual outing, and were favoured with splendid weather. On the journey down the handbells were brought into use, and several methods rung. They were met by Mr. Cook, captain of the Burnham band, and indulged in an hour's ringing. A ramble by the water was then enjoyed, and then lunch was partaken of at the Welcome Sailor. Afterwards 720 Bob Minor was rung by T. Groombridge, junr., 1, T. Ringrose 2, E. Davidson 3, J. Hunt 4, A. Howell 5, C. Ross (conductor) 6. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles were also rung, with some of the local men standing in. At tea, regret was expressed that the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Watson) was unable to be present through illness, and that, owing to pressure of business, Messrs. R. and A. Warner were not able to join the party, although the visitors appreciated the presence of Mr. Mackney (Messrs. Warner and Sons' manager). Piano selections were given by Mr. Groombridge, and after votes of thanks to those who had made the arrangements the party returned to London after a most enjoyable day.

VISIT TO ORSETT.

On Saturday week, the Christ Church, Wanstead, Society, with Mr. H. Rumens, secretary of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association, paid a visit to Orsett Church, which was reached by motor-car, by way of Ilford, Hornchurch and Ockendon. The party was met by Mr. A. Keeling, and touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob were indulged in till 5.15, when an adjournment was made for tea at Mr. Keeling's residence, where a most sumptuous repast was awaiting them. Returning to the church, a 720 of Plain Bob was rung, followed by an attempt for 720 of Kent, which unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 18 mins. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were then indulged in, after which the bells were lowered, the time having passed all too quickly. An enjoyable evening ride brought the party back at Leytonstone at 10 p.m. Thanks are due to the Rector for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Keeling for providing tea, and Mr. Keeling for making the arrangements for the visit, which the band hope to repeat at some future date.

AT EVESHAM.

The ringers of Aston visited Evesham for their annual outing, and were accompanied by Messrs. Carter, Godden, Morris and others. They were met by Mr. Middleton, who conducted them to the tower, where Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on the fine peal of ten. Host Moreton, one of the local ringers, served up a splendid dinner, after which Mr. W. H. Godden proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens of Aston for their kindness and consideration in providing the ringers with an outing and supper every year.—Thanks were also accorded the tower keeper (Mr. James Jones) for his services, and mention was made of the regular attendance of the band at Sunday ringing.—Mr. M. J. Morris seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.—A pleasant evening was spent with handbells and singing.

NEWCASTLE GUILD IN DUBLIN.

HOLIDAY TRIP TO THE EMERALD ISLE.

"Dear dirty Dublin" was the destination of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, on the occasion of their annual excursion. En route they made a call at Manchaster, where they were met by Mr. Harry Chapman, who, after lunch, conducted the party to Pendleton, where short touches of Stedman and Forward were brought round on the fine ring of eight. After tea, a visit was paid to the Town Hall, where the party was increased by the presence of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. Catchpole and Atkins. A peal was to have been attempted, but instead, several touches were rung, as time was short and the weather very warm. Stedman Caters and Forward Royal were successfully brought round, and also a touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells. Between whiles the visitors were conducted round the tower, the remarks, humorous and otherwise, of the genial tower keeper, being much appreciated, and the general arrangement and equipment of the tower much admired. After a social half-hour with their Manchester friends, the party entrained for Holyhead, getting separated from each other in the process, owing to the tremendous crowd. However, all turned up safely at Holyhead, and embarked on the s.s. "Hibernia," which left at 2 a.m., and after a smooth passage, enlivened by handbell music (touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and the "Blue Bells of Scotland," being brought round, much to the delight of the passengers), arrived at Dublin at 5.30 a.m. After replenishing the furnaces, a gentleman not unknown in the ringing world, Mr. Lindoff, to wit, was sought out, and after introductions and a pleasant chat, the visitors were conducted to the well-appointed belfry, of the noble Cathedral of St. Patrick. The bells were not raised, the visitors being content with looking round and commenting upon the thought, care, and generosity, which was apparent on every hand. Then across to Christ Church, where the bells were soon going to Stedman Caters. After tea, the party quite accidentally encountered Mr. Richard Hibbert, of Caversham, and his brother, who stayed with them for the greater portion of the evening. The visitors were now feeling the effects of their long journey, but took the car for Dollymount, and had a pleasant walk along the pier there, from which many felt tempted to bathe but were afraid the tired frame would not stand it. Then a social half-hour and to bed after certain ceremonies, into which pillows entered very largely, had been gone through. Up betimes on Sunday morning, the party met the boat with their "master" on board. He had been prevented by business from joining them earlier, and now arrived looking happy and smiling. Two jaunting cars were chartered, and after a swift passage, the ham and eggs provided for breakfast disappeared in fine style. Tracks were next made for St. Patrick's, where the magnificent ring of twelve were soon going to Stedman Cinques, the music produced being much admired by the visitors. St. John's was next visited, and after a perilous climb up a flimsy looking helical staircase, which one of the party did not attempt, essayed to ring a touch of Stedman Caters, but found it impossible, owing to the bad going of the 9th. The return journey was safely accomplished, though not without some nerve tremors, on looking down on the worshippers far below. After dinner, St. Patrick's was again visited, and a well-struck touch of Erin Cinques was brought round for afternoon service. This augered well for the morrow, when a peal in this method was to be attempted. Proceeding to Christ Church, the visitors brought round a touch of Erin Caters. After tea, a car ride was undertaken, and a pleasant evening spent at Dalkey (which is outside the five miles' limit).

MISFORTUNE IN PEAL ATTEMPTS.

Monday dawned, and hopes of a peal were high. The band was strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. R. Hibbert, and a start was made at St. Patrick's for a peal of Erin Cinques. But, alas, after 2 hrs. and 10 mins., something went wrong in the turning course, and what was to have been the first peal of Erin Cinques in the Emerald Isle, collapsed. The attempt was a brave one, and the striking beyond criticism. Misfortune dogged the steps of the party throughout the day, for in the evening, when a Cinques band could not be raised, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters at the same tower, was brought to an untimely end, after 2 hrs. and 40 mins. good ringing, owing to the composition having a wrong turning course. It is but fair to the conductor to mention, that he only received the figures of the peal of Cinques on the Saturday morning, and not being prepared for Caters, looked at the figures for ten minutes only, before starting, and had not time to prick them over to see that things were all right. The disappointment naturally was great, but the band consoled themselves with the thought that though beaten this time, they had given a good account of themselves.

On Tuesday morning a visit was paid to the famous brewery of Guinness, Mr. Lindoff having procured the party a permit. There the making of stout was followed with the keenest interest, and they were much impressed by the wonderful cleanliness of the brewery, and the enormous size of the vats in which the liquor is stored previous to export. These vats are circular oaken receptacles, capable of holding 1,700 hogsheads, an amount sufficient to supply every soldier in the British Army with 2½ pints.

In the afternoon Bray was visited. A peal was to have been attempted here, but again misfortune awaited the party, the stock of the 6th being cracked, and rendering the bell unsafe for ringing. So a long walk along the cliffs brought the visit to a close, and the party returned to Dublin in time to catch their steamer. Of how our conductor had a tooth drawn on Bray head, and how he fared on Monday evening, after retiring to bed 'tis best to draw a veil. Neither he nor the other members of the party are likely to forget it.

In conclusion, the Guild, through the medium of this paper, wishes to thank the incumbents and authorities who granted the use of the bells: Messrs. Lindoff and Townley, of Dublin; Messrs. Chapman and Beeston, of Manchester, and all others who so willingly co-operated, to make the outing such a successful and enjoyable one. The names of those who took part in the touches and peal attempts at St. Patrick's are as follows:—Morning service: Stedman Cinques: J. A. Townley 1, J. Kemp 2, C. L. Routledge 3, G. Booker 4, R. Tait 5, B. C. Dixon 6, G. Lindoff 7, A. F. Hillier 8, J. Keen 9, W. H. Barber 10, R. Richards 11, J. W. Townley 12.

Evening Service.—Erin Cinques: J. Kemp 1, G. Lindoff 2, C. L. Routledge 3, W. Lynch 4, R. Tait 5, B. C. Dixon 6, R. Lynch 7, A. F. Hiller 8, J. E. Keen 9, W. H. Barber 10, R. Richards 11, J. W. Townley 12.

Peal attempt.—Erin Cinques: J. A. Townley 1, J. Kemp 2, C. L. Routledge 3, R. Hibbert 4, W. H. Barber 5, B. C. Dixon 6, G. Lindoff 7, A. F. Hillier 8, J. E. Keen 9, J. W. Townley 10, R. Richards 11, J. Noblitt 12.

Peal attempt.—Stedman Caters: J. Kemp 1, C. L. Routledge 2, G. Lindoff 3, J. W. Townley 4, R. Lynch 5, A. F. Hillier 6, B. C. Dixon 7, J. E. Keen 8, W. H. Barber 9, R. Richards 10. Conductor throughout W. H. Barber.

In connection with the trip, as is interesting to note that touches were rung on handbells in every county through which the party passed.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, on May 5th, in 23 mins., 720 Bob Minor: C. Edwards 1, J. Woolacott (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, A. Croucher 3, H. Chaffey 4, V. A. Jarrett (R.E. band), conductor, 5, Lce.-Corpl. R. Keeble, R.E., 6.

BICTON, SALOP.—On May 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire: J. Tudor 1, P. Brooks 2, E. R. T. Corbett 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick 6.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 prompt; a good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.; a good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wellingboro' District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6 Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open from 2 till 9. Short service 4.45. Tea 5.15 at the Half Moon Assembly Room, by kind invitation of the Rector. Business to follow.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available at 4 p.m.; meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

ST. MARTINS GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at Talbot Hotel, 9d. per head, at 5.30; to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hatton on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Secretary, Shottery.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 28th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Womborne, Staffordshire, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, August 30th, 1913. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Institute at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, August 27th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th? The bells (10) will be available.—N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, August 30th; 3 p.m. Aldridge (5); 4.15 p.m. Pelsall (5); 5.30 p.m. tea (free) and ringing at Rushall (6). Names for tea to be sent in by the 28th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cloy on Saturday, August 30th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at New Mills on Saturday, August 30th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Branch Secretary, New Mills.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Neatherseale, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3.30. By the kindness of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending who send in their names not later than Wednesday, August 27th, to Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West).—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's and, if possible, at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church 5 p.m.; preacher, Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Members will oblige by notifying me by Wednesday, September 3rd, their intention of attending the meeting. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Portmadoc, on September 6th. Meeting in the Church Room at 3.15 p.m. Tea after

meeting. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. McMillan, 15, High Street, Portmadoc, not later than September 1st.—H. Moore, Junr., Wrexham, Hon. Sec.

LYMINGE, KENT.—Will ringers kindly observe that, with the full sanction of the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Rutty, M.A., all applications for the use of the bells (peals or otherwise) be addressed to the newly-elected captain of the local band, Mr. E. Fisher, Well House, Lyminge. Sunday ringing, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice nights on Thursdays at 8 p.m.—W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., Honorary Secretary.

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LONDON. — London County Association. — On May 15th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. V. Martin 1, *F. C. J. Andrews 2, C. H. Hughes 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, A. Turner 5, H. T. Gowlett 6, *L. B. Porter 7, E. Holman (first quarter-peal) 8. *First quarter-peal of Stedman.—On May 5th, at St. Mary's, S.E., 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: T. Walker 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, R. N. Runham 4, J. Cornford 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. J. Hardy 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise on the bells.—On June 8th, at St Leonard's, Streatham, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Gibbs 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, L. Attwater 4, R. N. Runham 5, C. F. Winney 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. J. Hardy 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise upon the bells.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On May 10th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after 2 hrs. 45 mins.: W. Shercliff 1, A. K. Harrison 2, C. Sanders 3, J. Austin 4, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 5, A. S. Boar 6, J. T. Dyke 7, J. Bastin (first attempt) 8.

DITCHINGHAM.—Norwich Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 11th, 360 Bob Minor: H. Barrel 1, C. Woods 2, W. Woods 3, T. Beckett 4, L. Hembling 5, H. Tarrhead (conductor) 6.

BUNGAY.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 11th, 360 and 216 Bob Minor: H. Barrel 1, C. Woods 2, T. Beckett 3, L. Hembling 4, E. Lincoln 5, H. Fairhead (conductor) 6.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

DIOCESAN DIVISIONS.

A good deal is being done in ecclesiastical spheres at the present time to reduce the very unwieldy size of several of our dioceses, and in its last session Parliament passed an Act cutting off the county of Essex from the diocese of St. Albans and constituting it a separate See. Similar steps are to be taken in regard to York, out of which is to be carved the new diocese of Sheffield, and Norwich, from which Suffolk is to be severed. The diocese of Oxford, which now includes three counties (Oxford, Berk and Bucks), will probably be divided in the near future, and it is not unlikely that it will not be long before a similar step may be taken in regard to Winchester, which covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, a large portion of Surrey and the Channel Islands.

With the reasons which have led the Church to reduce the size of some of its ancient Sees we, as ringers, have little to do, but the results—the constitution of dioceses with smaller areas—may have effects upon some of our ringing organisations, especially where the societies are now diocesan in character. Those associations and guilds which are likely to be affected will do well to take the matter into serious consideration, because under the altered regime there are certain to be those who will want to go with their new diocese and establish themselves as separate and distinct entities. Naturally it will be in the interests of the established societies to retain their present membership unimpaired, although it is possible to mention districts in connection with more than one ringing organisation where the members seem so far away from the centre that they are not in effective touch with their association, which, to them, exists in little more than name only. These are the quarters from which an effort to break away from the parent society is most likely to come with the ecclesiastical division of a diocese.

To preserve the unity of existing districts it will be well, therefore, for the associations concerned to spare no effort to retain the interest of ringers in every corner of their respective spheres of action. This advice may, perhaps, be considered superfluous, but in view of the present tendency to decentralise and of the desire for still more effective "home rule" which generally follows, it does not require a big stretch of the imagination to see that in districts remote from the centre of administrative activity there may spring up a desire to establish new organisations to meet what would, perhaps, be described as the altered needs of the times. To allay the chance of any break away of this kind, therefore, it cannot be altogether superfluous to focus attention upon the subject, which may, in more than one instance, call for careful handling in the near future.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM H. DORAN	*Treble*	JAMES SCHOLES	6
WILLIAM TRUSS	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	7
HENRY TORBLE	3	JOHN MOULE	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST. PYE	9
*AUGUSTUS G. SCAMBLER	5	GEORGE POTTER	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	HARRY SHUKER	5
EDWARD WREAKS	2	HARRY CHAPMAN	6
ROBERT DAVIES	3	THOMAS BOTTRILL	7
GEORGE E. TURNER	4	*HERBERT BERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Stedman.

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

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

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

HENRY JENNINGS	*Treble*	*ERNEST A. REEVE	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	6
RICHARD N. RUNHAM	3	ARTHUR D. BARKER	7
JOHN W. CORNFORD	4	FREDERICK J. HARDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Jennings hails from Ryde, I.O.W.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN POTTER	*Treble*	GEORGE PINCOTT	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON	6
THOMAS WORSLEY	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	THOMAS BRATBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs.

GEORGE DEBENHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM MILLER	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	ARTHUR SYMONDS	6
FREDRICK G. DEWELL	3	HARRY A. TURNER	7
WALTER RADLEY	4	WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD ...	5
THOMAS DICKEN	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
JOSEPH BRITTAN	3	LEONARD BULLOCK	7
HARRY KENDRICK	4	LESLIE C. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD BULLOCK.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*THOMAS M. SHRIVE ...	...*Treble*	PHILLIP W. MANNING ...	5
JOHN R. MAIN	2	THOMAS ABBOTT	6
GEORGE BASSFORD	3	ARTHUR SMEATHERS ...	7
*HARRY THOMPKINS	4	*FREDERICK WARREN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band and the first on the bells, which were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in memory of Ellen Mackworth Dolben, who was ever ready to help the church and the poor and needy in the parish of Finedon.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¼ cwt., in E flat.

ROBERT W. FALCONER	...*Treble*	R. ALDER GOFTON	5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	2	ALFRED H. HILLIER ...	6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ...	3	THOMAS T. GOFTON... ...	7
CHARLES W. WHEELER ...	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by R. W. FALCONER.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. John F. Bird, secretary of the Gosforth Guild, to Miss K. Sanderson, of Gosforth, to whom the ringers tender their best wishes for happiness and prosperity. The occasion was also the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Richardson, master of the Gosforth company.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

ARTHUR COLEMAN ...	...*Treble*	*CHARLES NEWLAND	5
GEORGE S. SOAME	2	GEORGE H. CROSS	6
*CECIL R. CHAMBERLAIN ...	3	ERNEST SUFFLING	7
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	4	JOHN MOY	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in F.

ROBERT E. PELLATT	...*Treble*	†HENRY J. CANTOR	5
WILLIAM J. KEMP	2	HENRY J. KING	6
*HENRY J. SUDELL	3	STANLEY H. R. COOPER	7
CHARLES A. GRAY	4	*LEONARD G. HICKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY GUILD.
On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Treble*	*FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5
EDGAR T. SMITH...	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
GEORGE HUGHES...	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ...*Treble*		JOSEPH HALL	5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY	2	J. CHARLES DICKEN... ...	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	3	JOSEPH BAILEY	7
FRANK JOHNSON	4	THOMAS HORTON ...	...*Tenor*

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

The conductor's 50th peal.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROOT	...*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM...	2	WALTER BURST	6
HORACE H. COOPER	3	JAMES FLEUTY	7
LEWIS WISEMAN	4	*JOHN ROOT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
*WILLIAM HENLEY	2	HERBERT COX	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	GEORGE ALLDER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band represented eight different towers.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY... ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
ALLEN F. BAILEY	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY	6
*WILLIAM ROSE	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY	7
ERNEST F. POPPY	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

†William Mead	...*Treble*	Thomas Best	5
John Mead	2	Ephraim Marks	6
Cecil A. Valentine ...	3	Harry Sears	7
Rev. W. P. Wright ...	4	*James Tomkins... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. Sear.

* First peal on eight bells. † First 5000 in any method. This peal was arranged for the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Hemingbrough, Yorkshire.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt., in E.

*Arthur Chapman	...*Treble*	*Charles Wm. Clarke ...	5
*Edward Chapman	2	*Herbert Sharp	6
James Houghton	3	*William Stapleton ...	7
Anderson York Tyler ...	4	Walter Perkins ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton, and
Conducted by Walter Perkins.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Bedfordshire by the Association. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Edward Chapman.

PUDSEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

Alfred Naylor	...*Treble*	William E. Ash	5
William Woodhead... ...	2	Frederick W. Dixon ...	6
John B. Jackson	3	Francis Woodhead... ...	7
William B. Smith	4	Francis Barker ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Dixon.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

George S. Tyas ...	...*Treble*	John W. Moorhouse ...	5
Wilfrid Richardson ...	2	Ellis Credland	6
James Moorhouse	3	Thomas R. Hensher ...	7
†Charles D. Potter ...	4	*James S. Holmes ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by John W. Moorhouse, and
Conducted by Thomas R. Hensher.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. After the peal the band were entertained by Mr. C. D. Potter to a sumptuous tea at the Royal Hotel. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Potter for his hospitality; also to the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

WOOLWICH, S.E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

Edward T. Wigg ...	...*Treble*	Charles T. Coles	5
*Arthur J. Neale	2	William H. Theobald ...	6
Frank Bennett	3	William Pye	7
Isaac G. Shade	4	†Alfred W. Grimes	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton, and
Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the eve of St. Bartholomew's Day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*R. Greenacre	...*Treble*	T. Greenacre	4
W. Mitchell	2	B. M. Targett	5
*H. Porter	3	George Hawes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Hawes.

* First peal.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Algernon P. Stone ...	...*Treble*	Herbert Hurdman... ...	4
Wm. W. Worthington ...	2	Leonard Bullock	5
John H. Swinfield ...	3	E. Harry Stoneley	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. Stoneley.

* First peal of Minor. This is L. Bullock's 100th peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

Andrew Marshall ...	...*Treble*	Albert Relfe	4
Harry Price	2	Walter Marshall... ...	5
George Fuller...	3	Edwin Lambert ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Andrew Marshall.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SKENFRITH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

Henry Weale	...*Treble*	John Clark	4
Allen Gwynne	2	Campbell Kings	5
John Gwynne	3	William Poston ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Poston.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which are an old ring by Rudhall, recently rehung by Messrs. Day.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, College Single Reverse, Single Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harry Thorpe	...*Treble*	Reginald Scott	4
William G. Thorpe	2	Sidney Proctor	5
Rev. C. J. Sturton	3	Arthur Mackears...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Proctor.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. C. Hunt, of Aldershot, and Miss C. Rawson, of Elston.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. BAILEY ...	4
*JOHN BOWER...	2	JAMES ABERY	5
SAMUEL PAICE	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 4th.

CHARLTON MACKEREL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

J. MADDOCK...	*Treble*	T. DOBLE	4
W. DOBLE	2	E. E. BURGESS...	5
W. EVANS	3	W. TARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been hung by Messrs. Doble & Son, the "go" being very satisfactory. The band wish to thank the Venerable Archdeacon Brymer for so kindly providing tea after the peal, and also for the use of the bells.

The following peals were rung during a week's holiday spent in Suffolk by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S ROOMS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 19, in F.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5—6
HOBART E. SMITH... ...	3—4	*WILLIAM FLORY	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. SMITH and MRS. PULLING.
* First peal of Triples in hand.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING...	*Treble*	ERNEST F. POPPY	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	6
JAMES MOTTS	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
HOBART E. SMITH	4	THOMAS A. TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CROWN AND ANCHOR,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Size 17, in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5—6
HOBART E. SMITH	3—4	WILLIAM FLORY	7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. HAWES.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S ROOMS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Size 14, in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5—6
HOBART E. SMITH	3—4	WILLIAM FLORY	7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.
This was G. E. Symonds' 100th peal.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in F.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	5
*EDWARD JENKINS	2	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ...	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
HOBART E. SMITH	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. SMITH, WILLOW COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Size 17, in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5—6
HOBART E. SMITH... ...	3—4	WILLIAM FLORY	7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. J. SMITH, MRS. W. SMITH, MRS. PULLING and W. SMITH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr., in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	8
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE...	3	WILLIAM MOTTS	9
*ALFRED H. PULLING ...	4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	10
EDGAR PEMBERTON	5	EDWARD EVANS	11
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ...	6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.
* First peal of Cinques on tower bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. E. SYMONDS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 17, in A.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5—6
HOBART E. SMITH	3—4	WILLIAM FLORY	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. G. E. SYMONDS.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Stedman Triples at Poole, on August 2nd, was Harold Baverstock, not Harold James, as stated.

LEICESTER.

(Continued).

THE STORY OF A HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT EARLY FOUNDERS.

How was it done? Well, not by aeroplane. An introduction to Mr. Sheddon, a well-known racehorse trainer of Leicester, resulted in that gentleman offering me a seat in his 38 h.-p. Minerva motor-car for the remainder of his spin round Shepshed, Branstone and Anstey, back to Leicester. Thus, I was in Leicester long before the others, having thoroughly enjoyed one of the prettiest drives in the county, and had a peep at two places of interest—Old John, a ruined castle of historical association, and the place of execution of the unfortunate Lady Jane Grey.

Eleven o'clock came all too soon at Mrs. Willson's, where, after an excellent supper, we had a talk, to use one of Mr. W. W. Gifford's sayings, "about what we have done." An old manuscript book signed "John Martin His Booke 1777," was very engrossing, not only on account of its writings of early ringing in Leicester, but of a newspaper cutting from the "Leicester Journal" of that year, by which we learn that the first peal on handbells in England was rung at Abingdon, Berks, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., by five persons, consisting of 5040 Treble Ten-in and "Thought to exceed the course of Treble 12-in, rung on 12 handbells by the Cumberlands in 1777."

To Mr. Willson's personal research we are indebted for a true list of all peals rung by the Leicester ringers in the town or in the county since 1773. One of the worthies of the past, Wm. Bull, was a pioneer of change ringing. Most of the first performances were achieved at St. Margaret's Parish Church, and conducted by him, e.g., 3rd May, 1773, 5040 Grandsire Triples on the opening of the bells; 12th August, 1776. 6012 Grandsire Caters. The prosperity of method ringing and the influential character of its advocates about this time, just when the art of bell founding in Leicester had died out, were second to none in England since John Martin gives the names of all the subscribers to a ringers' fund, in 1777, when £37 was collected in the town. The St. Margaret's Society had rung a 10,080, which so delighted the townspeople that the performers, on leaving the belfry, were cheered through the streets, the Mayor and aldermen, professional men and tradespeople, all showing appreciation of this wonderful performance. Strange, too, this peal was one of three each of 10,000 changes scored on the same day at separate towers.

SOME EARLY FOUNDERS.

The rapid growth of Leicester had necessitated the erection of a number of modern churches with new rings of bells, but when the late Thomas North published the "Church Bells of Leicestershire" in 1876, there were only the following peals: St. Margaret's, 10; St. Martin's, 10; St. Mary's, 8—in 1830: St. Mark's, 8—in 1872; St. George's, 6—in 1856; All Saints', 5; St. Nicholas' Church possessed three bells, and the rest one each, viz.: Christ Church, Holy Trinity, St. John, St. Andrew, St. Luke, St. Paul, and St. Peter.

The proximity of the Loughborough bell foundry, one of the most up-to-date establishments of its kind in the world, and the personality of the late Mr. John W. Taylor accounts for so many of these bells bearing the well-known name upon them. There is, however, one important exception, that of the fine octave in St. Mary's Church cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, at Whitechapel. In 1876 the total number of church bells in the county was 998, of which some 147 were considered to have been made prior to the year 1600—thirty-two of these bearing an inscription relating or dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and only 18 dated—the earliest dated one being the third at Old Dalby—1584.

For centuries Leicester was famed for its bell founders, beginning with John of Stafford about 1350, who was Mayor in the years 1366 and 1370. We find Wm. Millers the next bell founder, who died in 1506, being described as "Bell Heytan" or "Yeytaur," that is, Bellzetter, according to his will dated 29th November, 1506. He left three children, none of whom appear to have been associated with their mother Margery in carrying on the business. This Margery Millers deserves a special note since the lady was married a second and a third time—to Thomas Newcombe, who died in 1520, leaving two sons and three daughters, and to Thos. Bett, Mayor of Leicester, 1529, and he survived her.

Robert Newcombe, eldest son of the second marriage, eventually married Katherine, a daughter of Betts, and inherited nearly all his property. Succeeding to the foundry he became a prosperous man and father of three sons, who continued the craft. The eldest Thomas Newcombe, who died 1580, purchased the bells of St. Peter's, one of Leicester's early churches pulled down in 1563-4.

BELL FOUNDER RECEIVES KING.

The youngest Edward was Mayor in 1598, thus becoming the fourth Leicester bell founder who had been chief magistrate of the borough. He died about 1611. About this time, Hugh Watts (born 1582), son of Francis Watts, bell founder, began to acquire a great reputation (the last dated bells of the Newcombes are 1612), his bells being numerous in the county, and noted for their fulness and beauty of tone. In 1876 there were nearly 200 of them still in existence. It was during the Mayoralty of Hugh Watts, that King Charles I paid his first visit to Leicester on the 9th May, 1634, and was received by Hugh Watts and his brethren at the North Bridge, where an address was delivered, and a handsome present of plate made to their Majesties. His Majesty attended St. Martin's Church on the Sunday, the Mayor and Corporation attending in their robes, the churchwardens' accounts having the following item: "Paid the ringers, being 8, for the tyme that his Majestie stayed in Leicester, 15s. 0d." Hugh died in 1643, and very little bell founding was done in the town afterwards. Three other names occur in connection with the founders' art. George Curtis, reputed to have been a foreman under Hugh Watts, admitted to the Freedom of the Borough in 1627, who died in 1650, when the foundry was probably closed, as the entry in the chamberlains' accounts for 1655-6 tend to show: "Item payd for castinge the Cryer's Bell and for the carriage thereof to Nottingham and backe againe, 00. 07. 04." Portions of the founding gear passed into the hands of the Nottingham founders.

After Curtis, is mentioned Thomas Clay, who appears to have been the reviver of the craft about 1711, so that a half-century had elapsed before his advent, and that was not a very successful one, followed by another interval. Edward Arnold was the next and the last man to open a foundry in Leicester (he having worked with and succeeded to the business of Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots). His foundry was said to exist in Hangman's Lane, and the first ring he cast was for Rothley, in 1784, the name appearing in local accounts down to the year 1798-9.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The August monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Hatton last Saturday, and, although the attendance was small, a very pleasant afternoon was spent and, as an opportunity for good practice, left nothing to be desired. The church stands well away from the village on the side of the main road which runs between Warwick and Birmingham. It has been very well restored in recent years, and the ring of six in the tower are of pleasant tone, with a tenor of 13¾ cwt. They have recently been provided with new ropes and, apart from the feel of the rollers on the back bells, go well. The belfry is on the ground floor, and might be improved by having a curtain which could be drawn across while ringing is in progress. Members put in an appearance from Allesley, Warwick, Rugby and Stratford-on-Avon—the ringing master (Mr. James George) and the hon. secretary (the Rev. C. C. Cox) being present; and, in addition, two visitors—the Messrs. Stone, from Burton-on-Trent, who were staying in the district. Word came along the next day that the Rev. E. V. Cox had appeared at the church at 5.55 p.m., and had proceeded to Warwick for tea on finding the belfry deserted. As it happened, members had only adjourned fifteen minutes before for tea at the Falcon wayside inn, and ringing was in full swing again at 7.0 p.m. Two of the local band rang well in some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, but it is a pity that, with the Doubles band they used to have here, the bells are so often silent on Sundays now. The other methods rung were: Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringers present desire to express their thanks to the Rev. R. J. Hopkins for his kind permission to ring, and also to the sexton for having the tower ready for the meeting.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED BY BISHOP.

A most enjoyable time was spend by some members of the Winchester district of the Winchester Guild last Saturday, the Bishop of Southampton having kindly invited all members who could, to meet him at his residence, South Hill, Bassett. On arrival, the ringers were very heartily welcomed by his lordship and his friends, and found tea already prepared in the lovely garden.—In replying to a vote of thanks which had been proposed to him by the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), the Bishop said it was a real pleasure to him to have another opportunity of meeting the ringers, and to be able to express to them his high appreciation of their work as church officials. He was also very gratified to know that several of them combined the two offices of choirmen and ringers. His lordship said he always felt sorry when he heard, as he did sometimes, of a good ring of bells in a tower wanting ringers, and of some good ringers eager to exercise their art, and who would become good church workers, but who had no bells in the neighbourhood in which their occupations had placed them.

After a delightful stroll through the spacious grounds, members made their way to St. Michael's Church, where the Vicar had very kindly placed the bells at their disposal for the rest of the evening. Some of the members visited North Stoncham on the way down, and rang touches on the bells there. Mr. George Williams, the general secretary of the Guild, and Mr. Wilfred Andrews, captain of the Cathedral band, and representatives from Barton Stacey, Bishopstoke, Twyford, Bassett, North Stoneham, Dibden, Bishop Sutton, Kingsworthy, Hursley, Southampton and Winchester, were present. Very sincere sympathy was felt for the chairman of the district, the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, who could not be present owing to ill-health.

PRESENTATION AT MANCHESTER.

A presentation was made at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday last to Sergt. Cartwright, conductor of the Manchester Town Hall ringers, on his retirement, after 34 years' ringing.

The present consisted of a silver-plated flower stand, and the inscription read: "Presented to Sergt. W. Cartwright by the Manchester Town Hall ringers on his retirement, after 34 years' ringing, 1879 to 1913."

Mr. J. Sherwin was in the chair, and speeches were made by several of the ringers, wishing Sergt. Cartwright long life and success.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday last the first official meeting of the Guild to be held at the tower, was held at Yardley, in beautiful weather. The church is situated in a very pretty spot, some five miles from the centre of Birmingham, which, although now within the city boundary, still retains a very rural aspect. It is a rather small, but very ancient building, and has a fine tower containing a ring of six bells, with a tenor about 13 cwt. The tower carries an exceedingly well proportioned and lofty spire, which is a prominent landmark for many miles around.

The bells were set going early in the afternoon, some very good touches in various methods being accomplished before the members adjourned to the Talbot Hotel for tea. After tea, members to the number of eight or nine indulged in the royal and ancient game of bowls, being watched and alternately applauded or laughed at by the other members sitting round.

The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. W. H. Godden). After the routine business had been disposed of. Mr. Painter thanked the members for their practical sympathy with him in his recent long illness, and said that he hoped soon to be coming amongst them again as of old.—Three new members were elected, and Handsworth was decided upon as the place of the next meeting.—The tower was again visited, and touches in the standard methods, Cambridge and Double Court were successfully brought round.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Balcombe, on Saturday, and was very well attended, between thirty and forty being present, including Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon, and a short service, led by the choir, was held in the church, a helpful address being given by the Rector. Tea followed in the Assembly Room, and the business meeting was afterwards held, the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan) presiding.—Several new members were elected, including the Rector as an hon. member of the Association.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his kindness in welcoming the Association to Balcombe, and providing such an excellent tea for them. In reply, the Rector said he was very pleased to do what he had done on behalf of the Association, and hoped they would come again in the near future.—The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till close on nine o'clock.

WOLVERHAMPTON RINGERS' HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES.

Our American friends occasionally send us a few of Artimus Ward's exaggerations. After relating a fishing experience of mine, my bell ringing colleagues will think that I have been spending my holidays there, but nothing of the kind. I have seen and heard some very remarkable things while staying at the Isle of Man—piscatorial bell ringing, the curvature of the earth, and some good sermons. While on Douglas Head one evening watching "patience on one end and a worm on the other," I ventured a conversation with an old angler who had just told me of some remarkable happenings, and the size of herring sharks they catch when deep sea fishing, when I was startled by the ringing of a bell. The angler had a "bite," which so awakened my curiosity that I was led to examine the "belfry." This was a short rod, with a bell so attached at the end that when a fish got hold of the bait the bell would ring. It was not bell ringing to call worshippers to evensong, but a piscatorial bell accepting the challenge of an offertory. It was not the divine invitation, 'Come to Me all ye who are heavy laden," but take me if you are not heavy laden. I questioned this old angler on judging the distance of a ship, the masts of which could be just seen on the horizon which was one of the proofs that this earth is a globe. My angling acquaintance was content that he was standing on the flat part, and satisfied that the waters are horizontal and his bell a good fisherman's float. Anyone going to Douglas in the season should not fail to attend open-air service at Kirk Braddon on a Sunday morning to hear the Bishop of Sodor and Man preach to some 20 to 30 thousand people. He has a magic charm of voice, his delivery is distinct and impressive, he captivates his hearers, and appeals to their conscience. He needs no bell to call his flock together. They flock to him. "His looks adorned the venerable place; truth from his lips prevails with double sway, and fools who came to scoff remained to pray." D.J.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

Combined practices were held at Stoke Poges on August 16th, and at Chalfont St. Peter, on August 20th, when the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Double Oxford.

L. BULLOCK'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in one method, 4 (conducted 4); in two methods, 1 (1); in three methods, 1 (1); in seven methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 28 (13); on handbells, 4: Stedman Triples, 31 (1); Bob Major, 3 (2); Duffield Major, 2; Double Norwich, 7 (1); Superlative Surprise, 7; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1: London Surprise, 3; Grandsire Caters, 4; Stedman Caters, 1; total, 100 (conducted 23).

BRISTOL RINGERS VISIT CHANNEL ISLANDS

THE FIRST 720 OF MINOR IN GUERNSEY.

The St. Nicholas Guild, Bristol, are nothing if not original in the way they spend their annual holiday. This year it was arranged to visit the Channel Islands, the journey from Southampton being accompanied on the South-western steamer "Lydia," Guernsey being reached on Saturday morning about 8 o'clock, after a fairly good passage with about 1½ hours of boisterous weather thrown in, making many of the passengers, who were not good sailors, begin to "feed the fishes." Fortunately the Bristol party proved to be made of the right material for boat trips, as not one felt any ill-effects from the rolling of the boat, and every man reached Guernsey and his lodgings fit to eat his hat if need be. It may be well to mention that it does not require sea trips to sharpen the appetites of Bristol ringers, and the writer will not soon forget what vanished from sight when a crab supper was put on the table. Does the cap fit?

One of the pleasures anticipated during the outing (permission having being granted) was to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at the town church (St. Peter Port), the bells of which had quite recently been re-dedicated, after being recast by a French firm. The bell hanger, however, had but a scanty idea of hanging bells for change ringing, as it was soon found that to attempt a peal was out of the question, for the bells were rehung with the old stocks, etc., the chief aim being to favour the best way to fix the chiming apparatus for chiming. This meant that "sliders" and other important accessories were ignored. This soon became apparent when the bells were being raised, and it was with great difficulty they were rung round. This damped the spirits of those whose thoughts were of attempting to ring a peal in Guernsey. An inspection of the frame, etc., soon convinced the visitors that it would be a difficult matter to ring decently, and it was then the handy men of the party, whose eagle eyes discovered that the grease pot, some string, and some labour and patience, would improve matters a little. It was, however, decided to start for a quarter-peal of Stedman, but this came to grief after ringing nine courses, the tenor man not being able to keep the bell up. The inside men were also gradually wasting from the honest sweat which dropped from their manly brows, and had had quite enough for one day. However, not to be denied the pleasure of being able to record the first quarter-peal on the bells, it was arranged to meet to ring for the evening service on the Sunday with two men on the tenor, but again failure has to be told, for, once more, when nine courses had been rung a general collapse occurred. A course of Major and some Grandsire Triples were brought round after some difficulty. An English bell hanger would do much good in the tower.

There is a very nice ring of six bells at the Vale Church, some two to three miles out, which were rehung by Warner and Sons some few years ago, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung on them before morning service, to the consternation of the local ringers. These men had stands in the centre of the belfry with cards showing, in figures, the bells to take, and they could not understand how it was done without anything to guide the ringers. The 720 was rung by: G. Wiltshire 1, F. G. May (conductor) 2, F. K. Howell 3, F. W. Wade 4, H. T. Howell 5, I. Long 6. This was the first 720 ever rung in Guernsey.

On the Monday a visit was paid to Sark—very interesting to archæologists, but not to bellringers, and some of the stalwarts were leg weary and tired, by scaling the heights and having to tramp practically all over the island, before returning to Guernsey. Nevertheless, the day was an enjoyable one. Tuesday saw the first break up of the party, three having to return to their duties in Bristol. Others went on to sample sunny Jersey, and spend several enjoyable days visiting notable places of interest, etc., the last of the company returning to Bristol late on the Saturday. The following members made the visit: H. T. Howell, F. K. Howell, J. Richmond, I. Long, W. Bevan, F. W. Wade, G. Wiltshire, C. Scull and F. G. May. Regret was expressed that all the members of the Guild could not avail themselves of so unique an outing which has been acclaimed as being absolutely the best ever arranged by and for the Guild, although a few years ago Paris was visited, but it did not meet with the same amount of approval. There is a hint dropped that a trip to Canada would make a decent outing for 1914. Will all interested kindly note and send names early to avoid disappointment?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the members of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association met at Worsley. Manchester, Pendleton, Walkden, Hyde, New Mills, Newchurch, Bolton, Oldham, etc., were represented. Mr. Joseph Ridyard presided at the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome on behalf of the ringers of Worsley. He expressed regret at the inability of the Vicar to be present, owing to a serious illness.—A further discussion on the suggested holding of monthly practices in Manchester, which is the centre of the branch, took place, and it was decided to bring the matter up for decision at the annual branch meeting to be held at the Cathedral.

Mr. Jas. Barratt, of Eccles, was nominated for vice-president of the Association; Mr. J. H. Banks (Helmshore) as ringing secretary; Mr. S. Greenhalgh (Pendleton) and Mr. J. Potter (Walkden), as auditors.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, wardens and ringers, for having everything in readiness.—Touches of Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung during the day.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—DURHAM.

By J. R. Jerram.

The early history of the bells of Durham Cathedral, from an old history of the Cathedral, is as follows: "In the west end of the church, and of the north alley over the Galiley door, is a belfry called the Galiley steeple, wherein did hang four great bells, which were never rang but at principal feasts, or at such times as the bishop came to town. Every Sunday in the year a sermon was preached in the Galiley from one in the afternoon to three, previous to which at twelve the great bell of the Galiley tolled three quarters of an hour, and rung the fourth quarter till one of the clock, that the people of the town might have warning to come and hear the word of God preached.

"There were certain officers of the said house who were always charged, whenever the said bells were tolled, to be in readiness to ring them: viz., two men of the kitchen were charged with ringing one bell; and four men of the church, who did lye always in the church, were charged with the third bell; and *five* others were to ring the great bell, viz., *two* of the bakehouse; *two* of the brewhouse; and *two* of the kiln. [Query: how do three two's make five?] In the latter days of King Henry VIII the house was suppressed; and after that time the bells were never rung.

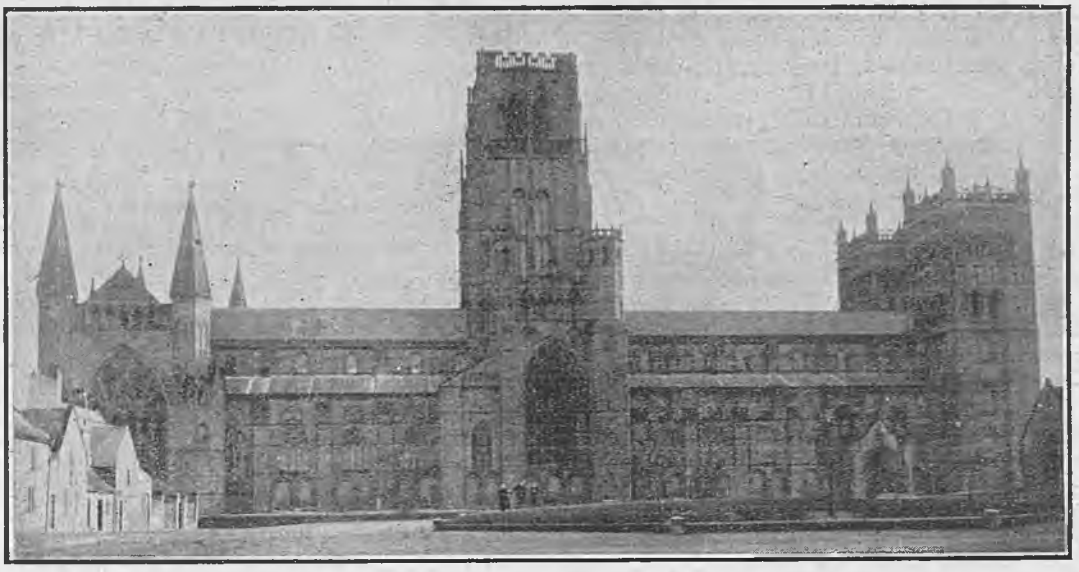
"In Queen Elizabeth's reign, Dean Whittingham perceiving them not to be occupied nor rung a great while before his time, was purposed to have them taken down and broken them for other uses. When Thomas Spark, the bishop's suffragan, residing at Durham, and keeping home at the same time, did send into Yorkshire for a workman, and caused three of the said bells to be taken down, hung up in the new work called the Lanthorne, and made a goodly chime be set on the saide bells, which cost him in charges thirty or forty pound, which chime endureth to this day; otherwise the said bells had been spoiled and defaced."

The bell that remained in the Galilee tower was used as a sanctuary bell. Its use is thus described in a old account: "In the old time before the house was supprest, the Abbey Church, the church-yard, and all the circuit thereof, was a sanctuary for all manner of men that committed any great offence, as killing a man in his own defence. Certain men did lye in two chambers, over the north door, for the purpose that when any such offender, did come and knock they were instantly let in at any hour of the night, and did run quickly to the Galiley bell and toll'd it, that whosoever heard it might know that some had taken sanctuary."

In 1693 the bells were cast into a peal of eight by Christopher Hodson, a London bell-founder. Three of them have since been recast, and the peal now bears the following inscriptions:

Treble.

Wm. DIGBY, L.L.D. DEAN OF DURHAM 1780 (cherub's head) PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECERUNT.



Durham Cathedral.

Second.

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Third.

CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT 1781.
Wm. DIGBY, L.L.D. DEAN OF DURHAM.

Fourth.

SIT NOMEN DOMINI BENEDICTUM · ME · OLIM · CAMPANA · S. BENEDICTI o o o (1693) REFECERUNT D. ET C. DUNELM · A · D · MDCCCXCVI o o o [Recast by Mears & Stainbank].

Fifth.

OLIM o CAMPANA o S o o o MICHAELIS o o o DECANVS o ET o CAP o REFECERVNT o A o D o MDCXCIII ∇

Sixth.

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Seventh.

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Tenor.

CAMP · S · CVTHBERTI · OLIM · GALALEA · DEC · ET · CAP · DVNELM · REFECERVNT · A · D · MDCXCIII ooo T · COMBER · S · T · P · DEC · S · EYRE · S · T · P · THESAVR · CHR · HODSON · ARTIFICE ooo ▽

The arms on the second, fifth, sixth, seventh and tenor are those of the See of Durham, a cross bottone between four lions rampant.

I am much indebted to Canon Fowler for having obtained the inscriptions corrected up to date, and also for casts of the arms, and the ornament on the treble bell.

ODD CHANGES.

The parish church of Sheffield, which, as most ringers know, contains a fine peal of twelve bells, is to be the cathedral of the new diocese, which is to be carved out of the See of York. St. James's, Bury St. Edmunds, has been decided upon as the cathedral for the new diocese to cover the county of Suffolk, and relieve the burden now attaching to the vast See of Norwich. At St. James's Church there is a peal of ten, and, as at Sheffield, there is a very active band of ringers.

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Sheffield and Chelmsford will share with five other cathedrals the honour of possessing the highest number of bells, the other cathedral peals of twelve being St. Paul's and Southwark in the metropolis, York, Worcester and Christ Church, Oxford. The last-named, it is worth noting, has its bells in an unconsecrated tower.

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The records of ringers' outings this year have been numerous in our columns, but it looks as if trips "overseas" are now to be included among these enjoyable summer annuals. Last week we gave the story of the Newcastle Guild's journey to Ireland; this week we have the narrative of a Bristol outing to the Channel Islands. It would not surprise us if, some of these days, a tour to the United States was announced.

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Mr. John F. Bird, hon. secretary of the All Saints', Gosforth, company, in honour of whose wedding a peal was rung on Wednesday week, has been a member of the Gosforth company since its formation in 1901, and the representative peal band and the willingness of so many ringers to take part in short touches immediately after the wedding ceremony, bears testimony to the high esteem in which he is held.

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The Cambridge University Guild meet for their annual week of ringing on September 1st. They will make Pulford (on the border of Cheshire and North Wales) their headquarters; and they hope to ring at towers in Chester, Llangollen, Wrexham, Beltrington, Bachford, Eccleston, Frodsham, Gresford and Pulford.

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We record this week the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in Bedfordshire, and by the Beds Association. Congratulations to the band. We hear that the peal was splendidly struck from start to finish.

WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission, I should like to have a word concerning the above. I had the pleasure of hearing a well-struck touch of the method at the Oxford Guild meeting at Wokingham, rung by the band (I believe) who rang the peal at Caversham, and I was much struck with the music the method produced. I must say I was surprised when I read the crushing verdict of the Legitimate Methods Committee. I certainly do not agree with them in that verdict. The fact that there is a want of symmetry in the method, is not sufficient (to my mind) to condemn it as illegitimate, neither does it prove that it is not a principle. I greatly respect the opinion of these gentlemen; at the same time I regret that I cannot agree with them in condemning a method with such splendid musical qualities. Yours, etc.,

Farnham Royal. J. J. PARKER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Washbrook is wrong in suggesting that the laws of method construction are a new fangled notion. They are as old as change ringing itself, and history proves that only those that are perfectly legitimate will survive. I am quite willing to admit that "not one ringer in a thousand will ever understand or care about" such things, but the question is one of facts, not of opinions; and sometimes, when I feel unduly conceited, I think that we, who for nearly twenty years have been closely studying this matter, know almost as much about it as the people who never give it a thought. Only the latter don't think so.—Yours truly, J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE SUGGESTED APPEAL TO MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am afraid I cannot agree with Mr. Murray's letter on this subject. It would seem that he looks upon it purely as a matter of "cadging," more or less because Mr. Carnegie is rich, and that others (who ought) do not want to do anything. But this is not so. Mr. Carnegie has invested a vast sum of money, the interest of which (speaking from memory, I believe is about £150,000 a year) is to be given to libraries, church organs and other objects that his trustees deem or think necessary. The point, therefore, is, would he, or his trustees, be likely to consider bells if an appeal was made. We know that he usually likes to give (and very willingly, too) to things that are either musical or educational. Cannot we in a sense claim both? Then, why not try?

Mr. Murray's reference to a church and its congregation as an instance of Irish grit is very interesting. Exactly the same sort of thing is happening at the present time in our own parish, but in our case, for new schools. The present schools having been condemned, the church is having to raise a sum well over four figures to save the schools from being closed, and this idea of help is being carried out. Our church is continually having to raise money for one thing or another. It never seems to have a rest. At the same time we should so like to see our ring of bells increased from 6 to 8, but how can we expect it when things of vital importance must come beforehand? How many years should we have to wait before appealing to outsiders? I am afraid a lifetime.

There is another point in Mr. Murray's letter I would like to refer to. I don't think Mr. Carnegie ever gives the full amount required, at any rate with regard to organs, but he offers, perhaps, half, and the parish must raise the other half. And quite right, too. The same kind of thing might happen with bells. If you could but get a promise of part, there is the great encouragement at once to make a special effort to raise the balance. We cannot afford to be too independent. However, an appeal for bells might have no effect whatever. It is a suggestion that might be discussed with interest, and may possibly lead to some interesting results.—Yours faithfully,

Desborough. FREDK. KILBORN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should think a good plan would be for the Central Council to issue to secretaries of the various societies a formal appeal for the signatures of as many ringers as possible, then send the whole to Mr. Carnegie. I do not wish to throw cold water on the idea, but I have written to Mr. Carnegie myself for a contribution to the "Shoreditch Bells Fund" no less than four times, and got no reply for my pains. Mr. Carnegie, of course, is very musical, and will give to organs and libraries, but personally I do not think he is in sympathy with bells. Again, I believe he is a Nonconformist.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. BRADLEY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Should we appeal to Mr. Carnegie? I say "No." Might I suggest an appeal should be made to all ringers throughout the country to give what they can afford once a quarter, and so build up a fund, the interest only to be withdrawn. As years go on so the fund would increase. You must still appeal for help to restore any bells that may require it.—Yours truly,

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE TRIP.

Delightful weather favoured the St. Stephen's, Bristol, Guild for their annual outing on Bank Holiday, when they visited Cheltenham, where they were met by Mr. W. T. Pates, who conducted them to the Parish Church. Touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, and then the party went on by motor char-a-banc to Painswick and Stroud, through the beautiful Cranham Woods, a drive which was enjoyed by all. At Painswick the only disappointment of the day awaited the ringers, for a messenger was waiting at the church to say that owing to illness near by it was impossible to ring. This was a great disappointment, as several of the party had never heard this famous ring of twelve, and the prospect of a touch of Cinques or Maximus had been looked forward to as the tit-bit of the outing. However, this was not allowed to interfere with the enjoyment of a substantial dinner provided by Host Goddard, of the Falcon, and, after this, games of bowls were indulged in, with touches on the handbells in between. The journey was resumed to Stroud, where Cambridge Royal was rung on this justly praised peal of ten. A return was then made to Cheltenham, where the party was joined by the Gloucester ringers, who were returning from Evesham, and through the kindness of Mr. Pates, a second visit was made to the church, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung. Bristol was eventually reached, after one of the most enjoyable days it is possible to imagine. The thanks of all are due to Mr. Pates for his kindness in obtaining the Cheltenham bells, for giving up the day's holiday for the benefit of the Guild, and for the pleasure of his genial company. Thanks are also due to the Vicars of Cheltenham and Stroud for the use of their bells.

A SUSSEX TRIP.

On Wednesday, August 13th, the Ditchling branch of the Sussex Association visited Hastings, at the invitation of their Vicar (Rev. F. C. Norton) for their annual outing, and the band greatly appreciated his kindness. Hastings was reached about 10.30 a.m., and after a look round, the party went to Christ Church, Blacklands, where they were met and welcomed by the leader, and the bells, a splendid peal of eight, set going to touches of Triples, Minor and Doubles. After a pleasant hour's ringing the party ascended to the top of the tower, whence a lovely view of Hastings was much enjoyed. After an excellent dinner, St. Clement's Church was visited. The leader of the band heartily welcomed the party. Several touches of Bob Minor and Doubles were brought round, all the band having their first pull on the well known steel bells, which were subsequently inspected with interest. The view from the top of this tower was spoilt by rain. The old town, with its narrow streets and passages and antique houses, was inspected, and All Saints', with its nice peal of six, was then reached. This item was not on the programme, but finding the captain, who took them round to the rectory, the party were readily granted permission by the Rector to ring the bells. Several good touches of Bob Minor, Oxford, Single Bob and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, and this concluded the ringing for the day. After tea, the pier, with its many attractions, was visited, and the time whiled away until "home" was called, after a successful day. Hassocks was reached about 10 o'clock, the outing having been thoroughly enjoyed. The band extend their hearty thanks to all for the welcome received at every tower, and take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for giving permission for the use of the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

The members of St. Nicholas' Society, North Stoneham, Hants, held their outing on Bank Holiday, and visited Bournemouth and Swanage. At Bournemouth, the party were met by Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, who were spending the week-end with Mr. Goodenough, who was guide for the day. Swanage was reached by boat, and after dinner the party dispersed, some to the caves and others to enjoy a ramble round the town, returning to Bournemouth by sea. Tea was then served, after which tracks were made to St. Peter's Church, where two courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, the Rector ringing the 6th; and 250 Stedman. A course each of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major was tapped off, Mr. A. R. Macdonald taking a rope in Stedman and Double Norwich. The best thanks of the party are due to the Vicar of St. Peter's, and Mr. C. Goodenough for their kindness, and others who welcomed the visitors in the tower.

A BLACKPOOL EXCURSION.

The annual outing of the Emmanuel Guild, Clifton, Bristol, was spent at Blackpool. The party, numbering nine, left Bristol on Friday night at 10.30, and arrived at their destination on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Breakfast was heartily appreciated, and a quiet game of billiards was enjoyed, some marvellous breaks (by amateurs only) being recorded. The tower was next visited, and some of the members reached the top, and obtained a splendid view of the surrounding district. The party then took a tram ride to the south shore, where all the attractions were greatly enjoyed. Subsequently they made their way to St. John's Church, where they were met by Mr. Crookall, a local member. Two short touches of Grandsire were brought round by: S. Popham, T. Crookall, C. Rawlings, G. Tudball, T. Holman, E. Guise, W. Rawlings, H. Parkins, D. Gillard, and H. Powell. This was the only ringing for the day. The winter gardens were visited in the evening, the ballroom especially appealing to some of the members, where delightful music and dancing were enjoyed till 9 p.m., the train being due to depart at 9.30. It was, however, not until 12.30 that it finally departed, and the excursionists arrived in Bristol at 10.30 on Sunday morning, having sat in the train for 13 hours!

The Guild wishes to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Crookall for making arrangements, Canon Jeffrey for use of bells, and Canon Hemmings and his churchwardens for again giving the members the opportunity of spending a glorious day by the seaside.

HODDESDON SOCIETY.

Southend was again chosen for the annual outing of the Hoddesdon Society on Saturday last, the ringers and their friends numbering 19. Dinner was partaken of at the Granville Hotel, and in the afternoon a visit was paid to Leigh Church, which contains a handy peal of six (tenor 12 cwt.). Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by J. Cavill and C. Puplett. Subsequently the ringers dispersed to enjoy themselves according to their own inclination. The thanks of the society are due to Mr. Knight for making all arrangements, and to the Vicar of Leigh for his kind permission to ring.

MAIDSTONE RINGERS AT STAPLEHURST.

The members of All Saints', Maidstone, company, paid a visit to Staplehurst for their sixth annual outing, the journey being through the beautiful Medway Valley. Wateringbury, Brambridges, Paddock Wood and Marden were visited on the way out, Staplehurst being reached about 6 p.m. After tea, at the Bell Hotel, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and the churchwardens for providing the outing, and to Mr. A. E. Gasson, for so ably carrying out the arrangements. A visit was paid to Staplehurst belfry, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung. The homeward journey was started upon at nine o'clock, Maidstone being reached about 10.30. The outing will undoubtedly rank among the most delightful ever held by the members, one and all thoroughly enjoying themselves.

WHAT IS "SOUTING?"

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been asked to explain a use of church bells called "Souting," of which I never heard. My correspondent understands that it was "the tolling of the bells on All Saints' (? All Souls') Day by or on behalf of poor people asking for cakes." If any member of the Exercise has heard of or knows any instance of this custom being observed, or when it was discontinued, I should be glad to receive information.

T. L. PAPILLON.

Acrise, Hall Place Gardens,
St. Albans.

FALSE TOUCH.

SHIPWAY ERROR DISCOVERED AFTER NEARLY 100 YEARS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me to call attention to a false touch in Snowdon's "Grandsire," namely, Shipway's 1064 of Triples, on page 57. This runs true only as far as the half-way single. It is the old, old class of error only to be avoided by comparing both the hand and back stroke lead of the single with the previous handstrokes. Shipway published this touch in his book in 1816, and this is, I believe, the first time its falseness has been pointed out. My thanks are due to Mr. G. H. Cooke, of Metheringham, Lincs, for drawing attention to the matter.—Yours, etc.,

WM. SNOWDON.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS' 100 PEALS.

Method.	Rung. Tower.	Rung. H. B.	Conducted. Tower.	Conducted. H.B.
Superlative Surpriso Major	4			
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	9		4	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3		1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	8		6	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	9		5	
Bob Royal	1		1	
Bob Major	10	5	9	3
Stedman Caters	5		1	
Stedman Triples	8		2	
Grandsire Caters	2	1	2	1
Grandsire Triples	19	4	15*	2
Six Minor Methods	1		1	
Five Minor Methods	2			
Four Minor Methods	3		1	
Three Minor Methods	3		2	
Two Minor Methods	1		1	
One Minor Method	2		2	
	90	10	53	6

*One Silent rung in 38 Towers.

G. E. Symonds conducted his first tower and handbell peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters: his first of Double Norwich on tower bells and his second peals of Bob Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

NOTICES.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Womborne, Staffordshire, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar). Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Scretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday, August 30th, 1913. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Parish Institute at 5 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, August 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall after service. The bells (10) will be available.—N.B.—All members are requested to try and attend service.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Barton-le-Cloy on Saturday, August 30th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Hon. Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A meeting will be held at Neatherseale, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 3.30.—Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 2nd, 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West).—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's and, if possible, at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church 5 p.m.; preacher, Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Members will oblige by notifying me by Wednesday, September 3rd, their intention of attending the meeting. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Portmadoc, on September 6th. Meeting in the Church Room at 3.15 p.m. Tea after meeting. Those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. McMillan, 15, High Street, Portmadoc, not later than September 1st.—H. Moore, Junr., Wrexham, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 6th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The Priory handbells, 60 in number, will also be at the disposal of members.—J. E. L. Cockey, Hon. Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Bells (8) available all day. Meeting at 4 p.m.—Wm. Robinson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3; business meeting at 6.30. Election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for same to be sent in as early as possible to the Secretary, Joseph Ogden.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. The tea will be provided by the Association (free) to all those who signify to me their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, September 9th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available frrom 3.30. Further particulars next week. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, Bletchley.

PORTISHEAD.—The practice night at Portishead is changed from Wednesday to Tuesday.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. William J. Kemp has removed to 46, Narford Road, Upper Clapton, N.E.

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TWO NEW PEALS OF BRISTOL.

BY HENRY DAINS.

5088

23456	M	B	H
54326	1	—	2
34256	1	—	1
45236	1	—	
32546	1	—	2
52436	1	—	1
23564		—	

Twice repeated.

This composition contains 4th, 5th and 6th bells, the full extent in 5-6, and exclusively in 6th's place at course ends, the 2nd and 3rd being never there. Alternate calling can be used in the second course of either one, of any two, or of all three parts, when the changes will be augmented to 5120, 5152 or 5184 respectively, as required by conductor. This is thought to be the first peal with its qualities.

5056

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
56234			2	2
64235	2	—	1	2
24365			2	1
46325	1	—		
23645	1	—		2
*63425	1	—		1
32465	1	—		

Repeated.

This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th bells, the full extent in 5-6, and exclusively in 6th's place at course ends, 2 and 3 being never there. Alternate calling can be used at * course in either one or both parts, and several other variations are obtainable in this peal. It is the first in the method published in two equal parts with these qualities.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK. — On May 13th, a date touch of Bob Minor (1913 changes), 1hr. 13 mins.: H. Whymark 1, H. Cornell 2, W. Stiff 3, W. Head 4, A. Keeble (conductor) 5, L. Head 6.

WILLENHALL.—St. Giles' Church, on May 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. E. Wathen 1, H. Ward 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, J. Adams 6, E. Horten 7, A. E. Reed 8.

LORD GRIMTHORPE'S FRAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If any of your readers know of any bell frames designed by the late Lord Grimthorpe, I should be very glad to receive particulars of such frames, with a rough diagram showing the arrangement of the bell pits and the side on which the ropes fall. Lord Grimthorpe wrote in his treatise on clocks, watches and bells (5th edition, 1868, p. 413): "I say the bells ought all to swing one way, because then they may really counteract each other's force. The bell founders' men inveterately believe that forces at right angles counteract each other; and nothing but positive orders will induce them to make a parallel bell frame." It is quite true they may counteract each other's force in a parallel frame. But it is much more likely that the forces will be added together unless the wheels are all roped on the same side. In any case the resultant of two forces acting at right angles equals the square root of the sum of the squares of the forces, which is considerably less than the sum of the forces.—Yours, etc.,

Simonsdelf, Frodsham. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

LATE PEALS.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY STALHAM	...Treble	EDMUND LINDUP	5
GEORGE H. HOWSE	2	LIONEL E. SEARS	6
RICHARD STREDWICK	3	KEITH HART	7
ALFRED GROVES	4	BERT CHALLEN	...Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES,

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

JOHN T. RICKMAN	...Treble	EDWARD BRAY	6
WILLIAM C. HART	2	WILLIAM STEED	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	8
HENRY STALHAM	4	KEITH HART	9
ERNEST GOWER	5	ALBERT EDWARDS	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSTONE, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM STEED	...Treble	ALBERT HARMAN	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	6
ARTHUR WHITE	3	JOHN CAPP	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	4	KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

After a lapse of many years, the bells of St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, were rung open for the practice of change ringing last week. Although the "open" ringing was of very short duration, the fact that a practice took place is a most gratifying result of the indefatigable efforts of Professor Potter to promote change ringing in this tower, where hitherto "stoney" has obtained. We are pleased he has convinced the authorities of the claims of change ringing, and wish St. George's ringers every success.

GRIMSBY.—At St. James' Church, on June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Snell 1, A. B. Shepherd 2, *F. Kennington 3, P. Long 4, W. H. Heyhoe 5, C. Kennington (first as conductor) 6, J. Kennington 7, *C. East 8 (first quarter).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 45 mins.: W. Manning 1, J. Watts 2, E. Parker 3, J. Sully 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5, J. Farmer 6.

BRECON.—On June 15th, for Evening Service, 630 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Jones 1, W. Hargest 2, C. Beech 3, S. Watkins 4, G. Giblin 5, W. Evans 6, G. Hardwick 7, J. P. Hyett 8.

LLANDEFILOG-FACH.—On June 15th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Francis to the living, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Evans 1, C. Powell 2, E. R. Jones (conductor) 3, J. P. Hyett 4, W. Fletcher 5, C. Beech 6.

IKLEY.—At the Parish Church on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1386 changes) in 50 minutes as a farewell to the Vicar, who was leaving the parish to take up duties under the Archbishop of York as diocesan chaplain; also as a birthday compliment to the conductor: R. R. Richmond 1, A. E. South 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, J. W. Birkin 5, J. R. Feather 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, C. E. Spencer 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) in 42 mins.: C. Remnant 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, G. Luff 3, T. W. Burdock 4, T. Attwell 5, J. Alford 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, W. Simmonds 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Alford, who was leaving for Lincolnshire, much to the regret of the local ringers, by whom he was deservedly held in high esteem.

ROYSTON.—On June 20th, at the Parish Church, 720 London Surprise: W. B. Manning 1, E. Bonnett 2, L. G. Mallion 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. L. G. Mallion hails from Fen Ditton, Cambs, and this was his first 720 of London Surprise.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.—At St. Edmund's Church, on June 22nd, for Evening Service, 720 Bob Minor, as a farewell to E. E. Randall, who was sailing to join Dr. Nicholl's party at Boston, U.S.A.: A. Faulkner 1, C. Bird 2, E. E. Randall 3, F. Bird 4, E. J. Cook 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: T. Wells 1, A. York 2, F. Kilborn 3, T. York 4, B. York 5, A. York 6, H. Peet (conductor) 7, H. W. Sharman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the Church Schools and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

LONG EATON.—On June 22nd, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *T. Hutchinson 1, J. Andrews 2, F. Price (conductor) 3, A. Hickton 4, N. Widdowson 5, *H. Green 6, J. Bailey 7, *A. Chamberlin 8. *First quarter.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 22nd, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) in 47 mins.: A. Boxall, junr., 1, A. J. Perkins 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, J. Trappitt 4, B. Morris 5, A. J. Clayton (conductor) 6, C. Gordon 7, A. J. Plowman 8, T. King 9, N. Brassett 10.

CROYDON, SURREY.—Recently, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Clarke 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, S. R. Roper 5—6, W. Rowe 7—8.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on June 22nd, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: J. E. Miller 1, J. Attwater 2, E. Attwater 3, W. C. Lee 4, I. J. Attwater 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, J. Armstrong 7, J. Lee 8.

FINCHLEY.—On June 22nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Tubb 1, W. Tubb 2, G. Webb 3, W. Webb 4, W. Childs 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

METHERINGHAM.—On June 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Skins (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Green. 2, G. H. Cooke 3, F. Dawson (first on an inside bell) 4, H. Green 5, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 6, J. Dawson 7, J. Foster 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On June 29th, at the Parish Church, for Morning Service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: J. W. Jones 1, W. R. Small 2, S. Baker 3, A. Rowley 4, J. Smith 5, A. Greenfield 6, W. Fisher (conductor) 7, H. S. Smith 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On June 29th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: R. Hide 1, E. J. Pannett 2, C. Stephenson 3, F. S. Sturt 4, T. Gasson 5, G. H. Sturt 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Richardson 8.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

PEAL RINGING TOURS.

Speaking at the Central Council meeting at Newcastle on the subject of the attitude of the public towards church bell ringing, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who is president of the Lancashire Association, advocated, among other things, the substitution of well-rung touches for peals by those ringers who went on tours. This suggestion is recalled by the fact that during this week some well-known ringers—members of the Cambridge University Guild—are on a peal-ringing tour in Cheshire and North Wales, and another equally well-known band will next week be touring for a similar purpose in Devon and Cornwall. During the early part of August, also, there was an organised excursion in the neighbourhood of Leicester, with excellent results from the peal-ringing standpoint. These trips make extremely enjoyable holidays, especially for those who do not object to a little strenuous exertion when away from their everyday vocation, and even if the principal object in view makes the ringers take that portion of their programme somewhat seriously, only those who have had experience know the real pleasures of such an excursion.

The question arises, however: Would such trips have anything like the same attraction for ringers if the peals were eliminated and exhibition touches substituted? There is something about the completion of a peal which cannot be felt in the accomplishment of any touch, and in regard to peals rung upon a tour it seems to us that there are advantages to be gained apart from the satisfaction which success gives to the ringers. So far as its relation to the subject introduced by Mr. Elsee is concerned, we think it has, perhaps, less bearing than any other of the arguments put forward for placating public opinion. In the first place, these tours usually take ringers to towers in the country districts where the bells are in no sense regarded as an annoyance, and very frequently to places where peals are exceedingly few and far between. From the point of view of an infliction on the public, therefore, these peals are the least source of complaint. To the local bands at the towers visited they may be frequently of educational value, for they can demonstrate the excellence to which change ringing can be carried and illustrate the height of the ringer's ambition.

Well-struck touches would not be any more, even if they were not any less, effective from the educational point of view, and we can see nothing to be gained by dropping peals to give preference to touches. It is not ringing tours that need be seriously considered as a likely ground for affecting public opinion in regard to church bell ringing, and from the welcome generally accorded to those who undertake these trips, the visit of a band spending a holiday in this way usually affords a great deal of pleasure.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER KERLEY	*Treble*	†FRANK I. HAIRS	6
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART	3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER	8
EDWIN V. HINTON	4	GEORGE PRESTON	9
*ELI WATERS	5	ALFRED OSMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	*Treble*	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6
FREDERICK W. WADE	2	HENRY B. BURT	7
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	8
ALBERT STOWELL	4	ISAAC LONG	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	URIAH W. BRAVEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	*Treble*	†GEORGE A. CARD	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	7
*HAROLD N. PITSTOW	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	5	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	9
WILLIAM PYE	5	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Grimes, father of the ringer of the 9th.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. STONE	*Treble*	JOSEPH LORD	6
HENRY LETTS	2	JOHN FLOWER	7
*JOHN W. GLEW	3	ERNEST MORRIS	8
*JOHN HAYNES	4	FRED HICKLING	9
*WILLIAM POYSER	5	*ARTHUR B. STONE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method; also first on ten bells. This peal contains the full extent of the 7-8-9-6's and "home at hand" positions, and is now rung for the first time.

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

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*Percy E. Jones	...Treble	*William Lawrence	6
Joseph J. Pratt	2	George H. Gutteridge	7
William H. Fussell	3	Arthur Harding	8
Joseph J. Parker	4	Henry H. Chandler	9
William Henley	5	William Honor	...Tenor

Composed by W. T. Elson, and
Conducted by J. J. Pratt.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. S. Tyrrell, a member of the local band, who was married at this church on August 30th, 1888.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

George H. Daynes	...Treble	William W. Fox	5
*William Martin	2	William J. Jeffries	6
Frank Bennett	3	Harry Warnett	7
*Gerald King	4	Herbert G. Goodwin	...Tenor

Conducted by Harry Warnett.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Martin.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Bowdon and Stockport Branch.)

On Monday, August 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Samuel Gladwin	...Treble	Harold Hibbert	5
†Henry Haythorn	2	Thomas Ashton	6
Rev. A. T. Beeston	3	John T. Bottrill	7
William Butler	4	Thomas Ramsey	...Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by Rev. A. T. Beeston.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a bobbed bell. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William Lowery, the leader of the local band.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A.

*Edward J. Mallard	...Treble	Ernest Gower	5
George H. Howse	2	Edward W. Bray	6
John T. Rickman	3	Keith Hart	7
Arthur G. Ellis	4	Charles Gatland	...Tenor

Conducted by Keith Hart.

* E. J. Mallard's first peal in the method and first attempt. Arranged for Mr. Ellis, of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Dorchester Branch.)

On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 21 cwt.

T. Page	...Treble	*T. Woolley	5
L. W. Wiffen	2	*C. B. Hurst	6
*W. A. Painter	3	†G. T. White	7
W. J. Benger	4	T. Hyde	...Tenor

Conducted by G. T. White.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

John Smith	...Treble	Arthur Leeder	5
Arthur R. Sowden	2	William Ireland	6
Thomas Ford, Junr.	3	Clement More	7
George Archer	4	John Souter	...Tenor

Composed by A. Knights, and
Conducted by J. Souter.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect for the Rev. C. F. Blyth, of Rickinghall, Suffolk.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse	...Treble	Frank Bennett	5
Charles T. Coles	2	William Spice	6
Alfred W. Grimes	3	Reuben Sanders	7
J. Armiger Trollope	4	James E. Davis	...Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

W. Spice's first attempt for a peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, Garston,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*John Wilkinson	...Treble	Walter Hughes	5
Thomas Murray	2	George R. Newton	6
Ernest J. Oliver	3	William Davies	7
*Henry Fyles	4	Harry Chapman	...Tenor

Composed by the late George Newson, and
Conducted by George R. Newton.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Clement J. More	...Treble	George H. Cross	5
George Archer	2	George Ford, Junr.	6
*Frank R. Copeman	3	John Souter	7
Albert G. Warnes	4	John Smith	...Tenor

Conducted by J. Souter.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Walter Martin	...Treble	*Geoffrey J. Stoneley	5
*Rowland O. Pollard	2	*Thomas Dickens	6
Thomas W. Chapman	3	Harry Argyle	7
Ernest Stone	4	E. Harry Stoneley	...Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard, and
Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

* First peal in the method.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, August 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24¾ cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	*Treble*	JOHN CLARK	5
HENRY KEMP	2	HORACE F. STREET	6
WILLIAM POSTON	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	7
CAMPBELL KINGS	4	ARTHUR BUSHNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This is the quickest peal yet rung on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. H. PEGG	*Treble*	H. PARTRIDGE	5
W. FERN	2	J. RAWSON	6
H. PERCIVAL	3	J. CADLE	7
G. WALKER	4	*A. JARVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. FERN.

* First peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*CHARLES COTTRELL	*Treble*	JONATHAN PRESTON	5
THOMAS RUSSAM	2	WILLIAM J. MEERS	6
GEORGE GARRISON	3	JOHN SANDERS	7
*JOHN CORRIGAN	4	GEORGE F. SWANN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. BUTLER	5
JOHN B. HESSEY	2	JOHN H. PRESTON	6
GEORGE WARINTON	3	CHARLES J. TRICKER	7
HERBERT R. STEVENS	4	ALFRED G. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN B. HESSEY.

First peal as conductor. G. Warinton was elected a member of the Association before starting.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*GEORGE BOWLER	*Treble*	JOHN OLDHAM	5
*THOMAS COLLINS	2	ERNEST ABBOTT	6
*HERBERT PERKINS	3	EDWARD READER	7
*CHARLES V. SMITH	4	*JOHN KIRCHIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of St. Peter's School Treat and the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd. The ringers of the 5th, 6th and 7th belong to All Saints', Loughborough, the remainder to the local band.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	*Treble*	ARCHIBALD C. KAY	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	2	GEORGE BILLENNESS	6
CHARLES TRIBE	3	KEITH HART	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER	4	GEORGE JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY	*Treble*	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	5
WILLIAM A. GARRARD	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	6
P.C. CORNELIUS CHARGE	3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	4	*INSPECTOR COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.

*ALBERT E. MILLETT	*Treble*	GEORGE C. ILES	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	CHARLES H. HORTON	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER	3	FRANK SMITH	7
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	4	RICHARD BEVAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	*Treble*	ERNEST A. REEVE	5
SEDLEY COLLINS	2	†WILLIAM ESSERY	6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	3	HARRY MANCE	7
FRANK A. SMITH	4	*FRANK GIBBARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. A complimentary birthday peal to the conductor.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EMMANUEL, CLIFTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*SAMUEL POPHAM	*Treble*	HARRY BROWNJOHN	5
GEORGE W. TOMKINS	2	EDGAR GUISE	6
*GEORGE TUDBALL	3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr.	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	CHARLES RAWLINGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, and first peal as conductor.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

*ARTHUR PEARCE	...Treble	WALTER WORGAN	5
BENJAMIN A. THORPE	2	SAMUEL P. MERSON	6
HARRY PARISH	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
HENRY J. TRIM	4	HENRY BRASS	...Tenor

Conducted by B. A. THORPE.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman. B. A. Thorpe was elected a member before starting the peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

*WILLIAM H. BALL	...Treble	*WILLIAM G. IKIN	5
GEORGE PIGOTT	2	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	6
JOHN EATON	3	SAMUEL GROVES	7
†ERNEST BOYLIN	4	JOSEPH JOHNSON	...Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM DUNCAN	...Treble	WILLIAM EAGLING	4
OSCAR GARNHAM	2	ALFRED NEWSON	5
WILLIAM MEARS	3	OLIVER BULLMAN	...Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BULLMAN.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

THOMAS W. SMITH	...Treble	FREDERICK DENTON	4
ROBERT CHRISTIAN	2	CHARLES BALLS	5
DENISON HAYWARD	3	GEORGE ORFORD	...Tenor

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.
Arranged for Mr. T. W. Smith, of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. TOM JEANES	...Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY	4
ARTHUR WHEADON	2	TOM W. CREED	5
THOMAS J. LLOYD	3	GERALD LOCKE	...Tenor

Conducted by T. J. LLOYD.

Mr. Hardy, of London, was elected a life member of the Association before starting.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK KILBORN	...Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	4
WALTER T. WILSON	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
WILLIAM C. LEWIS	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL	...Treble	WALTER T. WILSON	4
*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	2	FREDERICK KILBORN	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal in five methods.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	...Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS	4
WALTER T. WILSON	2	FREDERICK KILBORN	5
*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal in seven methods.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

CAMPBELL KINGS	...Treble	FRANK VOYCE	4
ALLEN GWYNNE	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
JOHN CLARK	3	WILLIAM POSTON	...Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.
Arranged for J. P. Hyett, who hails from Hay.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

‡FRANK JINKS	...Treble	FRANK COOK	4
§FRANK BRASSINGTON	2	*FRANK GODFREY	5
FRANK MOSS	3	†FRANK COOK, Junr.	...Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Minor. § First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, August 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

*P. STURGEON	...Treble	F. J. LEVITT	
E. STURGEON	2	F. G. DEWELL	5
W. RADLEY	3	H. W. FOULGER	...Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	5—6
FREDERICK DEWELL ...	3—4	HARRY A. TURNER... ...	7—8

Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire: W. RADLEY.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. L. ROUTLEDGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*BENJAMIN C. DIXON ...	1—2	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	5—6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	3—4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	7—8

*ROBERT RICHARDS ... 9—10
Composed by the REV. BERNARD JEALOUS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.
Referee: ALFRED F. HILLIER.
* First peal of Caters on handbells. First peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT 5, THE BROADWAY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5—6
DAVID J. NICHOLS	3—4	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	7—8

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 9—10
Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. L. GARFATH, WEYMOUTH, MORLAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;
Size 16, in B flat.

LOUIS ATTWATER	1—2	*WALTER S. WISE	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	GEORGE B. EDSER... ...	7—8

HENRY L. GARFATH ... 9—10
Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: DAVID WRIGHT.
Witnesses: MRS. GARFATH and MRS. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman Caters "in hand." First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by the above Association.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. L. GARFATH, "WEYMOUTH,"
MORLAND ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Size 12, in F.

*SIDNEY R. ROPER	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5—6
WALTER S. WISE... ...	3—4	HENRY L. GARFATH ...	7—8

Composed by WALTER S. WISE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. GARFATH and MRS. PULLING.
* First peal of Bob Major double-handed.

The peal rung at Gosforth, and recorded last week, was conducted by Joseph A. Gofton. It was the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

We have frequently had inquiries as to where ringers can purchase a suitable badge. Mr. J. Comber, goldsmith and jeweller, of Woking, has arranged to supply artistic emblems of this character, and particulars as to price, etc., will be found in an advertisement. The pendant, which has been specially designed, should prove very popular among ringers. It can be had in either gold, silver, or bronze.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern branch took place at Evesham, on Saturday last, under ideal conditions, when there were ringers present from Bengeworth, Hinton, Hampton, Fladbury, Pershore, Eckington, Overbury, Toddington, Badsey and Childswickham. At service, held in All Saints' Church, the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. M. Walker) gave an excellent address from the words: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord." He pointed out to the ringers their high calling in sending forth from tower and steeple the message to worshippers to come to church, and impressed upon his hearers that, after calling worshippers to church, it was their duty to attend divine service themselves.

After service, the ringers, to the number of about 50, sat down to a capital "knife and fork" spread in the Parish Hall, the catering being in the hands of Mr. G. Hale.—A business meeting followed, at which the Rural Dean presided. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Badsey, and to attempt the quartely peal at Evesham, with Mr. H. Middleton as conductor.—It was also decided to arrange a united practice meeting at Little Comberton, the last meeting having proved a failure, owing to a wet day.—On the proposition of Mr. G. E. Rind, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rural Dean for his excellent address, for the use of the bells, and for providing such a splendid tea; also to the choir for their presence at the service, and to Mr. G. Hale for the way he had catered for the ringers.—The Rural Dean replied, and the meeting then terminated.—Before and after the service, touches were rung in various Standard methods, and Bengeworth and Hampton bells were also available, and were utilised afternoon and evening.

THE APPEAL FOR MRS. NUNN.

The following further subscriptions have been received: W. H. F., Farnburn Avenue, near Slough, 1s.; G. A. Hawker, Mayfield, Grange Avenue, Woodford Green, 5s.; R. H. Knight, 83, Pembroke Road, Walthamstow, 2s. 6d.; Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, Winterfold, Cranleigh, Surrey, 3s. Contributions should be sent to F. R., care of the Rev. F. Rice, the Vicarage, St. Ann's Road, South Tottenham.

TO THE BELLS.

Ye sweet church bells, who merrily ring
A theme ye ever have;
Ye ring for man from when he is born,
Until he is laid in the grave.

Ye ring for man when he is born,
To all proclaim his birth;
Yea, gladly ye tell that another has come
To share the troubles of earth.

Ye ring, too, when, in course of time,
He takes to himself a wife;
Then gladly he hearkens to you, for he thinks
It the happiest day of his life.

Then muffled ye ring, but he hears ye not,
For death has claimed his due;
And ye solemnly remind those left behind
They must cross the river, too.

Thus through all life with its changeful scenes,
Ye with changeful sound proclaim
Your song of joy, your tale of woe—
Ever now, yet ever the same.

Ring on, O bells, your part fulfil,
Help man the day to see
When earth shall be filled with knowledge of God,
As the waters cover the sea.

E. J. MERCHANT.

WHITBY, YORKS.—The Cleveland Association.—On Sunday, July 6th, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, came to grief after ringing over two hours forty-five minutes: J. T. Waters 1, J. Cotterell (conductor) 2, W. Breckon 3, F. S. Hodgson 4, W. Knaggs 5, G. F. Alexander 6, W. Harland 7, A. Coates 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

PLYMOUTH VISITED.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, together with a few friends, visited Plymouth for their annual outing. The party, numbering 20, including one of the churchwardens and three sidesmen, left Congresbury about 7 a.m., and joined the excursion train at Yatton, a saloon having been reserved for them. The journey proved exceptionally interesting, the country being new to the majority of the party. Plymouth was reached just before noon, and a visit paid to Charles' Church, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The band wishes to thank Mr. W. H. Marsh for kindly obtaining permission for them to ring, and the clergy for granting the use of the bells. After dinner, the party enjoyed a stroll round the Hoe, and a most pleasant sea trip which provided them with a view of the fleet, Devonport Dockyard, Saltash Bridge, and many other places of interest, and, incidentally, of the regatta. The return journey commenced at 7.30, and Congresbury was reached just before midnight, everyone expressing themselves highly pleased with the day's outing.

AT BLACKPOOL.

The Norton, Derbyshire, ringers visited Blackpool for their annual outing. The party, who left Sheffield at 5.30 a.m., journeyed through the beautiful Hope Valley, and via Manchester, arriving at Blackpool at 9.15. Having obtained permission to ring a short touch at the Catholic Church, 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round by: A. James 1, E. James 2, J. Biggin 3, A. Rose 4, H. Beardshaw 5, F. Allen 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, T. Lee 8. Also two courses with S. Simpson, treble. The ringers then went their different ways, some for a sea trip, others to sample the various amusements, for which Blackpool is noted. The day was fine, and the party had a very enjoyable outing. The visitors wish to thank the friend at Blackpool who so kindly arranged for them to ring.

LUTON MEN'S OUTING.

By the kindness of the churchwardens, the first annual outing of the Luton Parish Church ringers took place on Saturday, August 16th, the venue being Tring, which was reached by char-a-banc. The journey was made by way of Markgate and Shedham, Great Gaddesden being the first place. Permission having been obtained, the bells were raised, and Bob Singles, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles tapped off on this fine peal of five bells (tenor 13 cwt.). The frame is built for six, and it is hoped that some kind friend will soon fill the vacant space to make a handy ring of six, as the local men are taking up the art of change ringing under the direction of the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Hollis). The party proceeded to Great Berkhampstead, reached via Water End, Hemel Hempstead and Boxmoor, where lunch was partaken of at the King's Arms Hotel. Afterwards a visit was paid to the church, and ringing indulged in for about two hours on the peal of eight (tenor 19 cwt.). The bells go well, but are marred by the cracked condition of the sixth.

After bidding the local ringers adieu, a start was made for Tring, which was reached at 5.0 p.m. Tea was provided at the George Hotel, and served in first class style by Host Burton. After tea, the tower was visited, and the grand peal of bells, no doubt the finest ring of eight in the county, with a tenor of 27 cwt., told their tale in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The journey home was made via Ivanhoe and Dunstable, Luton being reached on the stroke of 11.0 p.m., after an enjoyable drive of 40 miles, o'er hill and dale, in glorious weather, and through some of the most sublime scenery of Beds and Herts. The ringers, through the medium of the "Ringing World," wish to thank the incumbents of Great Gaddesden, Great Berkhampstead and Tring for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine, on June 1st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Thomas 1, B. S. Hill 2, W. Page 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, J. Pardoe 5, G. Checketts (conductor) 6.—On June 15th, for evening service, 720 College Single: W. Page (conductor) 1, G. Checketts 2, *J. Woodyatt (first in the method) 3, A. Hill 4, G. Hinton, junr., 5, W. Edgington 6.—On June 23rd (the birthday of the Prince of Wales), 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Hill 1, B. S. Hill 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, J. Pardoe 5, E. Watkins 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Holme 1, J. Hall 2, G. Garnett 3, R. Wimpenny (longest length as conductor) 4, H. Holme 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, D. Wolstencroft (longest length) 8. —On June 19th, a quarter-peal, conducted by G. Garnett (longest length as conductor), and with E. Barton, tenor.

LONDON.—On June 30th, at St. Andrew's, Marylebone, W., a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 48 mins.: T. Walker 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. Hughes 3, R. N. Runham 4, J. Cornford 5, A. D. Barker 6, R. W. Green 7, F. J. Hardy 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise upon the bells. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. F. Winney.

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By R. MAYNARD, Junr.

23456789	
42356978	1 4
34256	9 in 3
23456	9 in 3
35426	8 in 3
43526	9 in 3
53624	8—9
65324	9 in 3
52364	8 in 3
35264	9 in 3
25463	8—9
45362	8—9
34562	9 in 3
53462	9 in 3
43265	8—9
24365	9 in 3
32465	9 in 3
42563	8—9
54263	9 in 3
35462	9 in 3s
43562	9 in 3
53264	8—9
23465	8—9
42365	9 in 3
34265	9 in 3
24563	8—9
52463	9 in 3
45263	9 in 3
25364	8—9
32564	9 in 3

32564978	
43265879	1 3
24365	8 in 3
32465	8 in 3
42563	9—8
52364	9—8
35264	8 in 3
23564	8 in 3
53462	9—8
45362	8 in 3
34562	8 in 3
54263	9—8
25463	8 in 3
32564	8 in 3s
53264	8 in 3
23465	9—8
43562	9—8
54362	8 in 3
35462	8 in 3
45263	9—8
24563	8 in 3
52463	8 in 3
42365	9—8
34265	8 in 3

Round at hand, lead previous to the last course end.

First rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on April 12th, 1913. Conducted by F. C. Maynard.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of the 29th August, you publish two peals of Bristol by Mr. Dains, the footnote stating that they are thought to be the first with their particular qualities. The following peal was rung in 1911, and whether the first produced with these qualities I cannot say.

5088

23456	M	B	W	H
24536	1	—	2	2
24365	2		2	1
63425	1	—		2
32465			2	
23564		—	1	2

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th, their extent in 6th's place and exclusively in that position, with all the 8-4's, 8-5's and 8-6's, also the 2nd her extent at home on this plan, seven extents in all. The figures are printed in the Yorkshire Report under peal No. 2146. It was first rung at Chesterfield on May 13th, 1911, conducted by the author.—Yours faithfully,

SAM THOMAS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, writes me to say he has had for over two years the 5088 of Bristol Surprise you published for me last week. I accept his word, and hereby withdraw my claim to that composition. In his letter, Mr. Knights very kindly encloses a list of his peals in this method containing similar qualities. Amongst these, I find an old three-part peal of mine, which I published over four years ago, viz., January 16th, 1909. This latter peal had slipped my memory when writing you last week. The following is another peal with similar qualities:—

5088

23456	M	B	W	H
24536			1	2
24365		—		1
46325	1	—		
53624	1			1
32546		—		
23645		—	1	2

Twice repeated.

H. DAINS.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on St. Peter's Day, on the occasion of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London attending service in state, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Wise 1, F. Larby 2, C. Dean 3, W. Ives 4, W. Rowe (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, D. Wright (conductor) 6, A. Clark 7, W. Burt 8, W. Groves 9, C. Kitching 10.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. FRED G. MAY.

One of the most able, as well as one of the best known, ringers in the West of England is Mr. F. G. Heywood May, of Bristol, eldest son of the late Mr George May, lord of the manor of Poulton, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Mr. May's home is at Cirencester, where he has many family connections, but his education was received at the Collegiate School, Tetbury, a town some ten miles distant, and it was some years after his school days were ended that he was prevailed upon to try his hand at



MR. FRED G. MAY.

change ringing. The Parish Church, Cirencester, has a splendid peal of twelve bells, and after a lot of persuasion he was induced by a fellow townsman (Mr. Tom Gardner) to pay a visit to the belfry, and after "having a go," joined the company in 1894. The leader of the band (Mr. C. Bond) gave every assistance possible, and the pupil was quickly in evidence by taking part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was soon followed by Caters in the same method. By this time he was fairly infatuated with the science, and undertook the duties of hon. secretary to the Parish Church band. He held this office only a short time, however, for business matters made it imperative that he should reside in Gloucester, and he was very reluctantly obliged to resign. He transferred his services to the celebrated St. Michael's Juniors band of ringers (who about this time were doing great things in the ringing world), with whom he made rapid progress, and became one of the most prominent members.

It was whilst living in Gloucester he was proposed for the highest honour the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association can offer, viz., the Mastership, to which he was duly elected, and held the office during the years 1898, 1899, 1900, to February, 1901, when he resigned and accepted the office of hon. secretary until February, 1905. Mr. May was also elected a member of the Central Council in 1900, and served the Association for nine years in that capacity, and it was during this period that he brought forward in the Council Chamber at Cambridge, the debatable point as to what constituted London Surprise Royal.

Gloucester had the assistance of his valuable help until the middle of 1899, and during his residence there he took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung and also the first attempt of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on Cirencester bells. This attempt was the first ever made in the method on twelve bells, the band including the brothers the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James, with Mr. John Austin as conductor. Mr May also took part in the first peal ever rung of Gloucester Surprise Major. In August of 1899 he removed to Bristol, where he now holds an important and responsible post in the Poor Law—a department under the Local Government Board. His first appearances with ringers in Bristol were with the St. Stephen's Guild, from whose members he has received much help individually and collectively. In September, 1900, the late Rev. R. L. Murchison, a former Vicar of St. Nicholas, Bristol, sent asking for an interview respecting the formation of a Ringers' Guild for his church, with the result that a Guild was formed on November 6th of the same year. Since that date Mr. May has been elected Master of the Guild, which continues to do its share of peal ringing.

By reference to the record of Mr. May it will be seen he is a ringer and conductor of first-class ability. Having taken a leading part in the management of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for about eight years, and being a practical ringer, he helped very considerably to place the Association in the forefront of ringing organisations. It may be specially noted that during the years of his official connection, greater progress was made by the Association in peal ringing than during the whole time the Association had existed from 1878, a period of twenty years. He has done much to assist many young ringers through their first peal in any method, and in two instances has taught two separate bands the art of change ringing. The members of each of these bands, with one or two exceptions, have rung one or more peals. Mr. May conducted the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rung in Bristol and the first in Somerset in the same method; also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in Bristol; the first peal of Forward Royal in Bristol and in Somerset, and also the first peal of Erin Caters ever rung. He has called a different peal of Stedman Triples from each working bell and he is the only Gloucestershire-taught ringer to ring 300 peals, his record including over 100 peals of Stedman in the county and peals in the following methods :—

Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques
Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques
Bob Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus
Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus

Oxford Treble Bob Major
Double Norwich Court Bob Major
Forward Major and Royal
Erin Caters
Gloucester Surprise Major
Superlative Surprise Major
Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal
London Surprise Major
Canterbury Pleasure Major.

Except Gloucester Surprise Major he has conducted peals in each method he has rung from working bells, his total conducted being 165. In addition to the foregoing record he has spent many pleasant hours in composing, and has produced many musical compositions in various methods. Mr. May still retains membership of the following Associations and Societies :—Cirencester Parish Church Society, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, St. Michael's Juniors (Gloucester), Midland Counties Association, Hereford Diocesan Association, Ancient Society of College Youths, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham), Middlesex County Association, St. Nicholas Guild (Bristol), Cheltenham and District Guild, and Winchester Diocesan Guild.

ODD CHANGES.

The annual ringing tour organised by Mr. W. Pye begins on Saturday, Devon and Cornwall being visited. The party will include the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), Messrs. W. Pye, E. Pye, I. G. Shade, A. W. Grimes and A. W. Brighton (London), J. Flint (Bolsover), G. Dent (Harrow), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), A. R. Macdonald (Bournemouth) and T. T. Gofton (Whitley Bay).

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It is hoped to ring at the following towers :—Saturday, September 6th, Charles Church, Plymouth (8); Sunday, September 7th, St. Germans (8); Monday, September 8th, Liskeard (8) and Fowey (8); Tuesday, September 9th, St. Kea (8) and Kenwyn (8); Wednesday, September 10th, St. Andrew's, Plymouth (10), and Stonehouse (8); Thursday, September 11th, Ashburton (8) and Totnes (8); Friday, September 12th, Bovey Pomeroy (8) and Bovey Tracey (8); Saturday, September 13th, Heavitree (8) and St. David's, Exeter (8).

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Wakefield, with its tenor of 31 cwts., should have been included in the list of cathedrals given last week as possessing peals of twelve bells. Only one peal has been rung on this twelve—Stedman Cinques, on December 26th, 1908, conducted by Mr. W. Lomas.

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The first "Frank" band to ring a peal were successful on Sunday, when a peal of Bob Minor was rung by men of this Christian name at Great Hampton. This company have been up and doing while certain other Franks have been thinking about it.

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"In the blood" is an expression one often hears when an hereditary accomplishment shows itself in succeeding generations. Certainly it has evinced itself in the famous Pitstow family of Saffron Walden. We record this week a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Stepney in which Harold Pitstow, son of Ernest and grandson of Nathan of that ilk, took part. He is only 15 years of age, and this was his first peal of Caters, yet he rang like an old hand.

WASHBROOK SURPRISE PRINCIPLE, OR CAVERSHAM ENTERPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you allow me enough space in your paper to prove the truth of the old adage that "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." Well, I will take the risk of the crushing castigations I shall doubtless receive, and will ask the "Great Lords" of the Legitimate Methods Committee to tell us of the rank and file in simple language, otherwise called the "vulgar tongue," why the above method is not Surprise or Principle, or anything that is good. Are some of the magnificent buildings of the present day condemned because steel and concrete are used instead of bricks and timber? No, they are admired as marvels of engineering and architecture; so will the methods of the future have to advance, and improve to hold the interest of the future members of our Exercise. Because the first and last half, or the front and back work of a course are not as alike as the two wings of a butterfly, the musical qualities do not suffer, in fact I have never listened outside a tower to a method that is more beautiful, the dove-tailing of back and front work being very pleasing. I certainly think instead of dubbing a thing "worthless" at sight of a diagram, these committeemen should at least hear the thing rung, even if it is too great a mental strain to learn to ring it themselves. Forgive my rank heresy when I prophecy, that if some of our advanced "Surprise" men will take it up, that so-called "Queen" Superlative will be dethroned and relegated to the lowly position of "hand maiden." I may say in conclusion that what I have heard of it was not rung in "Ragtime"; no man being allowed to set his bell more than a whole pull at one time, to collect his thoughts.
—Yours respectfully, R. T. HIBBERT.

THE PEAL AT APPLEDORE.

This peal was the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, and perhaps it seems rather strange it should have taken place in Kent, but a few words will explain why such an exceptional course was adopted. The original plans were for the peal to be rung at Rye, but the Romney Marsh and District Guild, knowing that Mr. Keith Hart had been chosen as conductor, thought they would try to induce that noted ringer to journey to Appledore also for another peal of Stedman to be rung under the auspices of the Kent Association and that society. Mr. Hart consented, and it was decided to attempt the Appledore peal in the afternoon and the Rye peal in the evening. The band met at Appledore, and an hour or so before starting time a telegram arrived stating the Rye peal could not be attempted, owing to serious illness near the church. It was, therefore, decided as no other tower was available, to convert the Appledore peal into the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, who were bearing the principal part of the expenses. A capital peal was rung, the first in the method by the Guild, and the first peal of Stedman by Mr. Kay, who was elected a member of the Sussex Association. Messrs. Hart and Livermore were admitted to the Romney Marsh Guild. Eight towers were represented, the ringers coming from the following churches: Messrs. H. S. Humphery (New Romney), J. Livermore, junr. (Blacklands, Hastings), C. Tribe (Tenterden), C. W. Player (Stone-in-Oxney), A. C. Kay (Ashford), G. Billenness (Rye), K. Hart (St. Peter's, Brighton), and G. Johnson (Appledore). It was the 50th peal by Mr. G. Billenness, whose record is made up of: Bob Minor, 2, conducted, 1; four Minor Methods, 2, conducted, 2; Grandsire Triples, 39, conducted, 29; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 4 conducted, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; total, 50, conducted, 33.

WHAT IS "SOULING"?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your printer, or my own handwriting, made a sad hash of my question in your last issue. I asked about "Souling," not "Souting": and my suggestion of All Souls' Day (November 2nd) for All Saints' Day must have seemed utterly pointless in connection with the term "Souting." Meanwhile I have only found out that the "Death Bell" or "Passing Bell" was sometimes called the "Souling Bell"; which has nothing to do with the supposed custom of "Souling."

St. Albans. T. L. PAPILLON.

[We regret that through mis-reading Canon Papillon's handwriting, the mistake to which he alludes should have occurred.—Ed.]

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION.

The bells of Southwell Cathedral were rung on Tuesday evening last week to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. A. Merryfield. A touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round by: F. Foster 1, H. B. Berresford 2, A. H. Wilson 3, F. Pickard 4, G. Becket 5, E. Foster 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, F. Larkey 8. Afterwards the band were entertained to a splendid supper at the Admiral Rodney Hotel, of which Mr. Merryfield is the proprietor. Mr. F. Larkey, who rang the tenor, is home from South America on a visit.



York Minster.

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TIT-BITS FROM A HOLIDAY DIARY.

Bank Holiday provided a cool morning, and promised us favourable conditions for two peal attempts, permission having been very kindly given by the respective clergy, the Rev. R. S. C. H. Wood, M.A., and the Rev. F. L. Donaldson, M.A. On meeting at St. John the Divine's Church, we kicked our heels about the porch for an hour or so waiting for Mr. E. M. Atkins, who in turn blamed the excursionists generally for keeping us waiting. This delay was compensated for by our scoring the first Cambridge on an excellent peal by Taylor. The ringing room, a spacious apartment, being well ventilated and furnished, clean and convenient. Our treble woman was "a brick," and soon adjusted the treble to eight-bell compass, swinging out behind when dodging with the tenor, in approved Major style. We took lunch at the "Earl Grey," near the church, a true type of ringers' meeting house, and lost no time in moving on to our second tower, St. Mark's. Here a well-struck peal was scored on a ring of eight, although several bells are not in the best peal ringing condition. Having finished for the day by 7.30 p.m., we made for our tea rooms in Linden Street, and an hour later adjourned to other rooms, where liquid stronger than tea was dispensed. "Earl Grey" received us courteously, until Father Time was announced, a pleasant evening with the Leicester men having been spent.

We resumed acquaintance with several old hands, Messrs. Cotton, Buttery, Needham and Cooper, and scored a first-class course of Grandsire Cinques, and a touch of Stedman Caters, double handed. Memories of the men who rang Stedman non-conducted on handbells on all numbers up to Cinques, came back, mixed with the names of those ringing in the 10,000 of 1777, and the modern record peals of Double Norwich at Wigston, and Stedman Caters at Loughborough.

The ringers of Leicester appear to have had a fair share of engagements to open peals of bells in the Midlands for a century past. In 1805, having been asked to open Northampton bells, they were met by the Mayor and aldermen in state, at the entrance to the town, and escorted to the church. The festivities lasted over three days, in which the Leicester men held their own, having decided to "see it out." There seems to have been a bond of union between the ringers and founders of these two towns for something like three centuries, since Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, was in partnership with William Newcombe, of Leicester, when casting "Great Tom" of Lincoln in the Minster yard in 1611. It is presumed they also jointly cast the bell at Oxford, famous as the "Music Bell," the verse from which I have headed this contribution to my readers. The music comprises four detached pieces, written on a five line staff in diamond-shaped notes, usually seen in the prick-song of the period. Each division is preceded by a roundel containing a man's profile and bust, in relief, in the dress of that period.

PRESERVATION OF RELICS.

This is the only bell of its kind in existence, and ought not to be subjected to any risk of destruction, after 300 years of useful work. Why not, therefore, place it in the Oxford Museum or the Bodleian Library for the interest and benefit of posterity? It appears to me that tuning upon the late Canon Simpson's principle is responsible for the destruction of a number of rare and valuable old church bells, and Captain Jerram has referred to a matter in your columns, upon which I have held strong opinions for some years: "The preservation of pre-Reformation bell castings." An indifferent piece of furniture or a second rate oil painting of only half the age and interest that some of our early English bells show, would fetch extraordinary prices in the sale room, and yet such an object of great antiquarian value, as a casting, could often be saved for the price of recasting only.

To deal with the bells of the town of Leicester would take too much space, but a few brief notes are of interest. St. Margaret's bells, mostly cast by Hugh Watts in 1633, are reputed by local men of eminence to be "the noblest ring of ten bells in England." There are no early records of previous bells at this church. Two trebles were added by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1711, the Corporation subscribing £20 to make up the octave, and two more were given by Wm. Fortrey in 1738. Thomas Eyre, a year later (1739), recast the 6th, and so perpetuated the fame of the previous founder by putting this inscription upon it: "Hugh Watts, of Leicester, the foremost in his art, cast the six largest bells."

Concerning the tenor is the following anecdote: Both Hugh and his son were enthusiastic founders, each ambitious to produce the best specimen of the art. While the metal and moulds were preparing for a casting, the son urged the father to go to London to hear the best-toned tenor he could. As soon as the father had gone, the son set to work and cast the great bell in his absence, but it did not turn out satisfactory, and he recast it. Finding this bell had every qualification he wished for, he wrote his father to come home on a certain date had the bell hung in readiness, and at the critical moment, when Hugh Watts was returning into the town, the son Francis set the great bell ringing to the no small joy of his parent.

A LEICESTER BELL PATRON.

Wm. Fortrey, referred to above, was an enthusiastic admirer of church bells, and did much towards encouraging improvements in the rings in different parishes in Leicestershire. He rebuilt the Church of Galby, and placed in it in the year 1741 a ring of six bells. He did the same at King's Norton, hanging a ring of ten bells—preserving one of the old ones—since reduced to eight to lessen the weight and strain on the steeple. He gave two new bells to St. Margaret's, Leicester, in 1738; a treble to Houghton-on-the-Hill in 1771, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county. His memory is still cherished by old change ringers of Leicester who speak of him as "Squire Fortrey," a man who made it his business all his life to enquire into these matters—"bells and bell ringing"— and who was the patron and director of Thos. Eyre, of Kettering, and one of the subscribers to publishing John Holt's peals.

Mr. Thompson, in "The History of Leicester," in mentioning the former church dedicated to St. Peter, says that when it was destroyed, the materials were sold to the Mayor and Corporation by Queen Elizabeth for £35. Here on Christmas Eve, 1306, the Vicar murdered the clerk as he went to strike the bell early in the morning, as was his usual custom. William, the Vicar, sheltered himself in the church for seven weeks. At last, giving himself up, he was confined to prison, but there is no record of any punishment awarded to him. There were four bells belonging to this church, and from the chamberlain's accounts of 1564, we learn that the great bell weighed 11 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs., was sold to Thos. Newcombe for £14 16s. 8d., and that Francis Watts bought the set of four bell wheels for 12s.

On Tuesday, August 5th, the 9.55 train took us to Loughboro', and meeting at the Parish Church, we started for Stedman Caters. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Pitts, M.A.), met us in the tower, and upon inquiring if the little lady was going to watch the ringing for three hours, was thoroughly astonished to hear that the little lady was to take part in the ringing. Ring she did and well, having had but two touches on ten previously at Loughboro', and on the conclusion of the peal it was quite refreshing to see the proud way in which W.W. gave his daughter a fatherly kiss of hearty congratulation. Indeed Miss Willson was the recipient of warm congratulation from all the band upon her achievement. Afterwards a certain amount of time was lost in grouping ourselves on the step of the south porch, since the camera to which we posed with proper composure in desired position, turned out a blank owing to a faulty shutter.

MISS HILDA WILLSON BREAKS RECORD.

Pangs of hunger drove us to the Beacon—a temperance hotel—for a plain lunch and a few minutes' rest before our two miles' walk over the river Soar to Stanford Church, situated in a picturesque spot, surrounded by trees. Here we were permitted by the Rev. C. L. Vashon Baker, M.A., to attempt a peal of Double Norwich, Miss Hilda Willson eagerly preparing for her record-breaking effort. Our two young hot-bloods were put on the tenors, and they sent them along at a great pace, while perspiration streamed freely. This belfry is very small, with a low ceiling and only one small window, so that the oil lamp had to be used, and we were relieved when the bells came round, no one more so than "Dad." Stanford does not boast of an inn, and our refreshment consisted of a good drink of new milk at the large ivy-covered farmhouse facing the church, before walking back to Loughboro', where several of our party had to say good-bye. Anyone passing us on the road home would never have believed that the demure little woman, wearing eye-glasses, and accompanied by seven men, had just made a world's ringing record, viz., the youngest ringer of either sex to ring two peals in a day, a feat considered mighty for a man to accomplish less than 30 years ago. Hilda was born in Leicester on November 7th, 1898, weighs nine stone, of medium stature, but sturdy build, like her parents, and has totalled up nine peals since No. 1 was achieved on 12th October last, at Quorndon. Although one of the regular band at the Church of St. John, she has never been permitted to take ten-bell practice in her own town. A wash-leather covering is used on the rope end for peal attempts, and at the conclusion of her famous performance, she only complained of aching feet and lower limbs, due to prolonged standing in one position. Of a very quiet and retiring disposition, it remained for the daily press to seize with avidity an unusual opportunity for securing news matter, and the "Mail" of the 9th August issued a portrait of the little lady, which, like the details of her performances, was not at all in keeping with the original.

We billeted at Loughborough for the night, and a sleeping draught was partaken of at "The Eagle"—a house known to generations as the ringers' house, and where paid engagements by the local men were often mortgaged by a few tankards on trust before "going up." Loughboro' has been famous in the past for its Parish Church, dedicated to All Saints', a fine handsome edifice chiefly in the decorated Gothic style, and restored by Gilbert Scott in 1874, if I recollect the Rector's words correctly. At that time the whole level of the floor was greatly altered, thus making the chancel appear squatty. Principally and not merely from a ringers' point of view, the glory of this church is its beautiful tower, surmounted by an enriched battlemented parapet and four corner crocketted pinnacles. A feature of value to modern architects, who do not trouble nowadays to master the internal requirements of a bell tower, is the graceful group of four windows on each side of the tower, only two of which are allowed to emit sound.

THE STORY OF LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS.

All the original bells—cast in 1840, tenor 24 cwt.—have been merged in a new peal, with a tenor 30 cwt., hung in an iron frame, in the year 1899, and as you may readily guess, it was quite unnecessary

to import bells in this case. One or two historical facts may be mentioned, and at the same time I would like to say how much the ringers owe to such antiquarian bell worms, as the late Thomas North, author of " The Church Bells of Leicestershire," who has collected so much rare information, notwithstanding his severe illness which prevented active personal research.

In the time of Edward VI the bell master at Loughboro' was obliged " to help to reng to sarvys if ned be," while in 1586 John Wever was paid 14d. by the churchwardens " for his tow dayes chardges when he went to Nottingham for them that came to prove the tune of ye bells "; also " Paid for drinke that they dronke by the waye," 3d. In Edward VI's days the commissioners reported that there were five bells in the church, and a contemporary document gives a long list of the bell man's duties, which the modern steeplekeeper ought to be made acquainted with.

The churchwardens' accounts reveal a long list of payments for ropes, bell-clappers, repairs, men's travelling refreshment expenses, from 1583. The year 1586 was a great year, Loughborough people journeying to Leicester to see the bells cast. Breakfasts and suppers were charged for, the bell founder's " maids " were even given a gratuity, and the founder's men " drinke." The visitors did themselves well, for there appear four separate payments for ale consumed at a Leicester ale-house, and on the way. The five bells were made six in 1616, when the churchwardens charged:—

" It: spent in giveing entertainment to the gentleman

" Strangers when they came to ringe, XIs."

The whole peal were recast by public subscription in 1754, by Eyre, of Kettering, and again recast and increased to eight in 1840 by Mr. John Taylor, who came from Oxford for that purpose. Here the curfew still rings every evening at eight o'clock, after which the day of the month is tolled on a smaller bell.

On Wednesday, 6th August, the last day of a brief busy holiday, was spent mostly in the bell foundry, by kind permission of Messrs. J. W. and E. D. Taylor, the present proprietors, who also permitted us to attempt a peal on their miniature ring of eight, tenor 6 cwt., hung in a tower built in the works especially for them. We went up to see these, and observed that the whole eight could be stowed inside Exeter (tenor 73cwt.). An hour and a quarter saw us disbanded in Stedman, and no one seemed inclined to start again with so much of interest to be seen and heard. Mr. J. W. Taylor and his sister gladly gave us a Carillon duet, some 40 bells weighing from a few pounds each up to half a ton being manipulated with dexterity and in wonderful harmony. These are also suspended in a separate tower in the garden of the chief's residence. The works were not engaged at our visit, as the holiday season applied to bell founders in Leicestershire as much as to any other occupation, but old Dick Lane was there looking as well as ever, and he rang treble for us on the midgets. You will guess the difficulty of handling it, when I tell you that the rope end of the treble when set at hand is some 3ft. off the floor. Our conductor was excused for " permitting a change course," as he had proved so efficient in all the previous attempts. The calls of railway time-tables had to be conformed to, and a rattling ringing trip was ended by friendly " good-byes," our members agreeing that W.W. was entitled to a vote of thanks for the excellent arrangements made on behalf of the Midland Counties Association members who were thereby assembled.

W H. F.

A STAFFORDSHIRE CYCLE RUN.

In spite of the attraction of the aeroplane race from Birmingham and back, between Messrs. Hucks and Hamel, seven members from Bloxwich, Bradley, Coseley, Rushall and Wolverhampton St. Peter, took part in a cycle run to three towers within easy distance of Walsall. Aldridge was the first place visited. The " go " of the five bells here leaves something to be desired, especially the treble, whose antics caused no little excitement. However, a climb up to the bells previously had warned the ringers to be prepared to " handle " this bell, as the wheel was very loose. The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Tarleton) came round and welcomed the party, and expressed a wish for the society's help in instructing a new band Mr. W. Griffin (Walsall), en route to view the race, had a ring here. The methods were: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob Doubles. On starting for Pelsall, one of the party experienced trouble with a faulty inner tube on a cycle he had borrowed. This compelled him to walk back to Walsall to join the rest at tea. In striking contrast to the tower the visitors had just left, at Pelsall, where there is a good-going ring of five, the local ringers turned up. Two of them rang half a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, time not allowing for more. On reaching Walsall, tea was provided by the Rev. E. V. Cox at his rooms.—On behalf of the visitors, Mr. H. Knight proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cox. After a short time with the handbells, Rushall tower was visited. Here the visitors were joined by one of the local band, and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Kent Treble Bob Minor were tapped off. A very enjoyable half-day's ringing concluded shortly before 8.30 p.m. It was decided to arrange the next run to Patshull and Trysull on October 4th.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEICESTER.—On June 27th, at St. Martin's, in honour of the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Nugee, M.A.), 400, 500 and 1265 Stedman Caters by: A. Pettitt, S. Cotton, G. Pilmore, F. H. Dexter, L. E. Allen, E Morris, T. L. Allen, C. H. Fowler, A. Martin, T. Taylor, J. Morris, J. Buttery, A. Broughton, the conductors being: C. H. Fowler, A. Pettitt and F. H. Dexter.

BELGRAVE.—On St. Peter's Day, for Morning Service, at St. Peter's Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Mayoress of Leicester (Councillor and Mrs. J. McCall), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hubbard 1, A. Ballard 2, G. Pilmore 3, A. J. Ballard 4, C. H. Fowler 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, F. H. Dexter 7, H. Reeves 8.

HACKNEY.—On June 29th, at the church of St. John the Jerusalem, on the occasion of the Mayor of Hackney attending in state, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: E. T. Wigg 1, R. N. Runham 2, D. F. Gibbons 3, R. W. Green 4, W. T. Powell 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6, C. F. White 7, A. Riley 8.

CLENT, WORCS.—On June 29th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Barber, junr., 1, G. Popnell 2, J. Sheriff 3, J. Barber, senr., 4, W. Shilvock 5, C. Sheriff 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, W. Boughton 8.—On August 10th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Thatcher 1, Miss K. Thatcher 2, W. Short 3, C. Boughton 4, G. Popnell 5, C. Sheriff 6, J. Barber 7, W. Shilvock 8.—On August 16th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Popnell 1, J. Sheriff 2, C. Sheriff 3, F. Breakwell 4, W. Short 5, J. Barber 6.—On Sunday, August 17th, 720 Bob Major: G. Popnell 1, W. Short 2, W. Boughton 3, C. Boughton 4, W. Shilvock 5, H. Martin 6, C. Sheriff 7, J. Barber 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church on June 29th, for Evening Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: G. W. Coombes 1, W. Stevens 2, J. Ross 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7. W. Brooks 8.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On June 29th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: C. Robinson (first 720) 1, A. Thorpe 2, E. Willis 3, T. Reed 4, A. Symonds (conductor) 5, C. Willis 6.

HURSLEY, HANTS:—On July 6th, for Morning Service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Warren 1, E. Wild 2, J. Richards 3, J. A. Pannell 4, R. G. Hunt 5, W. Jones (conductor) 6.

COLNE.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on June 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. P. Foulds 1, S. Lane 2, J. E. Foulds 3, *C. Mallinson 4, H. Foulds 5, *W. H. Harrison 6, R. Foulds (conductor) 7, W. Meaton 8. * Longest length in the method.

WISBECH.—On June 24th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: S. E. Andrews 1—2, T. Haines 3—4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6.—On June 26th, 720. T. Banham 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, S. Andrews 3—4, T. Haines (conductor) 5—6. Witnesses, F. Piggins and G. Yate.—On July 1st, two 720's of Bob Minor: S. Collison 1, S. Andrews 1—2, T Hains,3—4, R Narborough (conductor) 5—6. and S. Andrews 1—2, T. Haines 3—4, S. Collison 5, R. Narborough (conductor) 6.—On Monday 7th July, two 720's Minor: S. Collison 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, S. Andrews 3—4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6.—On July 10th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Andrews 1—2, G. Piggins 3, A. Wenlock 4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6; S. Collison 1, S. Andrews (conductor) 2, A. Wenlock 3, G. Piggins 4, Ralph Narborough 5—6. This was R. Narborough's 50th 720 of Minor.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on June 22nd, 96 Violet, 120 Arnold's Victory, 72 Duke of York, 120 City Delight, 96 Woodbine, 120 Tanner's Pleasure, 72 Oxford, 120 London Scholars, and 120 Armley Pleasure: G. Rawlings 1, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 2, F. Gaunt 3, J. Peacock 4, M. Broadbent 5, Joseph Thackray 6.

CROYDON.—On June 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. States 1. D. Wright (conductor) 2, C. Dean 3, J. Talbot 4, A. Clark 5, S. Roper 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8. Rung for St. John the Baptist's Day.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. F. Akers 1, W. Irons 2, R. Dore 3, H. J. Gray 4, V. Neale (conductor) 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7. A. H. Akers 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled to the memory of the late Rector (the Rev. E. Killin Roberts), who was president of the St. Andrew's company, and a patron of the County Association. All the ringers are members of the St. Andrew's band, and it was R. Dore's first quarter-peal with a bob bell.

NANTWICH.—On June 17th, to celebrate the wedding of Miss G. Stonehewer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Sutton (conductor) 1, Albert Stubbs 2, W. Cookson 3, J. Wood 4, Arthur Stubbs 5, H. Stubbs 6. First attempt by the local band.

STOKE EDITH.—On June 15th, for evening service, 960 St. Dunstan's Doubles: R. Griffiths 1, A. Vernall 2, R. Longville 3, S. Bowen 4, J. Edwards (conductor) 5, J. Griffiths 6.

ALDERSHOT.—At St. Michael's Church.—On Sunday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Minor (360 Canterbury Pleasure and 900 Plain Bob): J. Woolacott (first quarter) 1, Corpl. G. Gilbert, R.E., 2, W. Fisher 3, H. Chaffey 4, G. Fisher (first as conductor) 5, Alf. Croucher 6.

BRIERLEY HILL.—For Men's Service at the Parish Church, on July 6th, 560 Bob Major: J. Slater 1, A. Whatmore 2. F. Caldwell 3, G. Guest 4, W. Potter 5, J. Bass 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. E. Perkins (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to C. E. Perkins, who set sail for Canada on the 12th.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. P. C. West). —H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.— The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Ringing at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.; also at St. Michael's and, if possible, at St. Chad's, St. Julian's and St. Alkmund's during the afternoon. Service at St. Chad's Church 5 p.m.; preacher, Rev. E. V. Cox. Tea at St. Chad's Room 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. —Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.— The annual meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Several 1913 subscriptions have not yet been received, and members will oblige by sending same to H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will take place at Portmadoc, on September 6th. Meeting in the Church Room at 3.15 p.m. Tea after meeting.—H. Moore, Junr., Wrexham, Hon. Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, September 6th, 1913. Bells (8) available all day. Meeting at 4 p.m. —Wm. Robinson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3; business meeting at 6.30. Election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for same to be sent in as early as possible to the Secretary, Joseph Ogden.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. The tea will be provided by the Association (free) to all those who signify to me their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, September 9th.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45 p.m.; members 6d., non-members, 8d. All ringing friends welcome. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p m.—Thos. Best, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Godalming on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available (8) 3 p.m.; service 5.30; tea in the schoolroom 6.15. Chairman, His Worship the Mayor of Godalming. Tickets 6d. to members, 1s. to visitors.—John J. Jones, Hon. Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Bryanston on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing from 2.30; service at 4.30; address by Rector (Rev. B. F. Pinney); tea at 5 in the Reading Room, followed by business meeting. Durweston tower will also be open for ringing.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, September 13th. Tea in Schoolroom at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Yeovil on September 13th. St. John's (10 bells) available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30; tea and business meeting follows. A hearty welcome awaits all ringers. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than the 8th?—G. H. Head, Manor Gardens, Kingsdon, Taunton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30; tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting. Will those who intend to partake of tea let me know not later than Tuesday, September 16th?—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church of St. Stephen at 4.30; business meeting, and tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting. Will all those intending to be

present please let me know on or before Wednesday, September 17th?—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4. when an address to ringers will be given by the Rev. — Thomas. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each) in the National Schools. Will those who intend being present for tea notify Mr H. F. Clulow, Westgate, Southwell, by Thursday, September 18th? An excursion train will leave Nottingham, M.R., at 1.57.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Hon. Secretaries.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried cut by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE CARE OF BELLS.

An article, which we think extremely useful, appears elsewhere in this issue, giving some very practical hints to steeplekeepers upon the care of the bells committed to their charge. Mr. Hesse speaks with a long engineering experience behind him, as well as that of a practical ringer, and for that reason his article bears the full weight of that of an expert. There are st plekeepers and steeplekeepers. Some there are, and we are happy to know they are an increasing number, who display the greatest interest in their work, and they grudge neither time nor trouble so long as the bells remain in perfect condition. On the other hand there are unquestionably many men who discharge their duties in a most perfunctory way. As Mr. Hesse says, a little grease now and again and the occasional shifting of a rope is all they consider necessary, and some trouble even less than that.

The office of steeplekeeper ought not to be treated as a sinecure. It is one in which a man can make or mar the reputation of a peal of bells, so far as, what we ringers term, their "go," is concerned. To bells, as to other things, the old adage of "a stitch in time" applies with much force, and neglect by a steeplekeeper soon brings a ring into such a condition that the attention of a bellhanger becomes necessary. This expense, or the alternative, the abandonment of ringing, can be saved by a steeplekeeper, who is assiduous in the discharge of his duties. At any rate, it puts off the need for costly renovations for years, for it must not be forgotten that even the best cared-for bells will eventually require overhauling by a bellhanger.

The important matter, however, is that in appointing a steeplekeeper, a man should be secured who will show an intelligent interest in the work, and who will be prepared conscientiously to discharge the duties. After all, the proper care of bells does not need a lot of time, so long as attention is given regularly and frequently. But while much of the neglect, where it is to be found, is due to slackness, instances arising from ignorance are often constantly found. Often a man is made steeplekeeper in a tower who has little, if any, practical knowledge of how bells should be cared for, and, be he as willing as he may to keep the ring running well, he fails to get at the cause of trouble, when it arises, particularly where heavy bells are concerned, and, consequently, things go from bad to worse. Mr. Hesse's article should prove very valuable to all steeplekeepers, and we hope the hints he gives will not only be taken advantage of at the moment, but will be carefully preserved for future reference by those responsible for the care of the bells.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*JOSEPH B. FENTON	*Treble*	†ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	7
WILLIAM SHORT	2	JAMES E. GROVES	8
*ALFRED J. HESSIAN	3	JAMES L. WELLS	9
WILLIAM FISHER	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
THOMAS H. REEVES	5	HERBERT KNIGHT	11
JOHN CARTER	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques for the Guild. The band were afterwards entertained by the Ringing Master (Mr. James George).

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH AND THE HIGH WYCOMBE AND BEACONSFIELD SOCIETIES.)

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	6
RALPH COLES	2	WILLIAM PHIPPS	7
JOHN GRANSBURY	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	8
*CECIL C. MAYNE	4	†RICHARD BUCKLAND	9
EDWARD MARKHAM	5	P.C. CECIL SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. Arranged for G. F. Williams, of Hull, late of High Wycombe.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. THORPE	*Treble*	SIDNEY PROCTOR	6
J. FRANK PROCTOR	2	ERNEST NIDD	7
JOHN T. HOLMES	3	WILLIAM DICKINSON	8
HARRY THORPE	4	FRED TURNER	9
FRED WILFORD	5	THOMAS H. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is the author's number 140.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	*Treble*	DAVID WRIGHT	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
LEWIS ATTWATER	3	†ROBERT GRIMWOOD	8
*BENJAMIN MORRISS	4	‡WILLIAM GROVES	9
ALFRED CLAYTON	5	ARTHUR DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ...	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
*WILLIAM A. COOPER ...	4	ALBERT E. LAW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 51st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nicholls, of Coseley, who for 38 years were headmaster and headmistress of the Parish Church Schools.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON...	...*Treble*	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ...	5
WILLIAM TAYLOR	2	GEORGE BOWMER	6
WILLIAM FOX	3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX ...	7
FREDERICK JOHNSON	4	BRIAN HILDITCH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES ROOPE	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	WILLIAM ROOPE	6
EDWIN WHITING	3	FREDERICK ROOPE	7
ERNEST WHITING...	4	ALFRED SMITH... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN JENNINGS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLSOPP	5
ARTHUR ALLSOPP	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
CHARLES WAITHMAN	3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ...	7
GEORGE ROBERTS	4	JAMES REYNOLDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung, with the bells muffled, as a token of deep sympathy with the Rev. Canon Barnard (Rector and Rural Dean of Sutton Coldfield), and his family, on the death of his dearly-beloved wife, who was laid to rest on the above date, at Sutton Coldfield, amidst manifestations of the deep regret of the townspeople and many of the Rector's old parishioners from King's Norton. All the above are service ringers at this church.

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

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*THOMAS SMITH	...*Treble*	*PERCY E. JONES	5
JOSEPH J. PRATT	2	WILLIAM HONOR	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	7
WILLIAM HENLEY	4	HENRY H. CHANDLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

* First peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE S. TAYLOR ...	...*Treble*	MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	5
THOMAS H. NAISBY	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER... ...	6
*JAMES AYERS	3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	7
WILLIAM A. CARR	4	†WILLIAM OXLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells, † First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal on the augmented ring. All the band are service ringers at this church, and the peal was rung at the third attempt.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

*ARTHUR PAYNE	...*Treble*	*ROBERT GOFTON	5
R. ALDER GOFTON	2	WILLIAM STORY	6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON ...	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	4	THOMAS T. GOFTON...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

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

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED C. WRIGHT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FOX	5
THOMAS WHITE	2	EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX ...	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. NICHOLLS, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. MEETEN	...*Treble*	G. NORRIS	5
W. HILLMAN	2	H. TULETT...	6
H. EVANS	3	E. H. LINDUP	7
A. GROVES	4	A. ARNELL...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Harvie and Mr. C. H. Vivian.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWIN J. PANNETT ...	...*Treble*	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E.	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	ERNEST NEWELL	6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ...	3	*GEORGE MILES	7
HARRY BUNGAY	4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. E. J. Pannett, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Lewes, Sussex.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER MURRAY	*Treble*	GEORGE BOOKER	5
EDWARD LUTMAN	2	GEORGE F. WILMOT ...	6
ROBERT TAIT	3	GABRIEL LINDOFF	7
RICHARD LYNCH	4	JOHN HUTCHINSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This is the first peal in the method in Ireland, and by all.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	*Treble*	MAURICE WARD	5
RICHARD W. COLLIER ...	2	FRANCIS WARD	6
JOSEPH ATKIN	3	WILLIAM S. PLANT	7
SAM THOMAS	4	CHARLES HAYNES ...	*Tenor*

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

This composition has the bells reversed in 5-6 without recourse to bobs before, with 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in 6th's place, and is the first to be rung on this plan. It was the first peal of Superlative on the bells and first Surprise peal by all except the ringers of treble and 4th. The conductor has now called a peal in a different method from each bell in this tower.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM STOWELL	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	JOHN BURFORD	6
HARRY BROWNJOHN	3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	7
GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ...	4	FRED G. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for J. H. R. Freeborn.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NOLFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. MOORE ...	*Treble*	*THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	5
JESSE J. MOSS	2	WILLIAM LAMBERT	6
CHARLES MASON	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	7
*REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by J. FLINT.

* First peal in the method. C. Mason was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting the peal.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ROSE OF ENGLAND TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY ...	*Treble*	EDWIN WHEATER	5
*ARTHUR FARRER	2	SIDNEY KEIGHLEY	6
WALTER POPPLEWELL ...	3	CHARLES PRATT	7
SAMUEL WHEATLEY	4	FRED WALLER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WALTER POPPLEWELL.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and by a company of members of the Leeds and District Society.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in F.

*HERBERT A. HOLDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM EASTER	5
*JACK BURLES	2	†FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	6
†GUY R. AMBROSE	3	WILLIAM HARPER	7
FREDERICK HAYES	4	WILLIAM HAIGH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM HAIGH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Fredk. M. Mitchell and W. Easter. Messrs. Haigh and Easter come from Gillingham, Holden from Meopham; Burles, Ambrose, Hayes and Mitchell from Milton-next-Gravesend, Mr. Harper being attached to the local tower. For calling see K.C.A. Report for 1912, p. 78.

EARLS COLNE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON	*Treble*	JAMES FLEUTY	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3	JAMES FRENCH	7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

J. Fleuty has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE M. KILBY ...	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
JAMES E. DAVIS	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	THOMAS LANGDON	7
WILLIAM J. KEMP	4	HENRY J. CANTOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt, in G.

FREDK. W. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	*ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

GEORGE B. BOLLAND	*Treble*	WALTER IDLE	5
JAMES COTTERELL	2	PERCY J. JOHNSON	6
WILLIAM PEARSON	3	GEORGE NAYLOR	7
JONAS S. AMBLER	4	FRED SALMONS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

First peal of Major on the bells. All the ringers hail from Mid-Yorkshire, and the peal was rung whilst fulfilling a kind invitation for the week-end from Mr. Maude, of Pudsey, who is spending his holiday at St. Anne's.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ASPINWALL'S.		TENOR 12 CWT.	
*G. W. GROUNDS	...*Treble*	FRED ABBOTT	5
GEORGE PINCOTT	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
WALTER GORTON	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
THOMAS WORSLEY	4	*ERNEST BRADSHAW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. BARLOW.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and Mr. Grounds for providing them with such a splendid tea after the peal. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to the local company.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		TENOR 18 CWT. 1 QR.	
ALFRED H. PULLING...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WEBB	5
ALBERT BROOKS	2	NOBLE SPINDLOW	6
WILLIAM JUDGE	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
JOHN MONK	4	GEORGE BROOKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung to commemorate the Patronal Festival of the church.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.		TENOR 28 CWT.	
GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	...*Treble*	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	5
FRED G. MAY	2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR.	6
HARRY BROWNJOHN	3	WILLIAM STOWELL	7
ALBERT STOWELL	4	ALFRED E. REEVES...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for Mr. J. H. R. Freeborn. First peal of Cambridge on the bells and the first in the method for the Bath and Wells Association.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

OSWALD RICHARDSON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN	2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ...	5
JOHN J. JUTSON	3	GEORGE JUTSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Arranged for Messrs. Coleman, of St. Neots, and as a farewell to George Jutson, on his removal to Melton Mowbray.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS DREW	...*Treble*	ROBERT E. SPARKES ...	4
JOHN N. VIZOR	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
EDGAR R. JONES	3	THOMAS TURNER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed, who was laid to rest on the above date in Glasbury churchyard. He was a valued friend of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz.:—1,440 each of St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Bob, and 2,160 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN GILBERT	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	4
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD ...	2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY...	5
*ERNEST STONE	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal in three methods. J. Gilbert, who is only 15 years of age, was elected a life member of the Guild before starting, and this was his first attempt for a peal.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	ALFRED H. MARTIN... ...	5
WALTER PERKINS	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

J. WORLEY CRADDOCK	...*Treble*	HERBERT RAINBOW	4
JOSEPH C. DEENE	2	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	5
THOMAS LAW	3	FRED HOPPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

Quickest peal on the bells. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, this being his first peal with a bob bell, and previously he had never rung a 120 in either Oxford or Kent.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY... ...	3—4	CHARLES SAMPSON	7—8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
Umpire: ALLEN F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Sampson. It was also his 100th peal.

SOUTH ANSTON.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Munden, Morpeth, Newcastle, Chester, Whitley, Northumberland and Carlisle, was tapped on handbells by JOHN SEGAR, Junr., of Retford.

Umpires and Witnesses: C. F. FOWLER, H. STENTON, S. SMITH, of South Anston, and H. HAIGH, of Worksop, and Mr. J. SEGAR, Senr., some portion of the time.

This is the first peal tapped in seven Surprise methods.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ...	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	ALFRED ELY	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. G. DEWELL.
Umpire: WILLIAM GOODSHIP.

FOR THE STEEPLE KEEPER.

SOME USEFUL HINTS ON THE CARE OF BELLS AND FITTINGS.

Dear Sir,—I have been asked, from time to time, by some of my ringing friends to write an article on the care of Church Bells.

The following few notes I hope may be of some use, and I offer them for what they are worth. There are many competent steeple keepers who are fully conversant with all the points to which I allude, but there are also many cases in which a man is appointed to take charge of a peal of bells who has not had previous experience, and I trust this may be of use to some.—Yours very truly,

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

The majority of steeple keepers and ringers think that, if they have peal of bells hung on up-to-date principles, with cast-iron headstocks and iron frames, bolted down to steel girders, they do not require to give any attention except to lubricate the main bearings, and sometimes shift a rope up or down an inch, and, later on, splice it. This is not quite the case, for no matter how good the job is, and how careful the bell hanger has been in his work, nuts will slack back. For instance, old bells that have been rehung in iron stocks, and have had the cannons cut off, have a wooden pad fitted on the crown between the stock and the bell, and, no matter how well this fits the crown, it is found to shrink; therefore, the nuts on the bolts that hold the bell to the stock require pulling up according to the amount of ringing that is done and shrinkage that takes place in the wooden pad. The wood pad will form its own bearing on the usually roughish surface of the crown, and while it is doing this the nuts are getting slack. Split pins are fitted to keep these nuts from coming off, and they usually do it, but I have had it said to me that the nuts cannot come off or get loose, as split pins are fitted. But split pins do not keep the nuts tight, as shrinking takes place below them.

BOLTS AND NUTS.

Too much care cannot be exercised in tightening up a bell on the stock, and to pull up all the nuts equally. If one side is pulled up more than another the bell gets false struck. This is often the case (especially with wooden stocks, with which I will deal later), but it is easy to rectify. Hold a straight-edge up to the bell mouth, and on one end that protrudes beyond the bell place a spirit level. This will prove if a bell is true on the stock. If it does hang true, next find out if the clapper hangs central, by measuring from each side of the clapper ball to the edge of the bell—care being taken not to disturb the clapper in measuring from side to side. If the bell is true on the stock, and the clapper is true in the bell, it follows that the clappering will be true.

The bolts and nuts that hold the wheel to the stock, and hold the two halves of the wheel together are frequently neglected, which means that the wheel gets, to an extent, loose on the stock, and the lower half drops away from the upper; these nuts should be kept tight. Where an iron frame is mounted on a wooden foundation (which I am glad to say is rare) the connecting bolts and nuts ought to receive attention continually, to allow for the shrinking of the timber, until the nuts will pull up no more. This tightening should always be done in the hot, dry weather. It is easy to think that a nut is up tight when it will turn no more, but it is not always the case. It may be rusted solid to the bolt; if so, use paraffin and soak it well before trying to shift it. A nut may also be screwed down to the end of the thread before it is home on its face; in this case take the nut off and use washers to make up the space.

Where wooden stocks are fitted, too much care cannot be paid to the four bolts at each end of the stock that hold the gudgeon shields in position, and to make sure that they are tight. But there is a right and wrong way to do this. When a bell is down, the natural tendency is for the gudgeon to tip upwards, and in screwing up the nuts of the gudgeon shields the two inside pairs., i.e., the pairs nearest the centre of the stock, should be screwed up first, and screwed tighter than the two outside pairs, in order to keep the gudgeons as true as possible. If these bolts are allowed to get slack the result generally is that one or more of these bolts shear off: but before this happens a bell is sure to go badly.

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The gudgeons are not the only parts that need attention in this respect. The rollers and crown staple pins on which the clapper swings seldom get the attention that they should. It makes a big difference to the "go" of the bell if the rollers are kept well oiled, considering the speed it has to run. It is also advisable to keep the slides free by using either grease or black lead, especially on the light end of a peal, where the slider is working continually owing to the small bells having to be rung very high; the sliders then are continually on the move. In the case of Hastings stays, the sides of the runners should be kept greased. Grease on the crown staple pin will often keep a clapper from rattling as well as make it swing freely. Sometimes it is very difficult to get the main bearings to hold the oil as they should. This is in some cases due to the fact that the brass has an open space of about 1/32-inch on the bottom, left there on purpose to drive in a chisel to lift the brass out of the cast-iron plumber block, and it is through this space I have known the oil to run away. This can be cured in some cases by forcing down a piece of hard grease at the front of the brass, below the gudgeon, to form an oil-tight bottom between the brass and the plumber block.

All oil and grease that collects on the sound bow of the bell that may drop from the bearings should be wiped off, as it deadens the sound. If at any time the gudgeons get cut in rings from grit or some foreign matter, the bell should be lifted, and gudgeons lapped with emery cloth until the rings or cuts disappear, and the brasses be scraped out and relined. But this, in most cases, is a job for a competent bell hanger.

WASHBROOK'S "SURPRISE PRINCIPLE."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Neither Mr. Washbrook nor Mr. Hibbert have grasped the real meaning of the statement made by the members of the Methods Committee about the system produced by Mr. Washbrook, and rung at Caversham, and from what I hear from various parts, there seems to be considerable misunderstanding about the work which is being done by the committee.

We are simply trying to reduce the various systems from a condition of wild confusion to one of order, and when we say that Mr. Washbrook's system is asymmetrical, and, therefore, not legitimate, that it is not a principle, and not Surprise, we are not passing judgment upon it at all. We should equally say that what is rung as Stedman Triples is not legitimate and not Surprise; and all of us go on ringing it just the same. The practical question, "Is this system worth ringing?" can only be answered by practice; if it is really good it will live, and if it is not, it will die, but if it is good and lives, that will not make it legitimate, a principle, or Surprise. These words have already got meanings, and to call it a Surprise Principle is only to go back into the confused phraseology of the past, which is just what we wish to escape from.

Mr. Washbrook's system is a system of producing changes upon eight bells, i.e., a Major system which is neither a principle, nor a method, but something more complicated than either, and it should have a name which will indicate this fact.

Surfleet. H. LAW JAMES.

HEREFORD GUILD'S LOSS.

DEATH OF CAPT. GLEN KIDSTON.

There are some laymen who are of as much value to the Exercise as the ringers themselves. One such was Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed, who took the keenest interest in ringing, and particularly in the affairs of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he was a generous supporter. His death, which took place last week, will be deeply regretted by ringers in that part of the country, and he will be sadly missed by the Guild. It was Capt. Kidston who instituted the annual competition for ringers in the Hereford Diocese and gave the cup and medals awarded to the winners.

Last Friday, on the occasion of the funeral at Glasbury, the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled, and the same evening, at St. Mary's, Brecon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 46 minutes, by: S. Watkins 1, W. Hargest 2, G. Giblin 3, R. Kinsey 4, G. Hardwicke 5, W. A. Fletcher 6, Wm. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Griffiths 8.

On Sunday, the bells were again half muffled, when, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples, the first in the method by the band, and the first ever rung in the county, was brought round in 47 mins. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 49 minutes, the ringers who took part being: S. Watkins, G. Hargest, G. Giblin, R. Kinsey, G. Hardwicke, A. Matthews, C. Beach, W. A. Fletcher, S. Brookes, W. Evans (conductor), C. Powell and W. Griffiths.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

Ringers are requested to note the following dates: October 30th, concert at the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the "Bells Fund," chair to be taken by the Mayor at 8 o'clock: November 3rd, re-dedication of the bells at 8.30 p.m., the Mayor and Borough Council will attend; November 8th, in the afternoon, opening of the bells and tea in the Parish Room; short service and an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. All ringers will be invited to these events. A fuller announcement will be made later.

Will all old ringers who have rung on Shoreditch bells, please communicate with Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, with a view to having a photo taken with the bells.

C. SAMPSON'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Bob Minor, 6, conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major (including 7008), 22; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major (including 11,040), conducted 22; Double Oxford Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 18; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 4. On handbells: Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; total, 100.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

S.W. DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South Western Division of the Essex Association was held at St. Andrew's, Romford, on Saturday, when about 20 members were present. Touches in several methods were rung before the service, at which the Vicar of Romford delivered a short and appropriate address. The service was followed by tea and business meeting, held in the Parish Hall, by the kindness of the Vicar. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) was in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Romford, and the general secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre). Mr. H. Cantor, of Clapton, was elected a non-resident ringing member, and the election of Mr. W. Billenness, prior to a peal at Romford, was confirmed.

A letter received from Mr. Black, the Master of the Division, who was unavoidably absent, was read. He regretted his inability to be present, and added that as he felt he could no longer afford the time to look after the interests of the division as a Master ought, he begged the members to elect someone else in his place.—With much regret the members accepted Mr. Black's resignation, and wished heartily to thank him for his valuable services rendered in the past.—Mr. E. J. Butler, of Chadwell Heath, was unanimously elected to fill the office of Master for the year 1914, and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Rumens) again accepted the invitation to resume the duties for another year.

Wanstead was selected as the place for the next meeting, which will take place early in the New Year.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service, and use of the Parish Hall for the tea and meeting.—Afterwards the ringers again ascended the tower, and some excellent ringing was indulged in to a late hour

A LIVELY MEETING AT HARLOW.

A meeting of the North-Western district of the Essex Association was held at St. Mary's, Harlow, on Saturday week, 29 members being present from Harlow St. Mary's, Harlow Common, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford, Great Totham, Boreham, Romford, Ilford and Hull. The Rev. J. B. Andrewes kindly provided tea at the Parish Institute, and the business meeting followed. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Pitstow, district master, who was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Andrewes), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association), and Mr. W. Watts (district secretary). Bishop's Stortford was proposed for the next annual meeting.

A long discussion arose upon the minutes of the previous meeting, held at Saffron Walden on April 19th, with regard to a bye-meeting which it had been decided to hold at Elmdon. It had been resolved that a brake should be engaged at Stansted to meet the ringers from Walden at Wembdon. The Master (Mr. C. H. Howard) and the General Secretary were both present at this meeting, and supported the proposal, but, it was explained, when the district secretary informed the general secretary of the meeting having been arranged, the latter replied that he should have to refuse grants in aid of the brake this year, as the printers' bill was exceptionally heavy, and he did not want the Association to be landed in a deficiency.

The members failed to see where the secretary and master had power to rescind what had been passed at a district meeting, and freely voiced their opinions.—Mr. W. Prior spoke in favour of the bye-meeting being held at Elmdon to encourage the young members to join the Association.—The Rev. J. B. Andrewes proposed, and Mr. J. F. Penning seconded, a motion that this bye-meeting should be postponed till next year.—Mr. F. Pitstow, junr., however, moved, and Mr. W. Prior seconded, an amendment that the bye-meeting should be held this year, and that a brake should be provided from the funds of the Association.—The amendment was carried by seven votes to two.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for kindly providing tea.—The Vicar returned thanks, and said he was always pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Harlow.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: London and Superlative Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

OFFICIALS' POWERS QUESTIONED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A good deal has been said at different district meetings of the Essex Association about missionary work in the villages, and, according to the views held by the master, this is one of the chief objects of the Association. At the district meeting, held at Saffron Walden, in April, a resolution was carried that a bye-meeting should be held at Elmdon, and that a brake should be provided for the conveyance of those wishing to attend, the master and general secretary speaking in favour of this proposal. Notice of this meeting was sent to the ringers of Elmdon, and Mr. Wilkes (an hon. member) was also communicated with, and intimated that he would be pleased to entertain the visitors. When everything was arranged, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre wrote to the district secretary to say that the brake could not be provided on account of great expenses incurred in printing, etc. At the meeting at Harlow on Saturday week, Mr. Eyre was asked to explain the matter, and he said that after he got Mr. Watts' letter he saw the Master and the two auditors, and they came to the conclusion that the Association could not afford it, the funds not being in a very flourishing condition. This caused a great deal of argument, members wanting to know why two or three persons should be in a position to veto a resolution carried at a meeting of nearly 40 members, a good many of these being prominent ringers of the Association. The question, and one which should be settled at the next annual meeting, is how and when did these persons have this power? If they have it, what use are the district meetings (which entail considerable expense to the members attending and which are supposed to manage the business of the division) if the work is liable to be undone by others belonging to other parts of the county?

A BOB MEMBER.

SCHEMES THAT WENT "AGLEY."

DISAPPOINTMENTS FOR IPSWICH MEN.

As "Robbie" Burns said, "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley," and this the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, found very true, to their cost, on the occasion of their annual outing, which took place on Saturday. It had been arranged to visit Cambridge and attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's Church, but on Friday the secretary received a telegram from Canon Abbott to say ringing was impossible owing to illness near the church. This upset things rather, and the telegraph was put into operation to see if any other twelve-bell tower could be obtained, and eventually permission was secured, through Mr. Denison Hayward, for a peal attempt at Yarmouth. So at the last moment plans were changed, and Yarmouth was decided upon. The party numbered 17, and when they left Ipswich shortly before 9 a.m. the weather looked very unpromising for a seaside trip, but before the destination was reached the rain had cleared off, and it remained fine for the rest of the day. Arrived at Yarmouth, the party at once made for the church, where Mr. D. Hayward was waiting, and the visitors were informed that the peal attempt could be made at 2.30. This provided two or three hours in which to have a look round, and enjoy some of the many attractions for which Yarmouth is famous. The party met again at 1 p.m. for dinner, which was "well and truly" disposed of. Afterwards they adjourned to the church, but again disappointment was in store, for as they were stripping preparatory to the peal, a message came to say they were not to start till after 3 o'clock owing to a funeral at that hour. This knocked all thoughts of a peal on the head, for the return train left at 7.0 p.m., and to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques and catch a train in 3¾ hours is bordering on the impossible. The visitors, therefore, contented themselves with two short touches. After this they went to Gorleston-on-Sea by the river steamer, and had a stroll round this pretty seaside village, and eventually, after a walk of—some said it might be twenty miles, but perhaps it wasn't more than two or three—came to the church where there is a nice peal of six. Permission to ring having been obtained, several touches were brought round by those who had not previously rung there. Yarmouth was reached again in time for tea, which, with appetites increased by the sea air, was much enjoyed. The party left Yarmouth by the last train, and Ipswich was reached at 8.50 p.m., after what turned out to be a very enjoyable day, which, if not memorable for the ringing accomplished, and towers rung at, as some "Tower" outings have been, will at least be remembered by its worst feature—its disappointments.

C.J.S.

MORE WONDERFUL TAPPING.

MR. J. SEGAR'S LATEST PERFORMANCE.

Mr. J. Segar, junr., of East Retford, Notts, has just completed another wonderful tapping performance. In the presence of competent witnesses, he has successfully tapped seven 720's in Surprise methods, and the achievement, of course, constitutes another record of a remarkable nature. Mr. H. Haigh, hon. sec. of the North Notts Association, who was one of the umpires, writes as follows concerning the peal:—

On September 3rd, I had the pleasure, along with Messrs. C. F. Fowler, H. Stenton, and S. Smith, of South Anston, of witnessing a very brilliant performance of handbell tapping by Mr. J. Segar, junr. Commencing at 6.42 p.m., the seven Surprise Minor methods (Munden, Morpeth, Newcastle, Chester, Whitley, Northumberland and Carlisle) were tapped by Mr. Segar in 1 hr. 59 mins., the last 720 being brought round at 8.41 p.m. The lead ends of each 720 were pricked out, and the bobs marked, each of which Mr. Segar called. These were checked, as the ringing proceeded, by myself and Mr. Fowler. I watched particularly the working of the tenor and treble in each method; and the course ends ran up in just under three minutes.

As a further proof of genuineness, a gentleman, who came into the belfry immediately the performance was finished, questioned Mr Segar's ability to remember the whole of the course ends, and the calling of each 720, but he went away satisfied that the peal was a genuine performance, for Mr. Segar volunteered to recite or transpose row by row any of the 720's the visitor chose. After a recital, change by change of a number of these in Carlisle Surprise, "stand" was called, at the request of all present, and all went home with the knowledge and satisfaction that the 5040 was a most unique performance.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—NEWCASTLE.

By J. R. Jerram.

At the present time St. Nicholas' Cathedral possesses a magnificent modern peal of ten bells, with a tenor of 37½ cwt.; besides the great bell, known as the "Major," weighing 5 tons 18 cwt. All were cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, in 1892, and bear the following inscriptions:



Newcastle Cathedral.

Treble.

O COME LET US SING UNTO THE LORD.

Second.

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.

Third.

O, ALL YE WORKS OF THE LORD, BLESS YE THE LORD.

Fourth.

BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Fifth.

O, BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD, ALL YE LANDS.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Sixth.

MY SOUL DOTH MAGNIFY THE LORD.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Seventh.

O SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG.

Eighth.

LORD NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE.

Ninth.

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US.—I MARK THE PASSING HOURS.

Tenor.

THIS PEAL OF TEN BELLS IS THE JOINT GIFT OF THE CORPORATION OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND JOHN HALL ESQ. J.P. OF THE SAME CITY; Wm. SUTTON ESQ. MAYOR; BEN. J. SUTHERLAND, ESQ. SHERIFF; A. T. LLOYD, D.D. VICAR; A. J. ROBINSON, H. THOMPSON, T. BLENKINSOP, AND A. H. DICKENSON, WARDENS, 1892.

The Major.

PURCHASED FOR THE CLOCK TO STRIKE UPON AGREEABLY TO THE WILL OF GEO: ANDERSON, ESQ. 1833. ORIGINALLY CAST AT THE FOUNDRY OF SIR R. S. HAWKS AND Co BY JAMES HARRISON OF BARTON-ON-HUMBER, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1833. RECAST IN THE YEAR 1891 AT THE EXPENSE OF ALDERMAN T. G. GIBSON, ESQ. J.P., OF THIS CITY, BY J. TAYLOR & Co OF LOUGHBOROUGH. "TIME FLIES."

▽ [Arms of Major Anderson on the waist,—Or, a chevron gules, charged with three acorns, between three hawk's heads erased.]

The clock chimes the Cambridge quarters on the fourth, fifth, sixth, and ninth, and strikes the hour on the Major.

As regards the old bells, the original peal seems to have been five in number. The tenor was originally cast in 1593, and was cracked and recast at Colchester in 1615, and again in 1622. In 1754 she again became cracked, and was recast in London by Lester and Pack, but proving faulty was again recast, and was rung for the first time on New Year's Day, 1755; the weight was then a little over 30 cwt.; she was usually known in those days as the "Common Bell." The peal was augmented to six in 1658, and to eight in 1717. Before being recast in 1892 the bells bore the following inscriptions:

Treble.

Ralph Reed, Esqr., Mayor, Francis Iohson Sherif, R. Phelps, Londini Fecit, 1717.

Second.

[The same as on the treble.]

Third.

+ WHEN · THIS · TOWRE · Œ · COVRT · TO · THIS · HEIGHT · YOW [end of first line] [below is] SEE · IT · WAS · BVILT · WHEN ⊱ 1658 ⁜ I ⁜ H ⁜ [on the waist is the Newcastle arms,—Gules, 3 castles, or, with 2 sea horses as supporters.]

Many conjectures have been made as to the meaning of this inscription; but no satisfactory explanation has as yet been arrived at. The lettering is perfectly clear, and there is no difficulty in deciphering it. Probably the "Œ" between "towre" and "covrt" is used for "&."

Fourth.

+ Dulcis O Sisto O Melis O Campana O Vocor O Michaelis ▽▽▽▽ [on the crown].

The stops between the words are medallions representing two birds sitting on a tree, and round the border "William ffounder me fecit." The mark of William Dawe, founder. The shields on the crown bear a chevron between three lave-pots.

Fifth.

Thomas Mears late Lester Pack & Chapman of London Fecit, 1791.

Sixth.

+ O mater dia mc × sana + virgo + maria. [] [] []

[Figures:—The Virgin Mary and Holy Child.—A lily in a vase.—A nun.]

Seventh.

+ Sum s Nicholaius s Dvans + Cunctis + Modulamina × Promans.† [Ornaments between words, a floriated letter ess,—a quatrefoil surmounted by a cross,—a plain cross,—a Latin cross intersecting a St. Andrew's cross.]

Tenor.

‡‡ CUTHBERT SMITHESON, ESQR., MAYOR, WILLIAM ROWELL, ESQR., SHERIFF, 1754. THOS. LESTER & THOS. PACK FECIT.

The old *Major* was inscribed CAST AT THE FOUNDRY OF SIR ROBERT SHAFTO HAWKS & CO., GATESHEAD, BY JAMES HARRISON OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, NOVR. 23, 1833. [Arms of Anderson as on present bell.] PURCHASED FOR THE CLOCK TO STRIKE UPON AGREEABLY TO THE WILL OF GEORGE ANDERSON ESQUIRE, 1833.

The old bell was a very poor one, though a great deal of fuss was made when it was cast; and James Harrison, the founder, was drawn round the town inside the bell, which was inverted for the purpose, before it was hoisted to its place in the steeple. When the present peal was put up, the three old "black-letter" bells (4th, 6th and 7th), were hung in the upper part of the steeple.

The old third was purchased by a local antiquarian, and now hangs at Langley Castle. If any of your readers could suggest a possible interpretation of the inscription, which is perfectly legible, it would be of great interest to many antiquarians.

The translation of the three Latin inscriptions is as follows: (fourth) "I am of sweet sound, and am called Michael's bell;—(sixth) "O Virgin Mary, divine mother, save me";—(seventh) "I am Nicholas rejoicing, sending forth melody for all."

ODD CHANGES.

When the first peal is rung on the new ring of ten at Surfleet we understand the method will be something of a novelty. The Rev. H. Law James is nothing if not original, and his originality will probably show itself in this case. We must wait and see.

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The Sutton Coldfield ringers have lost a good friend by the death of the Rector's wife. Since Canon and Mrs. Barnard have been at Sutton Coldfield they have frequently entertained the ringers, and Mrs. Barnard has said it was "a real pleasure to her to have the ringers at the Rectory, for she dearly loved the bells." Formerly Canon and Mrs. Barnard were at King's Norton, and parishioners from that town united with those of Sutton Coldfield in their expressions of regret at the sad bereavement which has overtaken the Rector. On the occasion of the funeral a muffled peal of Stedman was rung by the Sunday service ringers.

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A prominent Surrey ringer, Mr. F. Holder, of Carshalton, has suffered a severe bereavement by the death of his wife, and on Monday week, the day on which the deceased was interred, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church with the bells half muffled, by members of the Carshalton and Beddington towers, of both of which Mr. Holder is a member. The quarter-peal was from Holt's Original, and was brought round in 50 minutes by: W. Buck 1, H. Daniels 2, A. Boxall 3, G. W. Heather 4, A. J. Perkins 5, J. Wignell 6, A. Clayton (conductor) 7, A. Brindle 8.

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. T. Wright, leader of the ringers of St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, who passed away early on Sunday morning after a fortnight's illness. The deceased is a well-known member of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the news of his death will be received with grief by his fellow members.

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The opening of the new ring of twelve bells at Chelmsford Cathedral will take place, as announced, on Saturday, September 27th. Mr. H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford, will be glad to hear from all those members who are likely to stay the night in Chelmsford, so that ringing may be arranged both for Saturday night and Sunday. Towers open: Chelmsford (12) Boreham (8), Galleywood (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Great Waltham (8).

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With many people the practical side of ringing, what, indeed, is really rope sight, is quite a gift. At Harlestone, Northants, last Saturday, Joseph C. Deene rang his first peal with a bob bell. It was a peal in three Minor methods, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Yet Mr. Deene had never rung 120 in either of these before starting for the peal. It is wonderful how some people "tumble" to a method directly they pull off in it.

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Congratulations to the Warwickshire Guild upon its first peal of Cinques. This was scored at Wolverhampton last Saturday, and was, we hear, a splendidly-struck one from start to finish. We can imagine how the breast of the worthy Ringing Master swelled with pride upon the achievement. Mr. James George never does things by halves, and having rung the tenor well, he entertained the band well at the conclusion of the peal.

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With reference to the footnote to peal of Caters at Hillingdon recorded in our last issue, we are asked to state that it was not the first rung by W. Lawrence. He took part in peals of Caters more than twenty-four years ago with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. J. W. Washbrook and G. H. Phillott, etc., and recorded in the Oxford Diocesan Guild peal book. His first peal (No. 241) was rung at Abingdon, Berks, on June 14th, 1889.

LEWES RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday week the members of the Southover, Lewes, Guild, together with a few friends, were entertained by Mr. J. T. Rickman, one of the vice-presidents, and a most enthusiastic member of the Sussex Association. Ringing took place at the Parish Church in the afternoon, and tea followed at the King's Head. Subsequently, Mr. J. R. Lusted (churchwarden and vice-president of the Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Rickman, and this was heartily carried. The belfry was again visited, and touches in various methods brought round. Returning to headquarters, the company spent the remainder of the evening in harmony, those present including Messrs. J. T. Rickman, J. R. Lusted, K. Hart and A. D. Stone (Brighton), J. Fiest and E. Bish (Ditchling), R. J. Dawe (Seaford), A. J. Turner, F. Sturt, W. Pelling, D. Turner, J. Ward, G. Richardson, G. Moppett, etc.

On the preceding Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of the christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sturt, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: R. Hide 1, E. J. Pannett 2, F. S. Sturt 3, W. Pelling 4, G. H. Sturt 5, J. T. Rickman 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, D. Turner 8.



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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MEETING AT WORKSOP.

The September meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday at Worksop, the bells of the Priory Church, a musical ring of eight, with a 12 cwt. tenor, being, through the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy, M.A.) at the disposal of the members throughout the afternoon and evening. The opening touch of Stedman Triples was splendidly rung, so well, in fact, that it somewhat distracted the attention of those, the writer included, who were quietly admiring the ancient ruins of a portion of the old Priory. With the exception of a half-hour's service from 6.30 to 7, during which a majority sought out the various tea rooms, the bells were fully employed, touches, of necessity only brief, being the order of the presiding genius. They included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and some Minor, including Plain Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Cambridge Surprise.

Without actually counting the number present, the estimate was put at 50, this being probably rather under than over the actual attendance, which was made up by members from the following towers: Anston, Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Eastwood (Rotherham), Eckington, Gainsboro', Misterton, Norton, Ranmoor, Rotherham Parish Church, Sheffield Parish Church and Staveley. The bells were lowered at nine o'clock, and a brief business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. H. Haigh presiding.—The usual votes of thanks were put and carried with something more than mere mechanical obedience, and Mr. Haigh, in responding, mentioned the pleasure it gave the Worksop company to have such a large gathering at their particular meeting.

The handbells were pressed into service with some courses of change ringing, while tunes were rendered by Messrs. Burgar and Evinson, whose performance received the warm approbation of a large audience. Needless to say, the artists did not manipulate, four-in-hand, the larger bells, an octave of which would not be out of place—in regard to size—as milking pails.—The meeting proved a most enjoyable one.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Erlestoke, on Saturday, and the afternoon being fine, a good number of ringers assembled at this most picturesque old-world village. The bells of St. Saviour's Church were raised just after three o'clock, and Bob Singles and Grandsire Doubles were freely indulged in until tea was served at the George and Dragon Inn, where, through the kind liberality of Mr. G. Watson-Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, a capital spread was provided, to which 27 ringers sat down.

The Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. branch secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West. Amongst the company were the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), Mr. G. Watson-Taylor (churchwarden of Erlestoke), the Rev. E. C. Alexander (Vicar of Edington), and the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston, Notts), together with ringing members from Great Cheverell, Potterne, Edington, Erlestoke, Devizes, Swindon, Southbroom, Poulshot, Market Lavington and Beechingstoke. The business part of the meeting was soon got over, a hearty vote of thanks being accorded to Mr. G. Watson-Taylor for his kindness.—The Churchwarden responded, and invited the members to walk through his park. Another vote of thanks to the three Vicars of Erlestoke, Edington and Bratton respectively for the use of the bells was passed, and responded to by the Rev. E. C. Alexander.

The company dispersed, some going on to Edington Church, where the heavy ring of bells were put in motion, and a good touch of Grandsire Doubles rung. Others returned to the Erlestoke tower for more ringing, and also a good practice on the handbells; whilst others were very kindly conducted by Mr. Watson-Taylor through his beautiful park, gardens, and mansion, where they were shown lovely plants and flowers, pictures, curiosities, etc., and enjoyed their visit of inspection very much. The meeting was most successful and enjoyable.

CAVERSHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham, held their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited London. From Paddington they journeyed by train to the famous tower of Fulham, where permission had been given to ring for a short time. The visitors were kindly met by Mr. J. W. Driver, and the bells were soon set going to Stedman Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich, and, last, but not least, the "despised" method of Mr. J. W. Washbrook. The "go" and tone of the bells were greatly admired. Service stopped the ringing, which was all too short. The party then adjourned to tea, at which two or three of the local company joined them. Afterwards the visitors dispersed—some to meet friends, others making for the city. The Hippodrome was invaded later, and a capital programme was enjoyed, after which the homeward journey was commenced, Reading being safely reached at 1 a.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed himself. The St. Peter's Society, through the medium of "The Ringing World," wish to thank all those who contributed towards making their outing a success.

MEETING THE IRISH.

A LIVERPOOL GATHERING.

On Saturday during the wee sma' hours of the mornin', I was wandering round the stacks of buildings in Manchester endeavouring to discover the redoubtable Mr. Harry Chapman. Having only just arrived in the city from Scotland accounts somewhat for the chip of the language that was left within me. After much searching and many disappointments, I at last perceived him in the distance approaching; a figure much in evidence in Manchester. Shaking my hand heartily and according a greeting, I was asked for my programme in the afternoon, I replied that nothing was booked except to follow the crowd to a contest in the shape of a football match and shout my hardest, to which he retorted that he had a better scheme than that. "What say you," says he, "to train over to Liverpool to meet our Irish friends from St. Patrick's, Dublin, who are coming over to ring at St. Nicholas', Liverpool?" I readily acquiesced and felt pleased with the prospects of visiting the dear old city and renewing acquaintances with the Irish party. After satisfying the noonday cravings of the inner self, we adjourned to the kitchen garden, and adorned ourselves with a buttonhole from the profusion of bloom on the potato plants. We eventually arrived in Liverpool to time, although our watches were not to be relied on, owing to them not having been wound up the night before. However, with bloom on our cheeks and flowers in our coats, we made our way into the busy thoroughfares of the city, and startled the natives with our freshness and elaborate buttonholes, especially the younger element, who frequently shouted, "Gi'us your flowers, mister." A crowd gathered around us until some old wag, with a rasping voice, shouted: "Get out of it, why they are only tatie tops." Without further molestation we hastened to seek out the object of our visit, and finally reached the Church of St. Nicholas, where we found the notable Mr. W. Davis, in the midst of some strenuous duties, preparing for the members of the Irish Association. We had not long to wait before the arrival of the visitors, the estimable Mr. Gabriel Lindoff heading the party of about 14, who included Mr. Murray, Mr. Thos. Grant, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hutchison, and others. The party was increased by Mr. Fisher (a Liverpool veteran), Mr. H. Chapman, and Mr. W. C. Hunt. Mr. Lindoff soon set us off into Grandsire Cinques, the touch being brought round. Our conductor then treated us to a beautiful touch of 462 Erin Cinques, following which came some Erin Caters, when the ringing had to cease in order to allow the visitors to catch the 8 p.m. boat. Those who have not heard Erin Cinques have a treat in store, and I should like to add that the band from Dublin should be complimented in mastering complete touches at the very first attempt on twelve strange bells. When the ringing finished, the company wended their way to the landing stage to seek their berths on board the Dublin boat, which shortly after left its moorings, and steamed into the stillness of night. H.

DUDLEY GUILD MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the charming village of Wombourne, Staffordshire, on Saturday week. The beautiful peal of eight were at the disposal of the members from 3.30, the usual Guild service being held in the Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. P. Nicholas). The Rev. S. G. Craig kindly officiated at the organ. At the meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, and members were present from Bilston, Blakenhall, Coseley, Dudley, Old Hill, Sedgley, Tipton, West Bromwich, Willenhall, and the local band.—The Chairman presented to the Coseley band the president's prize for the best average attendances for ringing for Sunday services during the year 1912. The gift took the form of a volume entitled "The Antiquary's Book," by the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Blakenhall, the date being left to the secretary to arrange.—Several new members were added to the roll.—The Secretary thanked the members for their kind expression of sympathy sent to him at the annual meeting in his long and trying illness.—At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for taking the service in church, for the use of the bells and the church institute in which to hold the meeting; to the Rev. S. G. Craig for presiding at the organ, and to their old friend, Mr. R. Cartwright, for making the necessary arrangements, which were most satisfactory.—The Vicar, in returning thanks, said what a pleasure it was to meet the members of the Guild, and at the same time gave the members a hearty invitation to hold the June meeting again at Wombourne, and to be his guests.—The offer was unanimously accepted.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Walters 1, S. Green 2, F. S. Wilson (Tewkesbury) 3, F. Phillips 4, W. Martin (Nuneaton) 5, C. Goodenough 6, A. R. McDonald (conductor) 7, C. Forfitt 8.

NUNEATON.—Warwickshire Guild.—On July 24th, at the Parish Church, 416 Double Norwich: T. W. Chapman 1, R. Pollard 2, E. Stone 3, H. Stoneley 4, T. Dickens 5, J. F. Clarke 6, J. F. Clarke, senr., 7, H. Argyle 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, H. Reader ringing treble. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Canon Blythe, Rector of Stoke Coventry, an hon. member of the Guild, who was interred the previous Tuesday.

TWO PEALS OF ERIN TRIPLES.

By J. SEGAR.

5040 in 5 parts.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
B	4	5	2	6	3	1	
A	2	5	3	1	6	4	
B	1	6	5	4	3	2	
C	6	3	5	1	2	4	
A	5	3	2	4	1	6	
C	3	1	2	5	6	4	
A	2	1	6	4	5	3	
A	6	1	5	3	4	2	
A	5	1	4	2	3	6	

In first part only after

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	5	6	1	4	2	3	— —
4A	3	6	5	2	1	4	
	2	1	6	4	3	5	s — — — —

Omit single in next course.

KEY TO BOTH PEALS.

	1	3	4	5	6
A	s	—	—	—	—
	s	—	—		
B	s	—	—	—	—
	s	—	—		
		—	—		
C	s	—	—	—	—
		—	—	—	—
	s	—	—		

5040 in 3 Parts.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
C	2	5	3	1	6	4	
A	3	5	6	4	1	2	
A	6	5	1	2	4	3	
A	1	5	4	3	2	6	
B	3	2	5	6	4	1	
C	2	4	5	3	1	6	
A	5	4	1	6	3	2	
C	4	3	1	5	2	6	
A	1	3	2	6	5	4	
A	2	3	5	4	6	1	
A	5	3	6	1	4	2	
B	1	4	3	2	6	5	
A	3	4	6	5	2	1	
B	5	2	4	1	6	3	
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	4	1	3	6	5	2	— — — —
	6	2	1	5	4	3	— — — —
	3	1	2	5	6	4	s — —

Omit last four courses and at 1 in next course, in 2nd an 3rd parts.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal you republish for Mr. Sam Thomas is one of the best, and it tempts me to send you another containing the same qualities, but in two equal parts; and as the figures of composition can be brought up by two sets of calling, I give them both.

5120					5376			
M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
	—		2	52364		—		2
		1	1	36524			1	1
1	—			62534			2	
	—			23645		—		
1	—			34625	1	—		
1	—		2	26435	1	—		2
1	—		1	46325			2	1
		2	1	36245			2	1
		1	2	32465	1	—	2	2

Repeated. Repeated.

The following is another with the same course-end music in the least number of changes for a peal in two equal parts in this method:—

5056				
23456	M	B	W	H
52364		—		2
36524			1	1
62534	1			
36245		—		2
24365			1	1
34625	1	—		1
26435	1	—		2
63425	1	—		
32465	1	—		

Repeated.

HY. DAINS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A good meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, about 30 members from the following towers putting in an appearance: Ambleside, Brathay, Barrow, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Hawkshead and Silverdale, and a good number of the local band. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the meeting was held in the Schoolroom, the Rev. J. G. Leonard (Vicar of Dalton) being in the chair.—Silverdale was chosen for the next ringing meeting in December, and Barrow for the half-yearly meeting in March.—Tea was afterwards provided in the Schoolroom, the visitors being entertained by the local band.—The Rev. A. Partridge (Vicar of Kirkby-in-Furness) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dalton ringers for their kindness, to the ladies for their attention, and also to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells.

The ringers then returned to the tower. During the day, touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung, the visitors expressing themselves well satisfied with the "go" of the bells, which are a new peal of eight (tenor 21 cwt.), by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London.

DEATH OF MR. W. NAPPER.

MEMBER OF A WELL-KNOWN HAGBOURNE RINGING FAMILY.

After a long illness, patiently borne, there has passed to his rest at Didcot, Mr. William Napper, who was for many years an active member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hagbourne tower. Following the dual calling of farmer and farrier, Mr. Napper lived at Ladygrove Farm, Didcot, and served the parish in the offices of parish councillor, school manager and rector's churchwarden.

His connection with ringing, as indicated above, was at the neighbouring tower of Hagbourne, where, from 1885, when the band took up change ringing, he was the conductor. At this time the company were nearly all by name Napper. They rang only call changes, but struck their bells like clockwork. At one of their meetings, however, they decided to go in for method ringing, and with the help of Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, who kindly gave them a few lessons, they soon mastered Grandsire, and rang several peals of Triples, which the deceased conducted. Mr. Napper rang altogether about 50 peals, several of them being with the late Master (the Rev. F. E. Robinson), and Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

In his prime he was a man of powerful build, but a few years ago was smitten down with a paralytic stroke, from which he never recovered. Subsequent seizures reduced his strong frame to helplessness, and he passed away at the age of 64, mourned by a large circle of friends. On the occasion of the funeral, when the coffin was carried to the church by eight of the deceased's nephews, the Hagbourne band—which still includes many Nappers—rang a long touch of Grandsire with the bells half-muffled.

THE RINGING TOURS.

The tour in Devon and Cornwall is progressing very satisfactorily. At the moment of going to Press we hear that the following successes have been met with:—

Saturday: Stedman Caters, at Plymouth.

Sunday: Superlative Surprise, at St. German's.

Monday: Cambridge Surprise, at Liskeard, and Bristol Surprise, at Fowey.

Tuesday: London Surprise, at St. Kea.

A peal was to have been attempted at Kenwyn on Tuesday afternoon, but had to be abandoned owing to illness near the church.

The Cambridge University Guild's tour in Cheshire and North Wales was taken part in last week by 14 members. The whole of the ringing was not devoted to peals, but three were scored during the week: Stedman Caters, at Wrexham; Stedman Triples, at Bebington, and Cambridge Surprise at Frodsham. Unfortunately the report of the proceedings reached us too late for insertion this week.

RINGERS MARRIED.

It is not often that two members of one ringing company—and one of them a lady—are married within a week. Yet this is what happened recently at the little village of Shipley, Sussex. The first wedding was that of Mr. F. Denman, who is a member of the Shipley band, to Miss M. Barnett, and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung in celebration of the event, Messrs. T. Adams, J. Bowell, W. Denman, junr., G. Lucas, W. Pierce, L. Turrell and H. Turrell taking part.

A few days later, Miss D. Mitchell, a lady ringer, was married to Mr. H. Cuss and again 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob was rung, W. Denman, senr., taking part, in addition to the ringers mentioned above.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On July 19th, at St. James' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. C. Edwards 1, C. A. Valentine 2, C. W. Clarke 3, A. J. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Giles' Church, 720 London Surprise: H. C. Edwards 1, C. A. Valentine 2, E. Yates 3, A. J. Green 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

CALVERTON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, July 20th, at All Saints' Church, 720 York Surprise: A. J. Green 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, C. A. Valentine 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, July 20th, at Holy Trinity, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. A. Valentine 1, T. C. Tompkins 2, H. J. Tucker 3, W. W. Bonham 4, E. Yates 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6. The above four touches were arranged for C. W. Clarke, of Bedford.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 3; business meeting at 6.30. Election of Branch President and Secretary will take place at this meeting. All nominations for same to be sent in as early as possible to the Secretary, Joseph Ogden.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, to be followed by a general business meeting for the election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eling on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 5 o'clock; meeting at 7 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45 p.m.; members 6d., non-members, 8d. All ringing friends welcome. Several subscriptions for 1913 are not yet to hand, and I should be glad to receive same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Olney, on Saturday, September 13th next. Service at 3 p m.—Thos. Best, Bletchley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 16th and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; allso at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Hon. Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30; tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting. Will those who intend to partake of tea let me know not later than Tuesday, September 16th?—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church of St. Stephen at 4.30; business meeting, and tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting. Will all those intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, September 17th?—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4. when an address to ringers will be given by the Rev.—Thomas. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each) in the National Schools. Will those who intend being present for tea notify Mr H. F. Clulow, Westgate, Southwell, by Thursday, September 18th? An excursion train will leave Nottingham, M.R., at 1.55.—W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints', Sheffield, on Saturday, September 20th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on September 20th at St. Anne's, Highgate. Bells available at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Hon. Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Broughton on September 20th. Bells available from 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available at 4 p.m., meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Mayfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each, to members. Those intending to be present must inform me by Wednesday, Sept. 17th.—George H. Howse, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, September 20th, and Castle Ashby on Saturday, September 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913. Bells of the Parish Church, 8, tenor 18 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Dinner and tea by the kind invitation of the St. Alkelda's Guild. Those intending to be at this meeting *must* notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 1913, first post, or they cannot be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on September 27th (the fourth Saturday). For full particulars see circular. — Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

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SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On July 29th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): S. J. Wiles 1, T. H. Parkin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, C. H. Bird 4, R. Oliver 5, H. Strickland 6, G. Vamplew 7, J. Cuthbert 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sheldon. —On July 13th, for evening service, as a welcome to Mr. N. Short, late of Scunthorpe, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Wiles 1, N. Short 2, W. A. Miller 3, T. H. Parkin 4, T. P. Hocknell 5, C. H. Bird 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On July 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Freestone 1, G. Margetson 2, A. Chaplin 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, E. Hawkins 6.

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Yours faithfully, F T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT.

The question of the powers of officials discussed at the North-West District meeting of the Essex Association, and raised by a correspondent in our columns last week, has caused quite a stir among the members, and has called forth two pertinent replies, which will be found elsewhere in this issue, one being from Canon Papillon, who had a large share in the steps taken to divide the county. Briefly the facts are that at a meeting of the district, held some months ago, it was decided to pay a special visit to Elmdon, the expense of a conveyance from Stansted to be provided by the Association. The honorary secretary was present at the meeting, and, apparently, at that time, raised no obstacle to the proposal, but later, when the meeting had been arranged, vetoed, in conjunction with the Master and auditors, the expenditure from county funds. Then, when the district met again at Harlow, there was, we understand, some plain speaking upon the action of the officials, and the members, by a resolution, insisted upon carrying out the Elmdom meeting and the provision of the brake from the funds of the Association.

Undoubtedly the action of the North-West District raises an important question of principle, which the members of the Association will have to settle at their annual meeting. At the moment we think Canon Papillon's letter puts the position very simply and very clearly. It may be a little irritating to find a decision set aside, and there may be a case to argue under Rule VI, which is the one upon which the Honorary Secretary of the Association acted, and which states that the duties of the District Secretary include the arranging of district meetings under the supervision of the Honorary Secretary of the Association, and with the assistance of the District Master. It is, perhaps, open to question whether this rule goes so far as to bring the action of a district meeting within the veto of the Association secretary, and if the matter is not clear, the intention of the rule should, as Canon Papillon points out, be made absolutely plain at the first opportunity.

Meanwhile it will be interesting to see what happens. The North-West District have decided to hold the meeting in face of the decision of the county officials that the expense of the conveyance cannot be borne out of the county funds. Who then is going to pay? It is not the question of the comparatively small amount that matters, but the more important one as to the powers of the Association's officers. One can sympathise with the members of the North-West District in desiring to assert what they consider to be their rights, but probably they would, under all circumstances, have been wise had they postponed the charter of a brake until they had vindicated their position at the annual meeting.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in F.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Treble*	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	6
JOHN W. WOOD	2	GEORGE LADD	7
FRED W. STOKES	3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	8
JOHN W. LAKE	4	ALBERT H. WARD	9
ARTHUR I. HOLMES	5	R. HUGH RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

RICHARD KEEN	*Treble*	NOBLE SPINDLOW	5
ALBERT BROOKS	2	JOHN MONK	6
HERBERT HOLLIS	3	JESSE BROOKS	7
JOSEPH LARDNER...	4	GEORGE BROOKS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH HALL	5
RICHARD A. HICKTON ...	2	JOHN FLOWER	6
RICHARD HICKTON	3	WALTER AYRE	7
JOHN OLDHAM	4	JOSEPH BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. B. Charlesworth, Vicar of the above Church, and also to celebrate the wedding of Miss Potter, daughter of the Rev. J. Potter.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERGA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	*Treble*	LEWIS WIFFEN...	5
*ARTHUR JAMES	2	FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND	6
GEORGE PRESTON	3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	4	ALFRED OSMAN... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in this tower and the first peal of Triples on these bells since their restoration.

HASTINGS.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ...	*Treble*	HARRY D. HOLLICK... ...	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ...	2	ERNEST GOWER...	6
JOSEPH F. CHATLEY	3	KEITH HART	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	EDWARD WHITBREAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Messrs. Whitbread, Chatley and Hollick, for whom the peal was arranged, hail from St. Albans, and were elected members previous to starting. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. Livermore for their kind hospitality after the peal.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

*DAVID S. PEACOCK ...	...*Treble*	FRANK MORGAN	5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN ...	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
A. VICTOR MORGAN ...	3	FREDERICK VILES	7
HARRY O. WHITE	4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal and first attempt. D. S. Peacock belongs to Swansea and H. O. White to Rugby, and both were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN MOY	...*Treble*	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	5
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	7
ALBERT ROUGHT	4	WILLIAM STEELE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

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

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

THOMAS BOOKER	...*Treble*	ALBERT BATES	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	2	*STANLEY MASON	6
REUBEN BALDWIN	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	WILLIAM WEST... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Groombridge, wife of the conductor.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY H. CUNNINGHAM...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. JOWETT... ...	5
PERCY J. JOHNSON	2	FRANK R. CUNDALE ...	6
JAMES R. KEMP	3	JOHN R. MOGER	7
GEORGE W. SLACK	4	ROBERT SQUIRES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

First peal by the treble ringer, who is 15 years of age, and to whom great credit is due for the manner in which he handled his bell.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

*P. MARCHANT	...*Treble*	A. CAUSLEY	5
†F. TESTER	2	J. A. HART	6
G. ADES	3	H. STALHAM	7
A. J. PIERPOINT	4	F. J. CHARMAN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. A. HART.

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	2	HAROLD W. CLARK... ...	6
GEORGE H. DAYNES	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE	4	DALBY HODGSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STEELE	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	CHARLES ROOPE	6
ALFRED SMITH	3	WILLIAM ROOPE	7
EDWIN WHITING	4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. WOLAND ...	5
ALFRED HARDWICK	2	ARTHUR S. WALKER ...	6
FREDK. WM. DIXON... ...	3	JOHN B. JACKSON	7
*HARRY STOTT	4	WILLIAM B. SMITH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. RIDGWAY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to A. S. Walker on his 21st birthday.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BRIGGS	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	JOSIAH MORRIS...	6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ...	7
E. HARRY STONELEY... ...	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

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

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE	...*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
FRED W. HILL...	2	JAMES L. WRIGHT	6
*HENRY GREGORY	3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ...	7
BENJAMIN GREATOREX ...	4	*WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD W. CHEGWIDDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. SOWELL ...	5
*WILLIAM C. GREET	2	JOHN THOMAS (Edmonton)	6
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ...	3	JOHN THOMAS (Kea) ...	7
HEBER C. HARRIS	4	*CYRIL GALLEHAWK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS (Edmonton).

* First peal. John Thomas (Edmonton) was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs.

*WILLIAM JOHNSON ...	*Treble*	*FREDERICK EATON	5
ARTHUR E. MOORE	2	HENRY A. TURNER... ...	6
JAMES CHINERY	3	GEORGE DEBENHAM ...	7
*HARRY SMITH	4	HORACE FOULGER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

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

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JOHN EMERY	*Treble*	ALFRED WOODROW	5
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	2	FERRIS SHEPHERD	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ...	7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW ...	4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	*Treble*	EDGAR T. SMITH	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
THOMAS HILL	3	JESSE SCREEN	7
EDGAR MARLOW	4	*WILLIAM A. COOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Edgar T. Smith.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM LAMBERT ...	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	5
EDWARD ROBINS	2	THOMAS BETTISON	6
*CHARLES MASON	3	THOMAS RILEY	7
FRED W. BEMROSE	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method. F. W. Bemrose, who is only 15 years of age, was elected a member of the above Association before starting and this was his first attempt for a peal in any method.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt., in F sharp.

*EDWARD E. FOREMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
*EDWARD TRENDELL	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	WILLIAM SPICE...	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method and first Surprise peal on the bells.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in F sharp.

*FREDERICK S. MACEY	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*ERNEST J. DOBBIE	2	*WILLIAM SPICE	6
HAROLD BURTON	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
EDWARD TRENDELL	4	WILLIAM HEWETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

EASTCHURCH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD ...	*Treble*	GEORGE SPICE	4
*HARRY JEWIS	2	WILLIAM SPICE	5
THOMAS JULL	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal in seven methods.

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

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

JOHN W. LAKE... ...	*Treble*	*CYRIL WRIGHT	4
*ARTHUR SKINNS	2	*WILLIAM H. ALEXANDER	5
*HARRY A. WATSON	3	†ARTHUR I. HOLMES...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal for the Guild. The ringers of 3 and 4 were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR FRENCH... ...	*Treble*	GEORGE M. KILBY... ...	4
FREDERICK SEAR...	2	THOMAS LANGDON	5
*FREDERICK GRISDALE ...	3	HARRY KILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

* First peal. F. Grisdale was elected a member previous to starting.

RENDCOMB, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 Six-scores of Grandsire and 32 Six-scores of St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY LEWIS ... ... *Treble*	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 4
ANTHONY HAYWARD 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
JOHN MILLER 3	*WILLIAM J. CARTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY HAYWARD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Haywood, Mr. Haywood being a much-respected member of the local band. Messrs. A. Hayward and J. Miller were proposed members before starting.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

SYDNEY J. JESSOP ... ... *Treble*	GEORGE H. KETTLE ... 4
ROBERT GREEN 2	JOHN BRAGG 5
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 3	REV. E. V. COX ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

HARDINGSTONE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*CECIL F. REYNOLDS... ... *Treble*	JOHN T. HENSMAN 3
FRED HOPPER 2	*FREDERICK JONES 4
WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*C. HUNT ... ... *Treble*	J. BOWER 4
MARY E. CHILLINGWORTH 2	J. ABERY 5
G. PARSONS 3	G. ABERY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by J. ABERY.

* First peal.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID BREARLEY ... ... *Treble*	JOHN BREARLEY 4
GEORGE CHAPPELL 2	LEWIS WILKINSON 5
ARCHIE BREARLEY 3	GEORGE HILL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

George Chappell was elected a member before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK DEWELL... ... 1—2	HARRY A. TURNER ... 5—6
FRANK J. LEVITT ... ... 3—4	*ROBERT WILDING... ... 7—8

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by FREDERICK DEWELL.
Umpire: ALFRED ELY.

* First peal on handbells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September, 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 5, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER PERKINS ... ... 1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... 7—8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

BRIDLINGTON.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(OFFICERS' PEAL.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT "YE OLDE COCK AND LION" HOTEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JAMES COTTERELL ... ... 1—2 (Treasurer)	ABERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5—6 (Committeeman)
CLEMENT GLENN ... ... 3—4 (Secretary)	*JOSEPH BROADLEY... ... 7—8 (Steward)

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: CHARLES JACKSON (Steward).

* First handbell peal of Grandsire Triples. First handbell peal in Bridlington.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AMOS W. CLARKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SYDNEY R. ROPER... ... 1—2	WALTER S. WISE ... ... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3—4	AMOS W. CLARKE ... ... 7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.
Umpire: HENRY L. GARFATH.

Mr. T. Redmond, of Burnley, writes:—There is a mistake in the footnote to the peal of Treble Bob rung at St. Anne's-on-Sea and recorded last week. It stated that this was the first peal of Major on the bells. I conducted a peal of Treble Bob there on March 19th, 1898, a composition by Edwin Timbrell, who himself took part.

VISIT TO THE FAITHFUL CITY.

For their annual outing, the St. Michael's, Stoke-in-Coventry, Society paid a visit to Worcester. The party, numbering eleven, left Coventry at 7.30 a.m., and after a pleasant journey, enlivened by touches on the handbells, the Faithful City was reached at 9.45. It was not possible to obtain permission for a pull on the Cathedral bells, but through the kindness of Canon Whatley, a pleasant hour was spent in looking round the tower and bells. After dinner, a move was made to St. John's Church, where, on the ring of six, touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob were brought round. Later, the Church of St. Philip and St. James', Hallow, was visited, and on the fine modern ring of eight, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative were successfully accomplished. The return journey was commenced at 9 p.m., Coventry being reached just before midnight. The thanks of the band are due to the clergy of St. John's, Worcester, and Hallow, for granting the use of their bells; to Messrs. Morris and Page, of Worcester, and to all who assisted to make the outing one of the most successful yet held by the Society.

THE TOUR IN DEVON AND CORNWALL.

PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	... 6
WILLIAM PYE	... 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	JOHN FLINT	... 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 4	ERNEST PYE	... 9
GEORGE DENT	... 5	JOHN THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ST. GERMANS, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, September 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 2	JOHN FLINT	... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	... 7
WILLIAM PYE	... 4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

LISKEARD, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALAN R MACDONALD	...*Treble*	REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 2	ERNEST PYE	... 6
GEORGE DENT	... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

FOWEY, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	...*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	ERNEST PYE	... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the county.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 2	ERNEST PYE	... 6
GEORGE DENT	... 3	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	... 7
JOHN FLINT	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD	...*Treble*	ERNEST PYE	... 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 2	WILLIAM PYE	... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	JOHN FLINT	... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TOTNES, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD	...*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 3	WILLIAM PYE	... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method in the county.

BOVEY POMEROY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Treble*	ALAN R. MACDONALD	... 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	WILLIAM PYE	... 7
GEORGE DENT	... 4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, September 12, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD	...*Treble*	ERNEST PYE	... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 3	JOHN FLINT	... 7
GEORGE DENT	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¾ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 2	ERNEST PYE	... 6
GEORGE DENT	... 3	JOHN FLINT	... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

WREXHAM.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SILIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Treble*	REV. H. LAW JAMES	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	REV. H. J. ELSEE	7
*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON...	3	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ...	8
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	9
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON, and
Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters by the Guild. First peal by the Guild out of England.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*REV. R. BOND	*Treble*	*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ...	5
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY...	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	7
*DR. MICHAEL C. POTTER...	4	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Peals of Stedman on these bells have been called only by Masters of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	3	REV. E. BANKES JAMES	7
E. MAURICE ATKINS	4	REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district was held at Netherseale, on Saturday, when upwards of twenty ringers were present from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton, Derby, Etwall, Netherseale, Newhall, Stoke Golding, etc. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. By the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Worthington), a splendid tea was provided in the dining-room of the Rectory.—The Rector, who presided at the business meeting, said how pleased he was to meet the ringers that afternoon, and hoped everyone would enjoy their visit to Netherseale.—Elford having been selected as the place of the next meeting, Mr. A. P. Wakley proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given the Rev. Canon Worthington for his kindness in providing tea, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. Swinfield, and carried with applause.—The grounds of the Rectory, also those of the Old Hall, the residence of Mr. W. W. Worthington, were thrown open to the visitors, and a ramble through them was much enjoyed.

ERIN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is a small error in the three-part peal published last week. I am sorry if this is any fault of mine. The last four courses should read:—

		1	3	4	5	6
532461	S		—	—	—	—
413652			—	—	—	—
621543			—	—	—	—
312564	S		—	—		

Omit three courses bracketed and S at 1 in next course, in 2nd and 3rd parts.

J. SEGAR, Junr.

SURFLEET TREBLE BOB CATERS.

By the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The first peal on the new ring of ten bells at Surfleet, Lincs, was a peal of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, a new method by the Rev. H. Law James. The method and the composition of the peal rung on Saturday are appended:—

The Method.

123456789	Bob						
214357698	316248597						
241536789	136425879						
425137698	163248597						
241573968	612345879						
425179386	162438597						
452713968							
547219386	Single						
452791836	316248597						
547298163	136245879						
574921836	163428597						
759428163	614325879						
574982613	164238597						
759486231							
795842613							
978546231	5040						
795864321	23456789	1	6	7			
978563412	73452689				S1	S4	
987654321	35264978				S1	S6	
896753412	56342	—	—				
987635142	64523	—	—				
896731524	64235	—	—	—			
869375142	26435			—			
683971524	42635			—			
869317254	42356	—	—	—			
683912745	34256			—			
638197254	23456			—			
361892745	25364	—	—	S			
638129475	56243	—	—				
361824957	64532	—	—				
316289475	64325	—	—	—			
132684957	36425			—			
316248597	43625			—			
132645879	43256	—	—	—			
123468597	24356			—			
214365879	32456			—			
124638597	23456789	1	S2	6			

CHESHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roscamp) and Mr. H. Joynson (churchwarden), the company numbering thirteen in all, went to Morecambe, a delightful and popular resort on the Lancashire coast, for their annual outing. They arrived at Morecambe a few minutes after 10 o'clock, and the first item on the programme was a visit to the Parish Church of Holy Trinity to ring on the bells, which are a handy peal of six (tenor 9¾ cwt.), by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick, and were placed in the tower in 1897. Time would not allow a 5040 to be attempted, so 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung. Those taking part in the ringing were: D. Joynson, J. R. Griffin, G. R. Newton, J. Webster, T. Rogers, J. Greasley, Eric Webster, Edward Webster, A. Sparkes, and W. Joynson, the conducting being shared by G. R. Griffin and G. R. Newton. After lowering the bells, no time was lost in finding the Carleton Cafe, where an excellent repast awaited the visitors. Dinner over, the party made their way by tram to Heysham, where they found a very interesting old church, which well repaid them for their visit. A mile walk further round the harbour brought them to Heysham Docks, now a busy centre of the Isle of Man and Irish ports traffic. Entraining again for Morecambe, the party arrived at the Midland Station, where the roof of the interior of the booking hall came in for much attention from the horticulturally disposed section, for growing in great profusion were grapes, hops, and hot-house plants. Before the visitors partook of tea, the Vicar called on the Vicar of Morecambe (the Rev. W. H. Bonsey), who, we are given to understand, is a change ringer, to thank him for the use of his bells. Tea over, souvenirs were purchased, and then tracks made for the station, Liverpool being reached at 9.45 p.m. Some went home to Wallasey by train, and some by boat, but all arrived safely, after one of the most enjoyable days it has been their lot to spend. The society would like to express their thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, one of whom (Mr. C. H. Deeley) was prevented from joining them at the last moment, for their kindness, and to the Vicar of Morecambe for the use of his bells. They hope before long the tower will become affiliated to the Lancashire Association, and that his ringers will also become members of it.

SOUTH WIGSTON. — At St. Thomas' Church, on July 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. A. Bent, for several years churchwarden: C. Randle (longest touch) 1, J. E. Clarke (conductor) 2, S. Cox 3, A. H. Bell 4, H. Brown 5, A. Stanyon 6, W. Brewin 7, R. H. Baker 8.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
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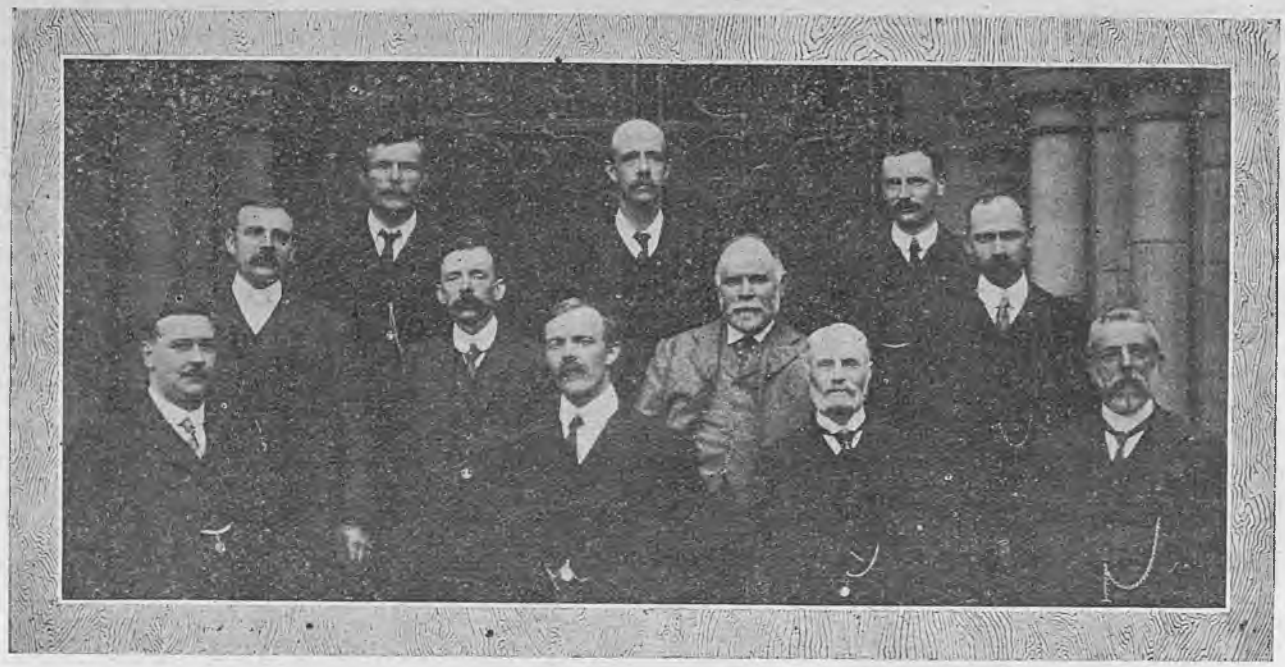


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A. W. GRIMES (London). W. PYE (London). I. G. SHADE (Greenwich). G. DENT (Harlow).

ODD CHANGES.

The unveiling of the handsome peal tablet recording the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, is to be unveiled, as already announced, on Saturday, October 4th, at 4 p.m., by Canon Simpson, of St. Paul's. There will be a short service, followed by tea at 5.15, and the tower will be open for ringing from 6.15 to 9 p.m. All ringers, and particularly those who are subscribers to the tablet, will be heartily welcome.

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In our last issue we said that when the first peal was rung on the new ring of ten at Surfleet it was probable that the method would be something of a novelty, but that we must wait and see. We have not had long to wait, for on Saturday the first peal on the ten was rung, and the method was certainly a novelty. It was Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, and the way in which the method is adapted to odd numbers is certainly ingenious. From the figures given elsewhere it will be seen that the difficulty is got over and the slow work on the front dispensed with by the regular making of 5th's place between the dodges in 3-4 and 6-7.

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The Rev. H. Law James claims the peal as the first of Treble Bob Caters ever rung. Will this claim be disputed in view of the records which exist of 5004 Oxford Treble Bob Caters rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 7th, 1817 (composed and conducted by T. Thurstans) and of 5004 Kent Treble Bob Caters rung at Aston on February 13th, 1848?

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The peal at Hersham on Saturday was a kind of family affair. The ringers of the treble and 3rd are brothers, and of the 5th and 4th father and son, while the ringers of the 2nd, 7th and tenor are sons of the ringer of the 6th.

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The Royal Cumberland Youths have changed their headquarters to the King of Denmark, Old Bailey.

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Two John Thomas's in one peal! This might well be the foundation for another novelty in name peals. Can our Welsh friends supply a few more ringers of the same name to complete a band?

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We have been unavoidably compelled to hold over the reports of one or two outings which reached us rather late.

A LINCOLNSHIRE EXCURSION.

Saturday last was the occasion of the annual outing of the Barkeston band (who are very active members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), and they were accompanied on their trip by the branch hon. secretary. The White Lion Hotel at Colsterworth provided a very cordial welcome at the first stopping place, and afterwards, upon wending their way to the Vicarage for permission to ring on the handy peal of six bells by Taylor, the visitors found that the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Mahon) was out. Mrs. Mahon, however, gave the necessary sanction, and the bells was soon tapping the tune of Single Court Minor, a 720 of which was rung by: W. Woods 1, J. Atkinson 2, S. Proctor 3, W. Watson 4, R. Scott 5, A. Palmer (conductor) 6. By this time the Vicar had returned, and all expected to receive a lecture for ringing the bells during his absence. But the Rev. G. E. Mahon is a "True Ringers' Parson," and congratulated the band on the striking, and wished them a very enjoyable time. The next place of call was the very pretty village of Buckminster, the country seat of the Earl of Dysart. This time "Dickey," the Pilot, landed the party in the Dysart Hotel, where they satisfied the "inner man," in old-fashioned ringers' style, with beer and bread and cheese. Most of the company spent an hour exploring the village and visiting friends, while the writer was told off to interview the genial Vicar (the Rev. Ashley Cooper) and get the bells. In this there was no difficulty, and 720 Plain Bob was safely accomplished by: W. Woods 1, J. Atkinson 2, A. Palmer 3, R. Scott 4, S. Proctor (conductor) 5, W. Watson 6. Barkeston was afterwards safely reached about 9 p.m., everyone agreeing that the outing had been a very successful one.—S.P.

OFFICIALS' POWERS QUESTIONED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent, " A Bob Member," raises a question which ought to be answered by the rules of his Association: and if the rules are not clear on the point, they should be altered so as to admit of no doubt. Meanwhile, as I was largely concerned with the division of the county of Essex into four districts for the work of the Essex Association, I can at any rate tell him what was intended with regard to the relation between the general and district secretaries.

Rule VI runs thus: " Each district shall appoint a master and a local hon. secretary, the duties of the latter being to collect subscriptions due from members of the Association within his district, and to arrange district meetings under the supervision of the hon. secretary of the Association, and with the assistance of the district master."

This " modified form of Home Rule " (as it was termed at the time) was not intended to leave the separate districts independent of financial supervision by the general secretary, who is responsible to the Association for its funds: nor was it contemplated that any district meeting could vote special and extraordinary expenses without his authority. In the particular case mentioned by " A Bob Member," it was unfortunate that the general secretary, being (as I gathered) present at a district meeting, sanctioned, or appeared to sanction, expenditure voted by that meeting, but was afterwards obliged to withdraw his approval. In this there may have been an error of judgment: but there would, in my opinion, have been a dereliction of duty if, when informed by the Master and the auditors that the funds of the Association could not afford the expenditure in question, the general secretary had not written to the local secretary to tell him so. The auditors would in that case, as it seems to me, have been justified in refusing to pass this item when the accounts came up for audit.

As a life member of the Association, I suggest, with all respect, that the next annual meeting, instead of trying to answer the questions put by " A Bob Member," should consider whether the rules need any alteration or addition to make their meaning clear to him and to others.

T. L. PAPILLON,
Formerly Master of the Essex Association.

St. Albans, September 13th, 1913.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I ask your correspondent " Bob Member " if he and his supporters expect to arrange bye-meetings, outings, and extra expenses ad lib. at the cost of the Association. Was not the power of the districts limited to arranging district meetings under the supervision of the hon. secretary? See Rule VI.

Would it not be better to strengthen the bonds of those members on the south side of the South-west Division, rather than incur a considerable expense in visiting an isolated tower, on the off chance of getting five or six new members? If a meeting is to be held at Elmdon, why go to the expense of a brake from Stansted when there is a railway station seven or eight miles nearer? Why should the Essex Association pay the cost of an afternoon's outing for the Stansted ringers?

ESSEX.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Eling, on Saturday last, when members were present from Stoneham, Southampton, Twyford, Winchester etc. Holidays were doubtless responsible for a smaller attendance than usual, but this gave greater opportunities for instruction, and enabled several to score their first touches in Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. About 20 sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Anchor Inn.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester presided, and apologised for the absence of the district secretary, Mr. Elkins, who was taking a well-earned holiday. It is anticipated that as a result of this and former meetings, the Eling ringers will take up change ringing, and become affiliated to the Guild.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETING AT GODALMING.

A meeting of the Guildford district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of change ringers was held at Godalming, on Saturday, and attended by ringers from Guildford, Farnham, Shalford, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, Frensham, Aldershot, and the surrounding towers.

A service was held at the Parish Church, where an address was delivered by the Rev. Gilbert Harding, who gave the ringers some very practical advice. He pointed out that by their art they called people to a solemn assembly for the worship and prayer of Almighty God. Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, the Mayor of Godalming (Ald. E. Bridger) presiding over the assemblage, amongst which were the two churchwardens, Messrs. C. C Harvey and S. Allden, and the Rev. H. M. Larner (curate of Farncombe). In all there were about 50 campanologists, including several lady ringers, present. The business, which was mainly of a technical nature, was then transacted. New members were enrolled, and the Wonersh company having joined the Guild, hopes were expressed that very soon they would become some of the most proficient members of the Art.

It was decided to leave arrangements for the next combined practice in the hands of the secretary and Mr A. H. Pulling. Incidentally, it is hoped to obtain the bells of Holy Trinity, Guildford, for this purpose. During the afternoon and evening, various touches were rung on the splendid peal of eight, and the proceedings eventually closed with a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Godalming, proposed by Mr. Francis E. Dawe, of Woking, the toast being accorded musical honours.—His Worship, in response, said he felt it his duty to endeavour to attend meetings of every character held in the ancient borough of Godalming, and he was certainly very glad he had attended that meeting that afternoon, for he had thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

Fourteen members of the Cambridge University Guild turned up for the annual tour, which was held in the Chester district. As the Rev. H. J. Elsee was one of the party, it was not thought advisable to attempt a peal in every tower, so one more peal tower than usual was obtained, with some " listeners' " towers in addition, where touches might be rung. But it was not wise to give notice of two towers for the Monday night. There was too much temptation to say, " If there are going to be enough for two towers, it won't matter if I turn up late for the peal." It was only with difficulty that a band could be mustered for St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, and Stedman Triples were allowed to run round at a quarter-peal end. Some listeners went to the historic tower of Christleton and had the pleasure of a chat with one of the family of Mayers, who made the tower famous in the first half of last century.

At Llangollen, on Tuesday, the conductor managed to get the bells round very nicely, after half a peal of Norwich. The first course of Cambridge in the county was rung, with the President of the North Wales Association standing in. At Wrexham the Guild scored its first peal of Stedman Caters on the fine Rudhall ten. The question of illness and peal ringing was discussed on the way home, and apparently the Master of the O.D.G. would prefer to go to the tune of Stedman Caters when his turn comes.

A batch of firsts-in-the-method was scored at Bebington, and Professor Potter scored his second peal, after an interval of 27 years. Turning Chester Cathedral bells into Cambridge proved rather a hard job, and a bad trip after three hours brought things to an end. The listeners had touches at Port Sunlight and Waverton.

Thursday morning brought two peal attempts in parallel. A broken rope in the second 720 stopped the Minor party at Backford, and the Major party, at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, got into difficulties over Cambridge. In the afternoon the Guild travelled to Eaton by the Eaton Railway Several members scored their first in the method as conductor, under the tuition of Mr. H. W. Wilde. There was a great disappointment at Eccleston, which was to have been the plum of the week. Owing to illness, the bells could not be raised, and owing to death at Aldford, the " listeners " could not use their tower. The party broke up into two handbell companies after watching a demonstration of how not to row, and subsequently of how not to swim at the Ferry.

On Friday, at Pulford, Cambridge did not seem to go. But the Guild rang its first touch of London and three courses of Thingem Bob Major, which was promptly named Granta Bob Major. In the afternoon there was a 16-mile drive to Frodsham, where an excellent peal of Cambridge was rung, while the " listeners " sampled Runcorn bells. As many members had to leave early on Saturday, it was impossible to go for a peal at Gresford, so touches of Cambridge, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were rung. During the week, the waggonette was most ably conducted by Mr. G. R. Newton, who, with Mr. Wilde, was largely responsible for the success of the week's tour. And they are both open to invitation for peals of London, Cambridge and Granta.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Ickleton on Saturday last. A company of 24 sat down to a meat tea provided in the Schoolroom, the following places being represented: Cambridge, Sawston, Shelford, Stansted, Barley, Chesterford, Fen Ditton, Long Stanton, Melbourn, and the local band.—Mr. A. Wilkerson presided at the business meeting.—It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Melbourn on October 11th.—A vote of thanks was passed for the use of bells and Schoolroom, the Chairman remarking that they were very pleased to come to Ickleton, and it might be of a little interest to them to know that he rang his first 120 changes at that tower some years ago.—Mr. P. Webb, in reply, explained that the Vicar was away from home, and for that reason they had been unable to have a service that day, but the Vicar had written to say he would willingly give the use of the bells and of the Schoolroom for the tea, and he wished them a good meeting.—During the afternoon and evening several methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise, to enable all to have a pull. The handbells were also brought into use.

WORKSOP.—On July 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Haigh (conductor) 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, W. Johnson 4, A. Johnson 5, C. H. Bird (Scunthorpe) 6, C. E. Pick 7, T. Wilson 8. Rung to welcome home the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. A. D'Arcy), after an absence of eight weeks from the parish through illness.

TOTTENHAM.—At St. Ann's Church, on July 27th, to commemorate St. Ann's Day, 720 Bob Minor: S. C. Ringrose 1, A. Howell 2, E. Davidson 3, T. King 4, W. Powell 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6.



York Minster.

MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted with the following rings of 12 bells:

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)
ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

THE LATE MR. S. T. WRIGHT.

A LOSS TO HARTLEPOOL RINGING.

The late Mr. S. T. Wright, of West Hartlepool, whose death at the age of 39 years, we briefly recorded last week, was one of the keenest of ringers, always ready to ring himself or to help others. Unfortunately he was not able to advance as he would have wished, as his opportunities were to some extent limited. He joined the St. Oswald's band, West Hartlepool, immediately after the dedication of the bells in 1904. The ringers were all of them beginners, but under the instruction of Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, made rapid headway, and within a year, two of the company, Mr. Wright being one of them, got through a peal of Bob Major. Mr. Wright, indeed, proved a most apt pupil, and soon developed into a capable conductor. He spent much time in study, and became quite an adept at conducting Grandsire Caters. His peal list was not a large one—about 24 in all, of which 14 were rung for the Durham and Newcastle Association, and



ten for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The methods included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal.

His fellow ringers at St. Oswald's feel the loss of so able a colleague very keenly. Mr. Wright was always most regular in the discharge of his duties at the tower, and kept the band well together. It is hoped that in time his two sons will join the band and follow in their father's footsteps. Mr. Wright leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss.

The funeral of the deceased took place on Wednesday week, and was attended by a large number of Mr. Wright's fellow workmen from the shipyard of Messrs. Irvine and Co., where he was employed, as well as by the ringers and sidesmen of St. Oswald's Church. From the house to the church the coffin was borne by the ringers and sidesmen in turn (Mr. Wright having been a sidesman), and the impressive service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Robinson). The coffin was also borne shoulder high to the cemetery, and over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells. Afterwards, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on the muffled bells of the Parish Church.

AN EXPLANATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Should this meet the eye of the gentleman for whom a peal was arranged at Galleywood on Sept. 1st, will he kindly explain why seven others who met there to attempt a peal with him have heard nothing more from him? Practically the same band have met on four occasions, and each time one has failed to turn up, while on one occasion they captured a false composition. On August Bank Holiday seven only turned up, and the same thing would have happened the following evening at Widford had not a wire been sent for a ninth man. Although it was an excellent peal on this occasion, the unfortunate conductor had selected a false composition. In the case of Galleywood, someone has to be there long before the others, supplied with grease for the bells, to examine the ropes and to get the lamps trimmed before a start can be made. Now, several of those engaged have to get time off, and some have to lose it; some have to hire cycles, and some put off other engagements. However keen one may be on peal ringing, a little more of this treatment would be enough to make one threw the whole thing up in disgust. When several parishes are represented, and ringers take the trouble to cycle 18 and 14 miles the single journey, it is not very encouraging for those who have the arrangements to make.—Faithfully yours.

W. LINCOLN.

UPPER DEAL.—On June 24th, 720 Kent: H. C. Castle 1, J. Trinder 2, F. A. Holden 3, R. H. Stevens 4, P. Gibbs (King's Own Regiment) 5, *C. Turner 6 Also touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, College Single, with L. Ladd, J. Axon, G. Fenn and F. Rogers taking part.—On June 26th, combined practice with Wickhambreaux band resulted in Oxford and Kent and Bob Minor, W. Martin (Ash), ringing his first touch of minor.

WASHBROOK'S PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry the Rev. H. Law James has mixed up the above question with that of the bogey Stedman, as it is well-known all members of his committee do not see through the same glasses on this point. However, with your permission, I will state my views and reasons upon the above principle as stated in the Method Committee's report.

When first I looked at the published section, I saw at a glance no bell had a "dodging hunt," and as all the old Surprise methods contain that quality, I concluded this could not be classed as Surprise. I next examined its construction for place-making, etc. Here I found places were not made uniformly, nor proportionate, and thus it is not of symmetrical in build, but asymmetrical, as the Rev. Law James has put it.

If there are gentlemen who are not acquainted with the essential details, of good method building, let me ask them to turn up Snowdon's "Standard Methods," and take the trouble to compare the constructional places made in the four last rows with the four first rows of any lead of the same Surprise method; or, in fact, any four rows of the last half with the corresponding four of first half of the lead of the same method—Kent or Oxford Treble Bob, if you choose. They will find that each set of four rows are an exact counterpart of the other, but reversed. In fact, the last half and the first half of a lead of all these good old methods, as we have been ringing them for upwards of a hundred years, are a counter-part of one another. Some new ones have been obtained upon the same lines, and I saw no reason why any departure from the condition should be made in this case, for it is not a question of fancy nor feeling, but of hard facts, which can be proved by anyone who will test the old methods, as I have pointed out.

While admitting the principle is musical, I may be pardoned if I point out that this quality alone will not make a good method. But couple it with sound method building, and you then get a principle or method of enhanced value. As to its being a "cramp" method to ring, if I were asked I should say not, as I consider when you have a method in which you have to keep hunting about for a job here and there, as in London, then it is you get something hard to ring. While others may differ, this is my view, but practice removes difficulties. Of course, there is no law to prevent this method being practised, and those who say it is despised are in error, as we have no feeling in the matter. The Methods Committee have simply stated the facts of the case. Had they not done so, they would have failed in the duties entrusted to them.

H. DAINS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

One of the best attended meetings which the Bolton branch have held took place at Horwich Parish Church on Saturday, when 36 members were present from Bolton, Walkden, Newchurch, Tyldesley, Chorley, and Hindley, with some of the local company. Excellent touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung. — At the meeting which followed, Mr. H. W. Jackson, treasurer of the Association, was voted to the chair. He remarked upon the pleasure which it gave him to be in Horwich tower once more, as he had not been in it for 30 years.—At the conclusion of the meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, when there was a very good gathering of ringers.—Mr. J. Ogden was elected branch secretary and committeeman for two years, and Mr. W. Crabtree was elected as president for one year.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newhey on October 25th.—A vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. W. Schofield, of Rochdale, on her recent bereavement, her late husband having for some years been a useful member of the Exercise.—Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being: Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, and Treble Bob Royal and Maximus.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Ringing upon the Cathedral bells was the chief objective of the St. Mary's, Taunton, ringers when they visited Exeter for their annual outing. These bells are, as is well known, the heaviest ringing peal in the world, the tenor being 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., and permission having been given by the Dean and Chapter for the bells to be rung, the visitors brought round some very good touches upon them, including 723 Stedman Caters. When the ringing concluded, the ten bells were lowered in peal, and the visitors went on to St. Sidwell's, where further touches of Stedman Caters were rung. The remainder of the time on the visit was spent in visiting the Museum, and a pleasant half-hour with the Exeter ringers. The Guild wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Dean and Chapter, and the Vicar of St. Sidwell's for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Shepherd, Bartlett and Monkley for helping to make the outing such a successful and enjoyable one.

TAUNTON RINGERS' MOTOR TRIP.

The annual outing of the St. James' Guild, Taunton, took place on Saturday. The party, which numbered 18, included the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Dixon), Mr. Churchwarden Montague, and three other friends, and they left the church gates at 7 a.m., by motor-car, for Crewkerne, a distance of about twenty miles. Here it was intended to have the first ring, but as, through some misunderstanding, no answer had been received to the application for permission to use the tower, no ringing was done. A short stop was, however made for breakfast, after which the party proceeded to Beaminster, Dorset, about 10 miles distant. Here Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, was awaiting them, and he remained with the party for the rest of the day. The tower was visited, and the bells, a fine peal of eight, by Bilbie (tenor 26 cwt.) were raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major brought round. Afterwards a short spin brought the visitors to Bradpole, where they were received by Mr. T. H. Beams. The tower contains a peal of eight (tenor 13 cwt.) in good going order, and Stedman and Bob Major were rung. The Vicar visited the church, and gave the Guild a hearty welcome, expressing a wish to see them again in the near future. At Bridport, the next stopping place, to which the visitors were accompanied by Mr. Beams, the party were met by a former old and respected member of the Guild. Lunch was excellently served at the Greyhound Hotel, and presided over by Dr. Dixon. The toast list was a short one. " The King " was given from the chair, and a verse of the National Anthem sung.—" Success to St. James' Guild " was proposed by Mr. Taylor, and enthusiastically received with the singing of " They are jolly good fellows " by the visitors. " The Chairman " brought the list to a close, the aim being to get to the Parish Church for another ring. Here the bells were set going to Stedman Triples, several touches being rung, while on the miniature set of handbells a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by: T. Doble 1—2, G. H. Yendall 3—4, H. J. Toole 5—6, J. Maddock 7—8. Lyme Regis was the next objective, and here the Vicar awaited the party at the Church Gates. After a hearty welcome, he conducted them to the belfry, where touches of Stedman were rung on the light peal of eight, with tenor 10 cwt. After tea, a stroll was taken on the beach, but was brought to a rather abrupt ending by rain. Leaving Lyme Regis at 6 p.m., it was intended to visit Axminster, but the rain continuing, " straight home " was the order, Taunton being reached at 8.45. It was the intention of the Guild to ring in three counties, but the absence of a reply from Crewkerne cut Somerset out, while the rain prevented a call at Axminster, thus cutting out Devon.—The party wish, through " The Ringing World," to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, Mr. Beams for his assistance, and all others who helped in making the outing such a success.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A LINK WITH EARLY DAYS.

A very successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at Edgware. In beautiful September weather some 36 members and friends gathered together from Barnet, Clerkenwell, Finchley, Gospel Oak, Hadley, Harrow Weald, Hendon, Hornsey, Southgate, Stamford Hill. Stanmore, Walthamstow and Willesden, with Messrs. A. Hubbard (Putney), J. Rayner (Holborn), and F. Wilford (hon. sec. of the Central Northants Association). Ringing commenced shortly before 4 o'clock, and continued until tea-time. At the business meeting, which followed, four new members were elected.—Mr. F. A. Milne (vice-president) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Phelps) for the use of the bells, and to the captain of the local ringers (Mr. George Hall) for his efforts on behalf of the members.

This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who said that it was many years since the Association had met at Edgware. This tower was, he added, one of the first to become affiliated to the old North Middlesex Association, and afterwards, with the neighbouring towers of Finchley and Hendon, became part of the Middlesex Association, which eventually amalgamated with the S. and W. Middlesex Guild, to form the present County Association. The Edgware band was, therefore, a link with those days when the society was in its infancy, and he hoped that they would go on and prosper, and once more become one of the foremost bands in the county.—Mr. G. Halls replied, welcoming the members to Edgware, and saying that it was a great pleasure to meet them.

The bells were afterwards kept going until nearly nine o'clock in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court and College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Under the guidance of Mr. G. Hughes, a few ringers visited Stanmore, where Plain and Treble Bob were rung, the party returning to Edgware just as the meeting was finally dispersing, after a very pleasant gathering, which, it is hoped, will be repeated in the near future.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—At the Parish Church, on August 11th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280 changes), in 52 mins.: A. L. Coleman 1, W. Malins (conductor) 2, H. O. White 3, W. Tayler 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. B. Fenton 6, J. W. Chandler 7, J. George (composer) 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WHITEFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on August 3rd, being the first anniversary of the new bells, 1200 Grandsire Triples, for morning service, in 50 mins.: S. Morris (conductor) 1, F. E. Bradshaw 2, M. Morris 3, J. Chapman 4, A. Hardman (Radcliffe) 5, W. Chambers 6, R. Lever 7, T. Hesketh 8.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on July 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Whandslaw 1, G. Honeyball 2, W. Honeyball 3, T. Bolton 4, A. Hubbard (composer and conductor) 5, C. Collis, junr., 6, A. Jones 7, J. Herbert 8.

ROYSTON.—Hertfordshire Association.—On August 1st, at St. John the Baptist's, 720 of St. Clement's Minor: H. Bennett 1, E. Bonnett 2, R. Howard (Barley) 3, L. G. Mallion (Fen Ditton) 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On July 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 3, G. Lancaster 4, D. W. Jackson (first 720) 5, W. G. Lancaster 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On August 5th, at Christ Church, 1088 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, J. H. Odey 4, G. Lancaster 5, W. G. Lancaster 6, L. A. Wilson (longest touch) 7, C. J. Gardiner 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On July 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgewell 8. For evening service, 587 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Springham 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, P. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, H. J. Tucker 8. The above date was the 93rd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On June 28th, 240 each of Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Castle, J. Trinder, F. Rogers, G. Fenn, F. A. Holden and C. Brackley (local band).

WOLLASTON.—On Sunday, July 6th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Richards 1, J. Slater 2, W. Atkins 3, C. E. Perkins 4, J. Bass (conductor) 5, J. Bretherton 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Duncan Scott, of Egypt, to Miss W. M. B. Green, 1265 Stedman Caters in 51 mins.: R. Coles 1, G. White 2, E. Markham 3, W. Phipps 4, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 5, J. Gransbury 6, A. F. Ashman 7, B. Page 8, F. Hayes 9, F. W. Boxall 10. Also 1299 in the same method: F. Hayes (composer and conductor) 1, J. Gransbury 2, C. E. Mayne (first quarter of Caters) 3, A. F. Ashman 4, R. Coles 5, W. Phipps 6, B. Page 7, G. White 8, J. W. Wilkins 9, F. W. Boxall 10.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 7th, 720 Bob Minor, 7 and 8 covering, in 33 mins.: J. Fryiers 1, H. Gibson 2, A. E. Fourt 3, W. Rock-Small 4, F. Davison 5, J. R. Barton (conductor) 6, T. Coles 7, J. W. Bourne 8, The ringers of the third and fourth hail from Isham and Tipton respectively.—On July 15th, 338 Grandsire Triples: A. Ditchburn 1, J. Fryiers 2, T. Wardman 3, H. Gibson 4, F. Davison 5, A. E. Fourt 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, T. Cole 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. H. Lambert 1, J. J. Manktelow 2, F. G. Burden 3, N. Tickner 4, C. W. Player 5, I. Emery (conductor) 6, A. Allen 7, G. Johnson 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 52 mins.: H. Sear (conductor) 1, J. Mead 2, L. Meager 3, F. Hedges 4, E. Marks 5, W. Pether (first quarter-peal) 6, W. Sear 7, V. Sear 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mabel Hands, of Bletchley, to Mr. Hernsby, of Greens Norton, Northants, the band, as well as the composer (Mr. J. George), wishing them every happiness.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church on July 11th, 1206 Grandsire Caters: E. Breeze, junr., 1. T. Hammond, junr., 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, G. Woodhall 4, T. Murray 5, E. Caunce 6, H. W. Wilde 7, G. Fisher 8, E. Breeze, senr., 9, W. Davies 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit to Liverpool of the King and Queen.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On July 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, H. E. Parker 2, F. Russell (first in the method) 3, G. Cottis 4, E. Andrews 5, J. Norris 6, R. Fenn 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

GUILDFORD.—On July 13th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church, 504 Stedman Triples, rung as a compliment to C. Burdock on his coming of age: C. Burdock 1, C. Willshire, junr., 2, H. Hutton 3, C. Hazelden 4, H. Burdock 5, B. Chorley 6, C. Willshire 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on July 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. J. Phelps Gardiner, formerly Vicar: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. B. Collett 3 W. F. Webb 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, J. Porter 8.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, September 20th. Particulars by circular. — Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Hon. Secretaries.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Borden on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3.30; tea at the Maypole Inn at 5.30 (3d. per member will be charged), followed by business meeting.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Redditch on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church of St. Stephen at 4.30; business meeting, and tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5.30. The election of officers for this branch will take place at this meeting.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southwell on Saturday, September 20th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 4. Committee Meeting at 4.45, followed by tea (1/- each) in the National Schools. An excursion train will leave Nottingham, M.R., at 1.55. —W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on September 20th at St. Anne's, Highgate. Bells available at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Hon. Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Broughton on September 20th. Bells available from 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 20th. Bells available at 4 p.m., meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, September 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 4.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Taunton.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, September 20th, and Castle Ashby on Saturday, September 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. — F. Wilford, General Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—A Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Mayfield (8 bells) on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each, to members.—George H. Howse, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Holbeck on September 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting, at 7 p.m., in the Parish Room, near the church.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A practice will take place at Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on Thursday, September 25th, at 7.30 p.m. The headquarters will from this date be at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913. Bells of the Parish Church, 8, tenor 18 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Dinner and tea by the kind invitation of the St. Alkelda's Guild. Those intending to be at this meeting *must* notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 1913, first post, or they cannot be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch). — A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Penn on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Vicar. Tea (9d.) at 6, at Rose and Crown. Trams leave Railway Drive, Wolverhampton, for Penn Fields (half way) every seven minutes. Please reply by Tuesday, 23rd inst.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, September 27th. — John W. Barker, District Hon. Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be welcomed. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, October 4th. Service at St. Nicholas Church at 4 p.m. Preacher: the Lord Bishop of Liverpool.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6.—Francis G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The eleventh annual grand Bohemian concert of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 1913, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price sixpence, which may be obtained from all officers of the Association and others. Ladies specially invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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There will be ringing at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, during the day on Friday, the 23rd, for the King's visit. All ringers will be welcome at the tower.

SILVER WEDDING.

To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. Robert Leach, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom, Lancs, on Saturday week, but unfortunately "stand" had to be called after 1640 changes had been rung in 53 minutes, owing to one of the ringers being seized with cramp in both arms, which he could not use for several minutes. The band was: Robert Leach 1, J. H. Haydock 2, J. Ashworth 3, D. Eastwood 4, J. T. Leach 5, W. Taylor 6, J. B. Taylor 7, J. W. Ormerod 8. It was decided to make another attempt at Newchurch on the following Monday evening, but again disappointment was in store, for two of the band were on the sick list, and by the time the vacancies were filled, it was too late to start for the full 5040. A half peal, from Taylor's six-part, was, therefore, rung in 1 hr. 23 mins., by: J. Taylor 1, S. Lord 2, R. Leach 3, J. H. Haydock 4, J. T. Leach 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. B. Taylor 7, O. Eastwood 8

SHREWSBURY.—On July 27th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Chad, on the front eight, 252 Stedman Triples: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, P. Brooks 2, W. J. Taylor 3, J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) 4, E. Jones 5, A. Tecoe 6, A. Fullick 7, J. Wall 8. Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Jones 1, G. J. Taylor 2, J. W. Jones 3, W. J. Taylor 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, F. W. Taylor 6, A. Fullick 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

CHELMSFORD'S NEW BELLS.

The event at Chelmsford to-morrow—the dedication of the new peal of twelve at the Cathedral—is one of no small interest to ringers generally, while to the ringers of Essex it is one of considerable importance. The increasing of a ring of bells to twelve is not an every day occurrence, and if for that reason only the proceedings in the Essex county town are of special interest to ringers. Again, one of the first events of importance in the newly created diocese is to be one in which the bells are to play a primary part, and in which the ringers will have an important share. It is some years now since an English cathedral provided a new peal of twelve. Speaking from memory, we believe Christ Church, Oxford, was the last, and, of course, in that case the bells are hung in an unconsecrated tower. The rarity of the occasion, therefore, is sufficient to arouse a special interest in the proceedings.

To the ringing community of Essex the matter is an important one, for it provides the county with its first ring of twelve bells. Moreover, the Essex Association has itself presented one of the treble bells, and the gift will provide a fitting testimony to the desire of ringers to contribute their share to this portion of the church's equipment. Unquestionably it is of great advantage to ringers to have within reach a peal of twelve to practice upon, and when those who will reap this advantage themselves contribute substantially towards it, they are giving proof of their readiness to help themselves in the advancement of the Art as well as to advance the higher cause for which bells are primarily erected. To-morrow should be a great day for Essex ringers, who may be relied upon to gather from the four corners of the diocese to share in the consummation of so grand an undertaking as that of the erection of a peal of twelve bells in their own Cathedral tower.

We have already remarked upon the rarity of new twelve-bell rings. Chelmsford will raise the total peals of this number to 33 in England, which is just 20 more than there were a century ago, when William Shipway published the list in his "Campanologia." London at that time contained seven of the thirteen, of which one—Christ Church, Spitalfields—was afterwards lost by fire. St. Paul's and Bow have since come into being. In 1816 Birmingham, Cambridge, Cirencester, Liverpool, Norwich and Shrewsbury were the only twelves in the provinces. The growth in the peals of twelve bells has been slow, in comparison with the pace at which the peals of eight and ten have grown, yet it cannot be considered altogether unsatisfactory, when one remembers that it means that one new peal of twelve has been provided on an average every five years, and this through a period in the early part of the 19th century, when bell restoration was very much neglected.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

*EDWARD RADDON ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM LOADER	6
*C. HENRY HUTTON	2	*CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	7
†THOMAS W. RADFORD ...	3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD... ...	8
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	4	FRANK BLONDELL	9
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	5	ALFRED H. PULLING	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Royal by the ringers of treble, 4th and 6th. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Royal for the Guild by a resident band, and all the ringers were Guildford men.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5101 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE LEWIS	...*Treble*	THOMAS BETTISON	6
WALTER ALLWOOD	2	GEORGE HOLLIS	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	3	WILLIAM LAMBERT	8
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	4	JOHN FLINT	9
JOHN HOLMAN	5	GEORGE W. BEMBROSE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

†CHRISTOPHER HICK ...	...*Treble*	†EDWIN J. TYLER	6
†EDGAR MARLOW...	2	*BERT HORTON	7
*ALFRED ADAMS	3	†THOMAS HILL	8
†EDGAR T. SMITH	4	ALFRED ROWLEY	9
†THOMAS BLOORE	5	‡THOMAS J. ELTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. Rung on the eve of St. Matthew's Day, and to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the appointment of the first rector to this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARROW GURNEY, NEAR BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN AND ST. EDWARD THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE TOMKINS ...	...*Treble*	HENRY PRING	5
*EDGAR GUISE	2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ...	6
HARRY BROWNJOHN	3	JOHN A. BURFORD	7
*RAYMOND J. WILKINS ...	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTENSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Bristol. First Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. M. Lance), for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeeper for meeting them and having everything ready.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Joseph A. Lambert ...	...*Treble*	Alfred J. Trappitt ...	5
Alfred H. Winch	2	Robert Grimwood	6
David Wright	3	Alfred Clayton	7
Benjamin Morriss	4	William S. Smith ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and
Conducted by William S. Smith.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

Sidney Gaskin... ...	...*Treble*	Frederick A. Salter ...	5
Frederick A. Poulson ...	2	Thomas Fitzjohn	6
*Horace Haylett	3	Frederick C. Burrows...	7
*James Fulcher	4	William Mears ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross, and
Conducted by F. C. Burrows.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*Walter Payne... ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Herbert	5
*Miss Evelyn Steel ...	2	Stanley Dobbie	6
Herbert L. Harlow ...	3	*Horace Smith	7
Albert King	4	John W. Barker ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John W. Barker.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

William Biggin ...	...*Treble*	Sam Thomas	5
Joseph Atkin	2	John Thorpe	6
Tom O'Hara	3	Richard W. Collier ...	7
*George Frederick Allen	4	John Holman	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Biggin.

* First peal with an inside bell.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

Edgar Pemberton ...	...*Treble*	Ernest F. Poppy	5
Rev. William C. Pearson	2	Willie Roughton	6
William J. Nevard... ...	3	James Motts	7
George N. Price	4	*Charles A. Ward ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by James Motts.

* First peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr 2 lbs., in F sharp.

Willie Roughton ...	...*Treble*	William J. Nevard ...	5
George N. Price	2	Ernest F. Poppy	6
Rev. William C. Pearson	3	James Motts	7
Edgar Pemberton	4	Charles A. Ward ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George N. Price.

This was Charles Ward's second peal and it is believed to be the first occasion on which a ringer has scored his first two peals on the same day.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

John H. Brothwell	...*Treble*	*John W. Seamer	5
*Arthur Andrews	2	John T. Holmes	6
Clement Glenn	3	*Sidney F. Palmer... ...	7
*Albert H. Ward	4	Rev. H. Law James	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. Barnett, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.

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

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

*Thomas Ford, Junr.	...*Treble*	John Snelling	5
*Frederick Seager	2	George Snelling	6
Ernest Whiting	3	*Henry Garnham	7
Edwin Whiting	4	Frederick Borrett	...*Tenor*

Composed by York Green, and
Conducted by F. R. Borrett.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol in Suffolk.

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

On Tuesday, September 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Joseph J. Pratt ...	...*Treble*	Bertram Prewett	5
Percy E. Jones	2	Richard Buckland	6
William Henley	3	Henry H. Chandler ...	7
George H. Gutteridge...	4	William Honor ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

H. H. Chandler's 50th peal of Stedman.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Deny,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24½ cwt.

*E. Bishop, Junr. ...	...*Treble*	*F. Hammond	5
*A. Harman	2	*C. Brasier	6
*O. Holmwood	3	Keith Hart	7
H. R. Butcher	4	*E. Bishop	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Keith Hart.

* First peal in the method. All the ringers, except the conductor, are members of the local band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING ...	...*Treble*	HENRY GARNHAM	5
GEORGE SNELLING	2	HARRY ADCOCK...	6
*FREDERICK C. M. SKINNER	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
BERTIE F. TURNER	4	FREDERICK SEAGER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Messrs. Peck and Burton were elected members previous to starting.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMB	...*Treble*	CHARLES E. READ	5
ALFRED BASSETT...	2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB... ...	6
ALFRED L. BROWN	3	ARTHUR DEAN	7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	4	JOSEPH LAMPRILL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. L. BROWN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6th and 7th. This was Arthur Dean's 100th peal for the Surrey Association. First peal in the method as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM BURGESS	5
GEORGE N. PRICE	2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3	THOMAS W. LAST	7
WILLIE ROUGHTON	4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS WALKER ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
*JOHN W. CORNFORD ...	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
WILLIAM J. KEMP	4	ARTHUR D. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY, and
Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal in the method.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¼ cwt., in E.

THOMAS ALMOND... ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ...	5
ARTHUR BAILEY	2	*JAMES ARMSTRONG	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ...	7
JOHN BAILEY	4	RICHARD BROUGHTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES ARMSTRONG.

* First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. W. Scholes, who was for nearly 32 years Vicar of Samlesbury.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST DUMPER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROWE...	5
*OWEN H. GILES	2	CHARLES H. RUSSELL ...	6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Rowe.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR H. WHITE ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD STREDWICK ...	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	ALBERT D. STONE	6
JOHN CAPP	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK KNOWLES	...*Treble*	JOHN H. PAULSON	5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ...	2	HENRY GEORGE	6
WILLIAM FOX	3	THOMAS WHITE	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	4	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

* First peal of Major.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED H. MARTIN ...	5
WILLIAM GILBERT	2	WALTER PERKINS	6
WALTER GILBERT	3	HENRY STUBBS	7
JAMES HOUGHTON	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Chapman.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
*HERBERT A. MEAD ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE LAYZELL	5
HARRY J. WRIGHT	2	HENRY G. ROWE	6
*JOHN A. CHILDS	3	WILLIAM HEWITT	7
WALTER S. INWOOD... ...	4	*ARTHUR T. FRANKLIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY G. ROWE.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of St. Matthew's Day. Mr. Wright was re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting. He rang his last peal nearly 19 years ago. Mr. Rowe was on a visit from Cheshunt.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM SABAN ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	5
GEORGE RADLEY	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
CHARLES T. COLES... ...	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. J. Salwey, M.A.) on his retirement after 34 years' service. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and to the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

METHERINGHAM.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
FREDERICK W. STOKES	...*Treble*	CHARLES CHESTER	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	GEORGE LADD	6
SIDNEY F. PALMER	3	*WILLIAM DICKINSON ...	7
EDWARD LLOYD	4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 50th peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September, 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. READ ...	...*Treble*	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	5
WALTER S. WISE	2	HENRY L. GARFATH ...	6
WALTER G. ROWE	3	WILLIAM GROVES	7
*AMOS W. CLARK	4	ARTHUR DEAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Groves.

WALTHAMSTOW.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 19¾ cwt., in E flat.

JOHN H. WILKINS ...	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH B. MARKS	5
ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr....	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES... ...	6
WILLIAM J. KEMP	3	HENRY RUMENS	7
JAMES C. ADAMS	4	FRED C. MAYNARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY RUMENS.

* First peal in the method. Rung, after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, as a birthday compliment to R. Maynard, Senr. J. H. Wilkins and F. C. Maynard were elected members previous to starting.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN ANDERSON... ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED F. HILLIER ...	5
ARTHUR PAYNE	2	R. ALDER GOFTON	6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	3	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ...	7
ROBERT W. FALCONER ...	4	JOHN STUART	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First attempt to ring a peal in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin C. Dixon.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER LAST	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE...	5
*LEONARD LAST	2	HARRY MOSS	6
*WILLIAM CLOVER	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
GEORGE N. PRICE	4	WILLIE ROUGHTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method. Walter Last belongs to Sibton.

The composition of this peal and that rung at Helmingham has the 4th and 6th ten courses each in 6th's place (extent) with 4th and 6th reversed in 5—6 without recourse to bobs "Before." It is a modern constructed peal, and the first composed and rung on its general plan of calling.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HERON, JUNR'S., SIX-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
J. LANGSTROTH	...*Treble*	S. BATEMAN	5
W. H. BIRTWHISTLE	2	*A. R. JONES	6
J. LOFTHOUSE	3	C. LANGSTROTH	7
T. BANCROFT	4	H. BIRTWISTLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. R. JONES.

* First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a farewell to the Ven. Archdeacon Kilner, M.A., who took his last service as vicar on the following day. His ordination as Bishop of Richmond will take place at York Minster on Monday next, September 29th. The Gargrave company wish to convey their thanks to Messrs. Bancroft and Bateman, of Keighley, for coming to help at the last moment to fill gaps caused by sickness.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN WHITING... ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
JOHN SNELLING	2	BERTIE F. TURNER	6
GEORGE SNELLING	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
GEORGE P. BURTON	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

WIDFORD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY W. KIRTON ...	...*Treble*	*HENRY HEAD	5
WILLIAM LINCOLN	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6
ARTHUR EDWARDS	3	FRANK CLAYDON	7
JAMES FLUETY	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

John W. Whiting ...	...*Treble*	*Alfred H. Winch ...	... 5
Frederick Burnett ...	... 2	Edward Reynolds ...	... 6
George E. Chappell	... 3	Edwin J. Harding ...	... 7
Lionel Page	... 4	Frederick A. Holden	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. Holden, and
Conducted by A. H. Winch.

* 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Whiting.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

Ernest Crowder ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett ...	... 5
Edwin Barnett, Senr. ...	2	Harry Warnett ...	... 6
Reginald Brough ...	... 3	George H. Daynes	... 7
Fredk. W. Richardson ...	4	William J. Jeffries	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George H. Daynes.

Quickest peal on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.
Tenor 6¾ cwt.

H. Porter	...*Treble*	E. Barker	... 4
A. Bacon	... 2	B. M. Targett ...	... 5
W. Hawes	... 3	O. Staines	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. M. Targett.

First peal on bells for Norwich Diocesan Association.

RUSKINGTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Sidney F. Palmer ...	...*Treble*	Clement Glenn ...	... 4
Arthur Andrews	2	John H. Brothwell	... 5
John T. Holmes	3	Rupert Richardson	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Rupert Richardson.

First peal on the bells.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

Thomas Merrifield ...	...*Treble*	Henry Milbourne ...	... 4
Sidney Dawe	... 2	Ernest F. Creed ...	... 5
T. G. Vincent, Junr.	... 3	*Robert V. Look ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest F. Creed.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Joseph Saddington ...	...*Treble*	Harry Meadows ...	... 4
William Hays	... 2	Thomas Jervis ...	... 5
Pearl Inskip	... 3	Reginald C. Loveday	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald C. Loveday.

BERGH HAPTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

George Howchin ...	...*Treble*	*Frank Kerrison ...	... 4
*Harry Royal	... 2	*Cecil Kerrison ...	... 5
Cecil R. Chamberlin ...	3	†George H. Cross ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Cross.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. 50th tower bell peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At Lamberton Lodge,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two Six-Scores, ten callings.

Richard Kearon	1—2	Arthur Hadley	3—4
		Charles Bennett	5—6

Conducted by Arthur Hadley.

First peal by the ringers of 1—2 and 5—6, who only commenced ringing six months ago.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Friday, September 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Norman Tower,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Arthur E. Moore ...	1—2	Frederick Dewell ...	5—6
Harry A. Turner ...	3—4	Frank J. Levitt	7—8

Composed by A. Knights, and
Conducted by A. E. Moore.
Umpire: Alfred Ely.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
At Commercial House,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Septimus Radford... ...	1—2	John D. Matthews ...	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Composed by John D. Matthews, and
Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Umpire: T. W. Radford (College Youths).

Rang as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whittington, Cranleigh, E. Raddon and the conductor.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Sunday, September 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Residence of R. Moore,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Frederick Dewell ...	1—2	Harry A. Turner... ...	5—6
Harry R. Moore	3—4	Arthur E. Moore ...	7—8
		Robert Moore, Senr.	9—10

Composed by the late H. C. Haley, and
Conducted by Arthur E. Moore.
Umpire: Frank Levitt.

First peal of Caters "in hand" by all, also by the above Association by a resident band.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The second session of the eighth Council (twenty-third annual meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday, 13th May, at 11 a.m., in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute of Newcastle-on-Tyne, when there were present 44 out of 96 representative members, and five out of 15 honorary members, making a total of 49 present out of 111. Of the 40 Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council 11 were fully, and 16 were partially represented.

The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., was in the chair.—The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which, after one correction had been made, were, on the motion of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, passed and signed.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented the annual statement of accounts, which had previously been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, and of which the following is a summary: Balance from last year, £71 12s. 6d.; affiliation fees, £12 2s. 6d., making a total of £83 15s. Against this there had been: Expenses of last year's meeting, £4 2s.; printing and postage, £1 19s. 6d., leaving in hand a balance of £77 13s. 6d. He further reported that though he had as usual reminded the Council's publishers of the present meeting in good time beforehand, and had written to them two or three times on the subject, and that though finally Mr. W. T. Cockerill, a member of the Standing Committee, had kindly, at his request, called on Messrs. Allen and Co., yet all these representations had failed to produce any response, and that consequently he had no statement of Sales of Publications to bring forward.—On the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the accounts were passed.—On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. R. Narborough, the hon. treasurer was instructed to direct the bank to put £50 of the Council's balance on deposit account.

The Hon. Secretary having suggested the possibility of the appointment by the Council of one of their own members as hon. librarian to take charge of and sell the publications, mentioned further that he had broached the question to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who had intimated his willingness to accept the office if he were elected to it. The consideration of the subject was postponed till later in the proceedings.

On the proposal of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the following were unanimously re-elected as honorary members, viz.: The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

The Hon. Secretary announced that two Guilds, viz., the Dudley and District Guild, and the Peterborough and District Association, had become affiliated to the Council.

The following new members were introduced to and shook hands with the president, viz.: Mr. C. Todd, of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association; Mr. F. W. Hopgood, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; and Mr. R. Narborough, of the Peterborough and District Association.

The Hon. Secretary reported that copies of the resolution passed by the Council last year against the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill had been forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Marquis of Lansdowne, and the Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, and read the replies received in acknowledgment.

Apologies for absence were announced as having been received from the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Mr. C. E. Borrett, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. John Carter, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Mr. H. Dains, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. J. Evans, Mr. W. H. Godden, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the Rev. M. Kelly, Mr. J. D. Matthews, the Rev. Canon Papillon, Mr. S. Reeves, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. R. Sharman, Mr. W. R. Small, Mr. H. White, Mr. J. W. Whiting, Mr. H. W. Wilde and Mr. G. Williams.

For the Peal Collection Committee, the Hon. Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who had of late been doing the bulk of the work, reported progress. Though not himself a member of the committee, Mr. E. H. Lewis was able to corroborate the report, adding that Part I of the Collection of Treble Bob could be published if desired. It was, however, agreed that it would be best to defer publication for another year.

As a member of the Literature Committee, the Rev. H. A. Cockey intimated that so far as he was aware there was no report to present, owing to indisposition on the part of Mr. R. A. Daniell, who had been doing the work. Later in the proceedings, a telegram to this effect was received from Mr. Daniell, and the hon. secretary was asked to communicate with him.

On behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, the Rev. H. Law James reported that the collection of Major Methods was practically complete, and that it was hoped that it would be ready for publication next year.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston having called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of some of the copies of the collection of Legitimate Minor Methods, proposed that the remaining copies should be regarded as waste. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Parker, but on discussion was withdrawn, it being deemed better to leave the matter in the hands of the hon. librarian. At this point, on the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was unanimously elected to the office of hon. librarian, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge were appointed to assist him in an examination of the condition of the publications, the hon. secretary being at the same time instructed to take steps for their removal from the custody of Messrs. Allen and Co. and their consignment to the care of the hon. librarian.

The report of the Peals' Analysis Committee was presented by Mr. A. T. King, who, at the same time, after explaining the difficult questions with which the committee had had to deal, moved its adoption.—This was seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and was carried after a long discussion.—The Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, a proposal that the committee proceed upon the lines suggested in their report. — This was carried, together with a cordial vote of thanks to the committee for their labours.

In reporting for the Towers and Belfries Committee, the Hon. Secretary read a letter addressed by the President to the other members of the committee, in which he stated that for many reasons he had found it difficult to draft a rough copy of a pamphlet to form a groundwork on which the other members might graft their views. He, therefore, offered either to complete the pamphlet as his own work, and publish it with the sanction, but not necessarily with the concurrence, of the Council; or that he should give all the information in his power to some other member of the committee, and that it should be published by, and at the expense of, the Council.—The Hon. Secretary moved the grateful acceptance of the first proposal.—This, being seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee introduced a long and most interesting discussion on the possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing, as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung. No motion on the subject was proposed.

It was moved by the Rev. H. Law James: " That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major."—This was seconded pro forma by the Hon. Secretary, but after discussion was postponed for consideration to next year.

The question as to whether the Ladies Guild of Change Ringers should be admitted to representation on the Council was ably introduced by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, his speech being followed by an animated discussion on the subject, which was then allowed to drop.

Mr. G. Bolland moved to call attention to the Council's recommendations regarding " record " peals as passed in 1902, and incorporated in " Rules and Decisions," but it was explained that there had been a mistake in supposing that there was any real call for the motion, which consequently was not seconded, and was withdrawn.

For the place of meeting next year, the President said that three places—Southampton, Portsmouth or Winchester—had been suggested. The last-named, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and seconded by Mr. R. Narborough, was put first to the meeting, and was adopted by a large majority.

The Hon. Secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. C. L. Routledge, President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, for his great kindness and unsparing trouble in making all possible arrangements for the success of the meeting, and to the members of his Association for the very cordial welcome that they had extended to the Council. The President seconded the motion, which was carried amidst cheers.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the President, which was carried by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned.

NOTE:

Should any member of the Council have any comment to make on the minutes, he is requested to communicate without delay with the hon. secretary, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloster.

ERIN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The publication in " The Ringing World " of two peals of Erin Triples, by Mr. J. Segar, revives a rather interesting question which was discussed in the first year's publication of the paper. They contain, like all Triples peals in the method based on the twin-bob system, 360 bobs and 98 singles, no more and no less. And this does not complete the relationship between the various compositions, which is so close that I should have been hardly surprised if Mr. J. W. Parker had claimed that all peals on this plan (no matter what the number of the parts) were but variations of his Ten-part peal published in " The Ringing World," May 19th, 1911. Some time ago, a lively controversy raged between several of our best known composers on the value of a bob. Here it is simply a question as to how the singles should be employed, as the bobs look after themselves. Thus, in the case of Mr. Segar's 3 (or 6) part peal the moving of two singles and consequent shifting of bobs produces a peal published in " The Bell News," January 6th, 1912. I have no wish to claim that in consequence they are one and the same peal, but merely point out that nothing strikingly original can be obtained in Erin Triples on these lines, and on the other hand would endorse the contention of Mr. Lindoff that a slight alteration in calling is not to be condemned offhand as mere piracy.—Yours, etc.,

Holbeton Vicarage. E. S. POWELL.

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This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September, 1911. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

SURFLEET BELLS AND LEANING TOWER.

Surfleet, where the Rev. H. Law James is Vicar, claims some attention in the campanological world at the moment, for was it not at the church of St. Lawrence that the first peal of Treble Bob Caters was rung on Saturday week? It was a fitting inauguration to the peal ringing history of this tower—for we may anticipate history being made with a leader of the originality of Mr. James at the head of affairs. It was in May that the peal of ten was dedicated, the service being held while the bells were in the chancel. Formerly a peal of five, Mr. James found



SURFLEET CHURCH AND ITS LEANING TOWER.

the bells in a shockingly neglected condition, when he became Vicar of Surfleet some years ago, but he had them rung on the first Saturday he was in the parish, having, with the aid of the village carpenter, patched up the wheels, and begged old ropes from his former parish, cleaned out the bearings, and generally put things shipshape. Soon he got a local band together, and the next step was the addition of a sixth bell. On the very day this new treble was placed in the tower a 720 of Minor was rung upon the bells. And now these six have been made into ten by the generosity of Mr. James. The peal is noteworthy for the fact that it is the lightest ring of ten in the country, and the tower has also its peculiar interest, for, as will be seen from our illustration, it has a decided leaning away from the church.

ODD CHANGES.

Few churches, ancient as is the history of a great many of them, are able to celebrate a 700th anniversary with any exactitude. But at St. Matthew's, Walsall, the ringers last Saturday commemorated the 700th anniversary of the appointment of the first rector of the parish. This is a church with a history, if you like!

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Mr. W. A. Cave, the hon. secretary of the Gloucester the Bristol Association, referring to our article dealing with the ringing career of Mr. W. Short and to the statement that Mr. Short had taken part in the quickest peals of Major and Triples on tower bells, writes that whatever credit, or otherwise, attaches to the performance of quickest peals, belongs to the band who on March 29th, 1909, rang a peal of London Surprise Major, at St. Andrew's, Clifton (tenor 13 cwt.) in 2 hrs. 34 mins.; one having been rung previously in 2 hrs. 35 mins. at Quedgeley (tenor 9½ cwt.), where, also, what is believed to be the quickest peal of Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 22 mins. The conductor of the latter was the Rev. H. Law James, and of the London, Mr. Cave.

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The dedication of the Chewton Mendip peal of eight by the Loughborough Foundry took place yesterday (Thursday).

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The dedication of the Chewton Mendip peal of eight from are unavoidably held over.

THE LADIES' PEAL BOARD.

THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

The arrangements with regard to the unveiling of the handsome peal board (executed by Messrs. Caspar and Co.) recording the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town have now been completed. The ceremony, which is to take place on Saturday October 4th, at 4 p.m., will be performed by Canon Simpson, of St. Paul's. The lady ringers and officials will assemble in the tower; the other visitors will take their place in church, and during the singing of a hymn, the clergy will proceed to the belfry, where the board will be unveiled with two short dedicatory prayers. All will then return to the church, where a short service will be held, and Canon Simpson will give an address.

Afterwards a neat tea will be provided in the schools, at a charge of 9d. per head. Those intending to be present must send a postcard to the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Hartley, Christ Church Vicarage, Cubitt Town, E., and they will pay on entrance. Subsequently the tower will be free for ringing from 6.15 till 9 p.m.

For the information of visitors, it may be stated that the nearest railway station for the tower is North Greenwich, on the Fenchurch Street (Blackwall) line, changing at Millwall Junction, sixth station out. Trams run every quarter of an hour. There is also a motor-'bus every ten minutes from Walthamstow, via Plaistow and Poplar; and one from Tottenham, both of them stopping close by Christ Church. From South London the tower is reached in ten minutes from Greenwich Parish Church, through the Thames sub-way.

All ringers are invited to attend the unveiling.

DEATH OF A BURNLEY RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Mouncey, of Burnley, the sad event occurring with painful suddenness on Monday of last week. While at work he was attacked with an apoplectic seizure, and without regaining consciousness passed peacefully away the same day.

He was one of the original company of ringers at Holy Trinity, Burnley, when the bells were put in 25 years ago. He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, and was a most steady and reliable ringer. He had rung 32 peals in various methods from Minor to Major. He rang the tenor through the longest length of Oxford Treble Bob yet rung by the Lancashire Association, and took part in the first peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob in Holy Trinity belfry. He was the president of the local branch of the C.E.M.S., and for the past five years had fulfilled the duties of sidesman at the Parish Church. He leaves a widow and five children, one of his sons being a ringer of Holy Trinity.

The interment took place on Friday last, when the bells were rung deeply muffled. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Rubie, M.A.) officiated, and four of the deceased's oldest ringing comrades bore him to his last resting place. The company sent a wreath in the form of a bell as a token of their sympathy.

WESTWARD HO!

A WEEK'S RINGING IN DEVON AND CORNWALL.

This year the west country was the attraction for the annual ringing tour arranged by Mr. W. Pye. Saturday, September 6th, saw the same familiar faces as in previous years, with one or two exceptions, gathered at the rendezvous, which on this occasion was Plymouth. Punctuality is the essence of a good ringer, and it was not surprising, therefore, that, though coming from all parts of the kingdom, the party was complete within half an hour of the first arrival. For the evening we met at Charles' Church, receiving a warm welcome from Mr. Marsh and other members of the Plymouth company. Stedman Caters was attempted, and the first peal of our tour came round in good style.

On Sunday, St. Germans was our objective, but owing to an inconvenient train service, four good Cornish miles had to be done on foot, much to the disgust of our Haggerston representative, who, however, brightened up on reaching Antony, where we found we could complete our journey by motor. Antony bells, a ring of six, were tried, and, then, after some refreshment at the sign of the Ring o' Bells, we resumed our journey to St. Germans, where the Vicar (the Rev. C. Gott) and Admiral Haddy, his churchwarden, gave us a hearty welcome. Superlative was attempted and safely brought round, and after the peal we were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, Admiral Haddy acting as our host, when the Vicar was compelled to leave us for the evening service. We afterwards returned to Plymouth by train, some taking a stroll on the famous Hoe before turning in for the night.

Monday morning saw us earily astir on our way to Liskeard. Here we found a magnificent tower, and a useful eight. After a half-hour spent on the ropes, a start was made for Cambridge, and a good peal was brought round—the first in Cornwall in the method. The tenor bobbing in and out somewhat puzzled the local ringers, who did not appear to have heard any Major before. Some rules on a board in the tower are worthy of reproduction:—

Let awful silence first proclaimed be
Then by consent let's make it our decree
What laws are best to keep sobriety
That peacably we may begin our ring
And say God bless our church and save our King.
Who swears or dams or in a churlish mood
Quarrels or strikes although he draw no blood
Who wears his hat or spur or turns a bell
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime
'Twill make him cautious for another time.
November 12th 1816.

After partaking of the Barley Sheaf's "Market Ordinary," we made tracks for Fowey, reaching there nearly two hours late, owing to a misreading of the time-table. However, the first peal of Bristol in Cornwall was brought home in good style on Fowey's fine bells, and with the help of two motor-cars we were able to reach Truro the same night, Mr. Gully, one of the Kenwyn ringers, who was our host, giving us a cordial welcome.

On Tuesday morning, we made our way to Kea, Squire Daubuz and the Vicar being in waiting to welcome us. Here the first Cornish peal of London was rung. It was also A.W.G.'s eighth in the method, and in those eight peals he has managed to ring all round the tower.

Tuesday afternoon we were booked for Kenwyn, but owing to illness were unable to attempt a peal there, so time had to be killed in seeing the sights of Truro, and having our photo taken. But at 8.15 we were allowed to sample the Cathedral bells with a few touches, and managed a course each of Kent Royal, Grandsire Caters and Bristol Major, and also three courses of Stedman Caters. The bells came quite up to our expectations, and are worthy of the Cathedral. Our only regret was we were not allowed to attempt a peal on them. As we had been disappointed at Kenwyn, the Vicar of Kea kindly allowed us to attempt a second peal on his bells on Wednesday morning, and as we had to be back at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, to finish a peal before 5 p.m., our second peal at Kea commenced shortly after 6 a.m., and ran safely round two hours and 51 mins. later. The early rising did not appear to agree with our treble man, who seemed far from comfortable all through the peal, and quite upset our "heavyweight" on the tenor. After the peal, the Vicar kindly enetrtained us to light refreshments, which were very acceptable with such an early start. Then we retraced our steps once more to Plymouth, reaching there shortly after noon to attempt a peal at St. Andrew's. With W. D. James standing in, a start was made for Kent Royal, and all went well till eight leads from home, when the 9th lost her voice, owing to the ball of the clapper breaking off, much to the disappointment of all. This was our first failure, and ill-luck again attended us on the following morning (Thursday), when a peal of Bristol came to grief at Ashburton, after nearly two hours' ringing. In the afternoon we reached Totnes, finding a heavy eight with a tenor about 28 cwt. After trying the bells round, London was decided as the method, and came round safely, though not without giving the back-enders a run for their money. It was the first peal in the method in the county, and Haggerston Alfred's 100th Surprise peal.

On Friday morning we managed to pull off a good peal of Double Norwich at Berry Pomeroy. We arrived at Bovey Tracey in the afternoon, finding a nice little eight by Taylor. We had been told that we should never ring a peal on them on account of the long draught, and some of us were quite interested to see bells "we could not ring." In spite of their reputation, we managed to bring off an excellent peal of Bristol on them, none of our party being troubled by the long draught. The Vicar kindly gave us tea after the peal, also insisting on our trying his home-made cider, which was very good. Any way, by this time some of us thought ourselves cider experts, and said so, but our connoisseur of the darker brew did not think much of it.

Friday evening found us at Exeter. On Saturday, the last day of our tour, St. David's was visited in the morning, and Cambridge attempted, but our luck was out, as our third man felt out of sorts, and had to give up, after an hour's ringing.

We could not get permission to ring on the Cathedral bells on Sunday morning, owing to the number of services, so we tried to get up and view the famous ten, but the red tape, with which many of the custodians of our Cathedrals are endowed, would not allow this, and the Dean not being available, we could not invoke higher power. Saturday afternoon saw the first break up of our party, our Greenwich and Bournemouth representatives being the first to leave. Those who remained attempted the last peal, Bristol, on the fine ring at Heavitree, but a shift course, after an hour and forty minutes' ringing, made things look serious. However, there was time for a second start, and then all went well, a good peal coming round in three hours and twenty-one minutes.

Five courses of Stedman Caters for morning service at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, concluded our ringing, and all then set out for home. Ten peals out of thirteen actually started for was not so bad, and we dispersed well satisfied with our week's ringing and the enjoyment we had had in the west. Our best thanks are due to the various clergy and all who helped to make the tour a success. A.R.M.

BELL RESTORATION.

CANADIAN READER'S SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in your articles re "Funds for Bell Restoration," and should very much like to make a few suggestions touching on this particular subject, through the medium of "The Ringing World." Even if my arguments do not seem sound, they will at least open up a channel for further correspondence on this desirable subject, and surely a way to cope with the necessity of a fund will eventually be arrived at. Why appeal to Mr. Carnegie at all to set aside a sum, or subscribe towards the funds for restoration of bells, when, I am sure, it is in the hands of the large body of ringers in the British Isles to provide a fund that could be drawn upon for many other good causes besides being put to the most excellent use of bell restoration. Why cannot a general fund be founded amongst all ringers in the country? Supposing there are 24,000 ringers, and they subscribed one penny per week per man, think what it would be possible to do with this sum, which would amount to something like £100 per week? I am sure when ringers knew the uses to which the money would be put, none would begrudge this small weekly sum which I suggest should be collected by the captain of each individual tower on practice nights, and forwarded to a responsible person. With a fund of this sort, machinery for the administration of which could be devised, many other good causes might be relieved. Ringers who have fallen on bad times might have a grant made to them, or the families of those ringers who have departed from the ranks might be helped greatly. But principally this fund could be used for restoration of bells, and the outcome would be eventually, more towers available for ringing, and bells in a better state all-round, which must unquestionably produce a marked improvement in the Art. Perhaps amongst your numerous readers there are some who can improve on this scheme, or suggest a better way to cope with the necessity of a general fund that would provide for all matters appertaining to towers, bells and ringing. —Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM E. HOLLOWAY.

Montreal, late of St. Mary's Guild, Acton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Evercreech on Saturday, when 50 members were present, representing 15 towers. Service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Dyne) officiating and giving an address. The organist and choir were also in attendance. Tea was served in the Institute, after which the business meeting was held, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, supported by the Rev. W. T. Dyne, Mr. E. J. Allen (churchwarden), and others. Three new members were elected, on the proposition of Mr. A. E. Coles, seconded by Mr. W. J. Starr.—The Master announced that the next meeting would be held at Barrow Gurney, on December 20th, if possible.—On the motion of the Master, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his very kind welcome, for arranging the service and giving the address, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist and choir for their services.—The Vicar responded, and hoped to have the pleasure of welcoming the members again at some future time.—Mr. E. J. Allen also replied.—A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

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

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	2	FREDERICK J. CROSS ...	6
FRANK R. COPEMAN	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
WILLIAM STEELE	4	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

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

GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM JOYCE...	5
FRANCIS WOODHEAD	2	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ...	6
JOSEPH BROADLEY	3	WILLIAM B. SMITH	7
CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON	4	JOHN B. JACKSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

CHIPPING BARNETT, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is I. G. Shade's and W. Pye's 700th peal together.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*EDWARD ETHERIDGE ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD RADDON	5
*WILLIAM LOADER	2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3	JAMES HUNT	7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	4	FRANK BLONDELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

* First peal of Major.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in E flat.

*ALEC ROBINS	...*Treble*	*ALBERT BURCOMBE	5
EDWARD WHITTARD	2	HARRY JONES	6
JAMES PARKER	3	HENRY W. FUSSELL ...	7
FREDERICK OAKHILL ...	4	*ALBERT P. TILLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. FUSSELL.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells: also first peal by the above branch.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)
On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by H. BARTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would not have entered into this question, but as you have honoured the subject with a full column-leader, that two gentlemen are nameless; and also that the esteemed late Master of the Association has condescended to take note of the question, perhaps you will allow me a few lines. When the proposal for a brake for a bye-meeting was introduced, I strongly objected to the funds of the Association being used (I rather fancy that some of those present will remember it), and it was sanctioned only on the assumption that the funds would allow of it, and even then in a very half-hearted manner, very few voting at all—much the same kind of thing, in fact, as the "lively" meeting at Harlow gives, the seven-for-and-two-against style, with about 40 present. Question! Who were the non-voters? Who were the seven?

The general secretary had generously offered to pay part of the cost of the brake from his own pocket, but this was not accepted; the evident intention being to test the "officials' power." Now, I submit that Rule VI quoted by Canon Papillon, gives the questioned authority, and the fact of the Master and General Secretary being present at the meeting should not affect their decision when it was brought officially for their sanction. At any rate, if the Master and Secretary are not considered to have such power, it cannot reasonably be contended that any division of the county has been granted such a measure of Home Rule as to be able to rule, or ruin, the funds of all the other divisions. This were Home Rule with a vengeance (and would be an object lesson to Mr. Asquith).

Again, it could not be known, at the time, what number of members would take part in this afternoon outing (as, of course, it is open for all members of the division to attend if they thought proper to do so), and instead of one brake, ten might be needed, each starting from its own convenient point; and I maintain that this course would be justifiable. If not it could only be described, as "Essex" puts it, as an afternoon's outing for one particular party at the cost of the Association.

I am not an advocate for accumulating funds, although this may sometimes serve a desirable purpose, such as the gift of a bell, etc., and I am a firm believer in missionary work of any character; but I do most strongly advocate some loyalty for the opinion of persons in authority, and as I, in effect, said at the "lively meeting at Harlow," and as the last lines of your leader state, "it would have been wise to postpone the charter of a brake until they had vindicated their position at the annual meeting," and not to act (as it appears to me) in a spirit of defiance. J. F. PENNING.

Sir,—I was pleased to read your comments, and also the Rev. Canon Papillon's letter on the above subject last week. I quite understand Rule VI, especially the part dealing with the hon. secretary's supervising power. It is not that that has caused this little trouble. No one in this division questions his powers, it is the authority of others interfering. The respected Canon, or yourself, said nothing about Rule I, the especial object of the Association. The Elmdon meeting and others of the same kind are really what the Association was formed for. The Master of the Association, Mr. Howard, and the hon. secretary, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, were both present at the meeting at Saffron Walden, and both spoke in favour of the meeting taking place. Mr. Wiffen, of Mickling, proposed it, and, I believe, did so, thinking he was carrying out the wishes of the chief officers. The arrangements were made accordingly, but we heard that we could not be allowed any funds from the Association, as they had incurred a very heavy printing bill, and at the Harlow meeting the hon. secretary was asked to explain this. It was decided to hold this meeting, which took place on Saturday last with the hon. secretary's consent, and the money for the brake has been paid. I think there is no possible grounds for anybody saying anything about defiance, as it never entered our heads. We very much respect our officers and try to work harmoniously with them. Our meeting was a most successful one, one hon. member, two life members, and seven probationary members were elected; a splendid tea was provided us by Mr. J. F. Wilkes, J.P. (one of our hon. members), who was most delighted to welcome us to Elmdon. With regard to "Essex," I can only say that we do not wish for any of his money for an outing. What we wanted was recognition and help from the Association towards helping defray the expenses that would be incurred in going to Elmdon to get members to join our Association. These outings are not undertaken free of cost, for each member who rode in the brake paid 8d. out of his own pocket, besides contributing to a collection for those who kindly saw to our wants at tea, and some had railway fares to pay as well. So you see it is not all done at the expense of the Association. It is not the first time that this most unjust insinuation has been cast at the Stansted company, but we take it from whence it came, and in the future I hope "Essex" will relieve the Stansted company of this not altogether very profitable source of occupation.—Yours faithfully,

"A BOB MEMBER."

BRENTFORD.—On July 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: F. G. Goddard 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, W. New 5, G. Spencer 6.

SALISBURY GUILD AT WOOL.

The anniversary of the dedication of the bells at Wool was held on Thursday week, and with it was combined a quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild. The towers represented included: St. Peter's and West Fordington; St. George, Dorchester; Wyke Regis, Puddletown, and West Lulworth, with the full muster of the Wool ringers. There was ringing during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rector of Wool (the Rev. E. J. Tadman), who was supported by the churchwarden (Dr. Wright). The Rector of West Lulworth (the Rev. W. P. Schuster) was also amongst the company, which numbered over 30. After tea, the Rev. E. J. Tadman welcomed the ringers, and spoke of the good work the Salisbury Diocesan Guild had done.—The Rev. W. P. Schuster proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. J. Tadman, and this having been seconded by Mr. W. Hewlett, of Puddletown, was unanimously carried.

The business meeting of the Dorchester branch followed. In the absence of the Chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Rev. W. P. Schuster was voted to the chair.—The Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) read apologies for inability to attend from the Rev. A. L. Helps, of Puddletown; the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth; the Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kington Magna; the Rev. H. C. Coate, of Dorchester; Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown; Mr. J. T. Brake, of the Upwey band; Mr. W. H. Perkins, of Milton Abbey; Mr. H. Northover, of Hilton; Mr. J. T. Godwin, of Dorchester; and Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester.

Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, and Mr. W. New, of Isleworth, were elected life members, and Mr. P. Wiltshire and Mr. P. Dredge, of Wyke Regis, were elected as ordinary members. Miss White was the first lady ringer to ring in a peal on tower bells.

The next meeting will be held at Charminster, in January.—The Hon. Secretary said that he could not let the meeting pass without according a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. P. Schuster for his services as hon. secretary of the Guild. He had now felt compelled to resign owing to his increased work. — Mr. S. G. Hodges, of Dorchester, seconded, and the motion was carried.—The Chairman complimented the Dorchester St. Peter's band upon scoring their first peal of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Mr. White. This concluded the business, and the ringers, having faced the camera, indulged in more ringing, Stedman and Grandsire being rung. Service was afterwards held in the church, there being a very good congregation. The Vicar of Wool officiated, the Rev. W. P. Schuster read the lessons, and the Rev. Rickman, of Powerstock, gave an interesting address dealing with the bells. The choir rendered an anthem, "Blessed be Thou," and the collection which was taken was for the bell fund at Wool.

MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT SECRETARY DESIGNS.

The Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild held its September meeting at Savernake St. Katharine's, on Saturday week. The Guild service was held in the church, and afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Parish Room, where a splendid tea had been prepared. A short business meeting followed. It was suggested that, when the meetings for the next three months were fixed at the next quarterly meeting, Burbage should be one of the places visited.—The secretary was requested to write to Mr. Slade, of Bremhill, and ask him to begin the instruction at Hilmarton as soon as he could make the necessary arrangements.—The President (the Rev. A. E. G. Peters) explained that the branch would have to find another secretary to fill the place of Mr. J. Butler, who was going to Cambridge to continue his studies. He had one member in mind whom he promised to ask to undertake the work. He then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Butler for his past services.—This was seconded by the Rev. G. H. S. Frobisher, and carried.—The Secretary replied that he was very glad to have been able to do what he could for the branch, but regretted that he could not leave a far greater proportion of change ringers than there were in it at present.—Business concluded, the ringers returned to the tower. Ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening. Ringers were present from Burbage, Collingbourne, Kingston and Marlborough St. Mary, besides those of St. Katharine's. Many thanks are due to the Rev. G. H. S. Frobisher and to Mrs. Frobisher for the excellent welcome which was prepared. The next meeting of the branch will very probably be held at Ramsbury on some Saturday in October.

RAYNE BELLS.

The amounts already to hand for restoration of Rayne (Essex) bells are as follow:—A. Prior, Leytonstone, 1s.; W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley, £1; Ringers Stebbing Church, £1 1s. 6d.; North Weald Church, 2s.; Maldon St. Mary's Church, 3s.; Dunmow Church, 8s. 6d.; Shenfield Church, 4s. 6d.; Bocking Church, 7s. 6d.; Braintree Church, £1 16s.; total, £5 4s. Further contributions, however small, will be most gratefully received by B. Ridgewell, Rayne.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET. — At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Whit-Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Chivers (first quarter-peal) 1, I. B. Holmyard 2, W. Farley 3, F. Speed (conductor) 4, F. Chivers 5, R. Jones 6, J. Hambleton 7, W. Keevill 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

KENT ASSOCIATION AT NEW ROMNEY.

CRITICISM OF COMMITTEE.

The old Cinque Port of New Romney was the venue for the annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent Association held on Saturday week in conjunction with the monthly assembly of the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

The gathering, perhaps, was not quite so largely attended as is sometimes the case, but the hop-picking season being at its height, probably accounted for the absence of a fair number. New Romney, too, is an awkward place to get at, and the jovial secretary of the association (the Rev. Canon Helmore) aptly illustrated this when he remarked that in his opinion the world might be divided into six portions—Europe, Asia, Africa, America, Australia, and Romney Marsh. Despite the fact that it is so difficult to journey thither, altogether nearly forty were present, and the following towers were represented: Aldington, Appledore, Brabourne, Folkestone, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Lyminge, Mersham, New Romney, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and Willesborough. Some excellent practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and it was very pleasing to note that several recruits rang Stedman very satisfactorily. This should tend to raise the standard of change ringing in the Ashford district.

A service was held in the church, the curate (the Rev. H. G. South) officiating. The Association's form of service, sanctioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, was used, and the organist kindly gave her services at the organ. In his address, which was based on the words, "My Father's business," the Rev. H. G. South bade the ringers welcome to New Romney, and hoped the meeting would be a useful and encouraging one, not only to the Association to which they belonged, but also to their own band of ringers. Personally, he thought such a meeting was full of encouragement, and the clergy owed a great debt of gratitude to bell ringers, who laboured so zealously, and gave their services ungrudgingly in discharging their duties to the Church.

Subsequently, the company adjourned to a building at the rear of the Rev. H. G. South's residence. Here a splendid meat tea was partaken of, the cost being defrayed by the Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the district followed, under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. G. South.—Mr. C. W. Player (Stone-in-Oxney) moved that Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden) be re-elected hon. secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. Tribe, he said, put in a lot of time in attending to the manifold duties of the post, and he did his work very well.—Mr. Dixon (Willesborough) seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously, and with loud applause.—Responding, Mr. Tribe said he was very much obliged to them for the honour and privilege they had again conferred on him, for he did look on it as an honour to act in that capacity, although sometimes, when the gatherings were rather slack, he wished he had not got it. One, however, could not have all sweets and no bitters. There were times, such as the one that day, when he was very pleased to attend to the duties.

Mr. G. Paine (Mersham) was re-appointed to represent the district on the Central Committee of the Association. In discussing the doings of the committee, several members complained that the North Kent delegates had too much of their own way at their meetings.—Mr. Paine, in response, said he agreed with the allusions to the North Kent delegates, and he really thought sometimes it was not much good attending the meetings, but, after all, they did not get it all their own way. He had served on the committee for twenty years, and thanked them for granting him the privilege once more.

Meetings for 1914 were decided to be held at Tenterden, Saltwood, and Wye, while an extra meeting will take place at Willesborough in November of this year.—Mr. Percy Jones was elected a member of the Association.

As regards the business of the Romney Marsh Guild, the members agreed to meet at Iden on the second or third Saturday in October, and to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Rye on the first Saturday in that month.

On the motion of Mr. C. W. Player, seconded by Mr. P. H. Pierce (Aldington), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. South for the use of the bells, arranging the service, and presiding at the meeting.—The reverend gentleman suitably replied, and a cordial vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary for his services in the past concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and ringing concluded about nine o'clock. The bells were found in perfect ringing order, and the ringers thoroughly enjoyed their visit to New Romney.

THE "NUNN" FUND.

Further contributions to the fund for assisting the widow and children of the late Mr. F. A. Nunn are gratefully acknowledged from: Mr. A. T. King, 10s. 6d.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 2s.; Clapton ringers, 5s.; Mr. J. Turner, 2s.; Mr. J. A. Milne, 2s. 6d.; Southgate ringers, 3s. 6d.; Mr. A. Hubbard, 2s. 6d. Donations should be sent to "F.R.," care of the Rev. F. Rice, St. Anne's Vicarage, South Tottenham.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH: CHANGE OF MASTER.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at Ridditch, on Saturday last. Considering the difficulty of reaching this place, there was a very good attendance, members being present from Halesowen, Old Hill, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Brierley Hill, King's Norton, Northfield, Smethwick, Bromsgrove, Birmingham, Selly Oak, together with the local ringers. At the service, the address, which was given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Grant) was very much appreciated. The Vicar said that he had been told that it would be best not to talk about bells on that occasion, as he had been led to understand that at their meetings they were always having the history of bells and bell ringing put before them. He was, therefore, going to get off the beaten track and talk about brotherhood. He went on to speak of the work of such societies as the Worcestershire Association, and the good work it was doing in helping the members, and as a brotherhood. There never was a time when they were more wanted to stand together than at the present. What, he asked, was the cause of the industrial unrest in the Empire? It was because men did not trust one another so much as they ought to do. If they would only place more confidence in one another much suffering would be done away with, and better conditions would result.

The meeting and tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, was held in the Institute, 44 members and lady friends sitting down to a splendid repast. Before the business began, the Vicar, on behalf of the churchwardens, the local ringers and himself, presented an illuminated address to Mr. W. Deaner, on his 70th birthday, and on his retiring from the position of head ringer, after 40 years' service. — Mr. Deaner very feelingly responded, and trusted that he would be spared many more years to hear the bells ring out.—The Vicar stated, in regard to the bad going of the bells, that he was going to take expert advice on them, so that they might be put into proper order for ringing.

The quarterly peal was arranged for Bromsgrove, and an offer from Smethwick to hold the next quarterly meeting there was gratefully accepted.

The Branch Master (Mr. R. Matthews) wrote apologising for his absence. and stating that he thought the honour of holding the position of Ringing Master should go round.—The meeting thanked Mr. Matthews very heartily for his services, and elected Mr. Samuel Grove as Branch Ringing Master.—Mr. J. Pigott was re-elected branch representative, and Mr. E. J. Dowler, branch secretary and treasurer.—The Vicar was elected an hon. member.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality was moved by Mr. A. E. Parsons, seconded by Mr. T. J. Salter, and unanimously carried, the Vicar responding and apologising for the absence of his wife.

RINGING NEWS FROM OVER-SEAS.

PARAGRAPHS FROM NEW ZEALAND AND AMERICA.

The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, hope shortly to accomplish the first peal in North Island. On Saturday, August 9th, they made their first attempt, when they started for Grandsire Triples, and had some very good striking for 2 hrs. 5 mins., when they broke down, after ringing 3,332 changes. Although naturally disappointed at losing the peal after ringing so long, the band were quite pleased with the attempt, which augurs well for success when they start again. The band stood as follows: C. Colgrove 1, W. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. Barringer 8.

The company at St. Matthew's will receive a welcome addition to their strength upon the arrival of Mr. C. Hamblin, formerly of Hersham, Surrey, father of Messrs. S. C. and E. J. Hamblin, who are already at Auckland. Mr. Hamblin, senr., is due to arrive in New Zealand about next Tuesday.

The art in New Zealand has sustained a heavy loss by the death of Mr. T. Biddle, of Christchurch. Mr. Biddle was Ringing Master at the Cathedral, where, in face of many difficulties, he did much to keep ringing alive in the South Island. A few months ago he visited Auckland, where there is a promising band, and took part in ringing at St. Matthew's Church. He then appeared in excellent health, but he has succumbed to an internal disease of some standing. The news of his death came as a shock to the ringers of Auckland, and they rang the bells half-muffled on the following Sunday.

The Boston (U.S.A.) Guild has accepted an invitation to give an exhibition of change ringing upon October 8th at Christ Church before the American Association of Bankers, which is to hold its annual convention at that time in Boston.

On Labour Day, which is September 1st, the Boston Guild rang 720 Kent Treble Bob, with tenor covering, at the Memorial Tower, Hingham: P. J. Allfrey 1, E. E. Randall 2, S. J. Perkins 3, R. Newton 4, J. F. Laker 5, W. Bashford (conductor) 6, G. Mackman 7.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, September 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Dunchurch on Saturday, September 27th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting will be held at Middleham on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 1913. Bells of the Parish Church, 8, tenor 18 cwt., are available for ringing all day.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch). — A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Penn on Saturday, September 27th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Vicar. Tea (9d.) at 6, at Rose and Crown. Trams leave Railway Drive, Wolverhampton, for Penn Fields (half way) every seven minutes. — H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stretton, Cheshire, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 3.30. Tea 9d. each.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Honorary Secretary.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Commencing October, meetings for practice of Caters and Royal will be held monthly at Hillingdon East on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m., and for Stedman and Major at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on the third Monday at 7.30 p.m.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be welcomed. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, October 4th. Service at St. Nicholas Church at 4 p.m. Preacher: the Lord Bishop of Liverpool.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6.—Francis G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, October 4th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present at tea please let me know by Thursday, October 2nd. — H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place on Saturday, October 4th, 3.30 p.m., Patshull (6); 5.15 p.m., Trysull (6). Names to be sent in by the 2nd. — Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE. — Re-opening of the bells.—The bells will be open for visiting ringers on Saturday, October 4th, from 3 o'clock until 9 o'clock. A hearty welcome to all.—George Drake, Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Oct. 4th at Doncaster, instead of Eckington, as the bells of the latter place are not yet ready. Church of St. George, 8 bells, tenor 30 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The eleventh annual grand Bohemian concert of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 1913, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price sixpence, which may be obtained from all officers of the Association and others. Ladies specially invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district of the Kent County Association will take place at Lenham on Saturday, October 11th. The belfry will be open at 2.30, and the Association service will be held in the church at 5 p.m. —Kenneth W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Service in the church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided only for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Honorary Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury Branch. —A meeting of this branch will be held at Monk's Eleigh (four miles from Lavenham) on Saturday, October 11th. Tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea are asked to give notice to the secretary on or before Monday, October 6th, so that arrangements may be made.—R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, October 11th. Tea at 5.15 p.m., free to members, by the kind invitation of the Rev. A. Rose, Vicar, who advise G. W.

Stevenson, Field House, Everton Bawtry, not later than October 7th. Shall be glad to receive all unpaid subscriptions for 1913 at this meeting. — H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of this society will take place on Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Holloway, N. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—The bells at the Parish Church will not be available for peals until further notice.—J. Preston, Secretary, Holifast Road, Erdington.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. J. Nudds has removed to 102, Kilburn Park Road, N.W.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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THE LATE CAPT. GLEN KIDSTON.

To the Editor.

Sir, — Upon looking through the peal columns of "The Ringing World" of the last two issues, I am disappointed to find that only one muffled peal in the whole of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was rung as a last token of respect to the late Captain A. Glen Kidston, who passed away on the 2nd inst., at his residence, at Gwernyfed Park, Glasbury. This peal, I am happy to say, was rung by the St. Peter's band, Glasbury, on the day of his funeral.

I wonder if the members of the Hereford Guild realise what a friend they have lost, and have they yet found a gentleman who will step into the shoes of the late genial captain, and do so much good for them? I hope they have not forgotten the last two Empire days, when every ringer in the Guild was invited to Glasbury to take part in the competition, all the expenses of which were defrayed by the captain, without a single farthing coming out of the pockets of the ringers. To speak of all the good he has done would occupy by far too much space in your valuable paper. I trust that when the members realise what a friend they have lost, in the person of Capt. Glen Kidston, they will for ever regret not taking the opportunity of ringing for him a muffled peal (as the last token of respect) upon the bells which this kind-hearted gentleman loved so well.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE DIVISION OF YORKSHIRE.

The scheme for dividing up the large area of the county of Yorkshire for the purposes of administration has now been moulded into concrete form by the committee of the Association, and has been placed in the hands of the members. The matter will be dealt with at the annual meeting, and in the meantime those attached to the Association will have time carefully to digest the proposals of the committee. Every opportunity is being provided of enabling the members fully to consider the scheme, and when the occasion occurs for definite action, the matured and settled opinions of the members will be forthcoming.

As a beginning the committee recommend that the county be divided into four general districts, leaving the districts the opportunity of suggesting further sub-divisions if the conditions seem to call for it after a certain amount of practical experience. The present scheme gives two peals of ten bells, 24 of eight and 39 of six in the Northern District; two of twelve, one of ten, 14 of eight and 23 of six in the Southern District; one of twelve, 14 of eight and 17 of six in the Eastern District, and two of twelve, three of ten, 42 of eight and 35 of six in the Western District.

The step which it is proposed to take is, we feel sure, an advance in the right direction. Even now the districts are large, but the measure of home rule which is suggested is certain to increase the interest of members in the working of the Association, for it will bring them into much closer touch with its activities. The proposed regulations for the management of the districts provide for four meetings in each district annually, and it particularly lays down that one of the meetings "shall be arranged where practicable for a tower where no members are affiliated to the Association, as the aim of the districts shall be to develop their respective areas as much as possible." The "missionary" spirit enters in here and unquestionably it is this form of activity that sustains the vitality of a ringing organisation. Yorkshire's opportunity, despite all that has been done in the past, is still a great one, and increased usefulness lies before it in the progressive action which it is now proposed to take. The advantages of the division of large areas seem so obvious that there is no need to labour them here, and we are convinced that if the Yorkshire Association adopts the policy now put forward by its committee its influence among the ringers will greatly increase, its numbers will receive substantial accretion, and its progress will be even more marked than in the past, as it works to achieve the object of its existence, "the advancement of the true and lasting interest of change ringers and their art, considered both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of church work."

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BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5139 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK LEAKER ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. REEVES... ...	6
FRED G. MAY	2	FRANCIS T. JEWELL... ...	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	ALFRED PEARCE	8
PERCY P. CAME	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	9
HENRY PRING	5	HENRY PORCH	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Daltry, eldest son of Mr. G. T. Daltry, who was married at St. John's, Redland, on that day.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	GEORGE HOLLIS	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	CORNELIUS CHARGE ...	8
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	4	SAM THOMAS	9
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE FLINTHAM	5
COOK WELLS	2	ISAAC VICKERS	6
JOHN WELLS	3	WILLIAM CLARKE	7
JOHN W. WATSON	4	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by COOK WELLS.

This was the first attempt for a peal on these bells, recently installed by Messrs. John Taylor & Co.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ERNEST BARTRAM ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES H. FOWLER ...	5
T. LEONARD ALLEN	2	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ...	6
J. JAMES JACKSON	3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	JOSIAH MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method by J. J. Jackson, of Belton, Rutland. Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Miss M. Smith Carrington, daughter of the donor of the bells.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 22¼ cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON...	...*Treble*	THOMAS FAULKNER	5
WALTER BEARD	2	EBENEZER ANDREWS ...	6
FREDERICK C. RUSSELL ...	3	CALEB FENN	7
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	4	ALBERT C. HARDY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Lily E. Sunaway and Mr. George Cottis, a member of the above Association and St. Margaret's Society, Barking, which had taken place a few hours previously at the above church.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

*JAMES G. BENNETT ...	...*Treble*	ELI WATERS	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
GEORGE PRESTON	3	ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	7
FRED W. TOWNSEND ...	4	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	5
†GEORGE POVEY...	2	EDWARD AUDSLEY	6
JOHN WHEADON	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
REGINALD BROUGH	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

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

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

*BERT DAVIES	...*Treble*	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
HARRY PAGE	2	JAMES CROSS	6
WILLIAM PAGE	3	TOM PAGE	7
BENJAMIN THORPE	4	HENRY CRABBE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE

* First peal.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS WHITE...	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	GEORGE BOWMER	6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT	3	WILLIAM FOX	7
FREDERICK JOHNSON	4	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

Rung immediately after the service of induction as a welcome to the Rev. Thomas B. Charlesworth, the newly-appointed Vicar.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK VOICE	...*Treble*	GEORGE ILLMAN	5
JOSEPH KENWARD	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
ARTHUR BASHFORD	3	JOHN SHERLOCK	7
ALBERT LONGHURST	4	CHARLES OSBORNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, the former being a member of the local band.

HALIFAX, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL ...	...*Treble*	*WADE RUSHWORTH	5
JONAS S. AMBLER	2	LEWIS MIDGLEY	6
JOHN LAWSON	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
WILLIAM JOYCE	4	FRED SALMONS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal of Major.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*THOMAS STREETER ...	...*Treble*	OSCAR GILBY	5
HENRY A. HOAD	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
*ERNEST HARMAN	3	JOHN SHERLOCK	7
HENRY F. EWINS	4	WILLIAM STREETER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. Rung on the 18th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. This was the quarterly peal of the Branch. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Streeter.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

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

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN ...	3	*JOHN J. PRATT	7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	4	FRANK SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method with an inside bell. This composition, with only one call in a course, contains the 5th and 6th each 12 times wrong and 18 times right.

ERITH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM THEOBALD ...	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	ALBERT D. STONE	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
JOHN CAPP	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rickman.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HERBERT HURDMAN...	...*Treble*	ALBERT P. WAKLEY...	... 5
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ...	2	EDWARD I. STONE ...	... 6
*WM. W. WORTHINGTON ...	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN ...	... 7
*ALGERNON P. STONE ...	4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

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

ST. GERMANS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN GLUYAS	...*Treble*	REV. E. S. POWELL	... 5
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON	2	WILLIAM RICHARDS...	... 6
WARREN S. H. HORNBROOK	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES...	... 7
WILLIAM FORD	4	ERNEST W. MARSH...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal of Bob Major in the county and by the Guild.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SIDNEY PECK	...*Treble*	GEORGE D. COLEMAN	... 5
WILLIAM J. GOSS	2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN	... 6
REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE	3	HERBERT FIELDS ...	... 7
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN... ...	4	EDMUND C. CHASTY...	...*Tenor*

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

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
(ERDINGTON PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS BICKNELL	...*Treble*	JOHN SANDERS	... 5
CHARLES COTTRELL	2	GEORGE GARRISON ...	... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS	3	GEORGE F. SWANN ...	... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON	4	JOHN E. PYWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin J. Houlston, late churchwarden of Erdington Parish Church, who takes a great interest in the ringers.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM GOBBETT	...*Treble*	ROBERT RAYNER ...	... 5
ROBERT RICHES	2	ALBERT RICHES... ...	... 6
JOHN SPENCER	3	WALTER RICHES ...	... 7
JACOB FILBY	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung to oblige J. Spencer and F. W. Naunton, of Wrentham.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT E. NEWICK	...*Treble*	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	5
REGINALD BROUGH	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	6
JOHN WHEADON	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE ...	7
GEORGE FRENCH...	4	JOHN NEWICK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIGE, Senr.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs.

THOS. BOTTERILL	...*Treble*	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	5
GEO. A. SMITH	2	WALTER N. WASHBROOK	6
HARRY WASHBROOK	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
JOSEPH LOWE	4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Jr.	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Junr.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. L. Forsbrooke, who was inducted to the living of St. Thomas on this date. It was also a compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday.

POOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	*Treble*	GEORGE H. JAMES	5
FREDERICK FORSYTH ...	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
HAROLD C. BAVERSTOCK...	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
HARRY R. BENNETT ...	4	ALFRED OSMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

Quarterly peal of the East Dorset Branch, and arranged for Mr. Gough.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Half-a-Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE	...*Treble*	CHARLES F. BAILEY	... 5
GEORGE WILSON... ...	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY ...	... 6
ALLEN F. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMPSON ...	... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

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

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. G. Day & Sons, of Eye.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
AND THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

ALBERT V. SELBY	...*Treble*	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	... 5
HENRY G. MILES	2	WILLIAM A. GARRARD	... 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	3	JAMES R. MACKMAN	... 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	4	FREDERICK J. REDKNAP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. G. MILES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Miles and Stibbons. The company wish to place on record their appreciation of the local band foregoing their practice in order that the peal might be rung.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

JOHN W. WHITING ...	...*Treble*	LIONEL H. PAGE	5
*WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...	2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	6
HENRY W. WILKES... ...	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	7
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF DUBLIN COMPLEX MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE	...*Treble*	ROBERT W. FALCONER ...	5
JOHN S. RICHARDSON ...	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER ...	6
JOHN F. BIRD	3	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ...	7
NORMAN C. FLECK... ...	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This method is now rung for the first time, and is the production of Mr. G. Lindoff. It is the first plain method to be rung with lengthening leads.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. o qr. 9 lbs.

DAVID COLLINS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE	5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	2	LEONARD LAST	6
HOBART E. SMITH	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the Harvest Festival.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY T. MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	2	WILLIAM RAWLINGS ...	6
GEORGE CLASBY...	3	GEORGE PRESTON	7
EDWIN WELLSTEAD	4	JOHN CURTIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

Rung for the Harvest Festival. The band were entertained to tea at the Rectory after the peal.

PENDLETON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE E. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHERCLIFFE ...	5
ALFRED BARNES	2	ALBERT G. WARNES ...	6
JAMES BARRATT	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ...	4	THOMAS BOTTRILL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by THOMAS BOTTRILL.

Arranged for Mr. A. G. Warnes, of Norwich, and also as a farewell peal to the Rev. W. A. Westley, senior curate of Pendleton, who is leaving the district for Oldham.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

W. PARKER	...*Treble*	J. TARLING	3
W. DANIELS...	2	J. WICKS ... ..., ...	4
T. LILLEY	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. DANIELS.

First peal by all and rung at the first attempt. The peal was in honour of the wedding of Mr. Weeber, of Hadley Bourne.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Stedman, six of Canterbury Pleasure, and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STEELE	4
REES EVANS	2	WILLIAM GARDINER ...	5
JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT... ...	3	EDWARD GARDINER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. T. Phillips, for 18 years sexton and for over 40 years a choirman and ringer at the above church, who was interred on that date. First peal ever rung by a parish band at Foy, and first as conductor by J. Cartwright. The ringer of the treble has rung at Foy for over 50 years.

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HUSBAND'S BOSWORTH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES FROST	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ALDERMAN ...	3
ALBERT MARTIN	2	RUFUS SCRIMSHIRE	4
FRED STANIFORTH ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRED STANIFORTH.

This was the first peal upon the bells and the first peal by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 4th, who were elected members of the Association before starting.

BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	...*Treble*	*GEORGE BOWMER	4
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ...	2	WILLIAM FOX	5
*THOMAS WHITE	3	*BENJAMIN GREATOREX	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

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

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Bob Minor, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob each called differently. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*CHARLES STEPHENSON	...*Treble*	HARRY ENTWISTLE	4
HERBERT WORMWELL ...	2	RICHARD ASHWORTH ...	5
SAMUEL CORNISH	3	RENNIE HARTLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RENNIE HARTLEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Thomas Mouncey, a former ringer in this tower. S. Cornish was proposed a member previous to starting.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...*Treble*	*ERNEST W. HALL 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN SPENCER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Naunton, wife of the ringer of the 2nd and mother of the ringers of treble and tenor. She was 70 years of age on the 18th inst.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with nine different callings.
Tenor 7 cwt: 3 qr. 9 lbs.

LEONARD H. STEVENS ...*Treble*	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 4
WILLIAM H. BANKS 2	LUKE VERRALL 5
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 3	JAMES H. COX ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of the parish (the Rev. Prebendary R. J. Salmon), and to the Right Hon. Lord Monk Bretton, C.B., of Conyboro' Park; also to the ringer of the treble.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE M. TROUGHTON...*Treble*	*FREDERICK STANTON ... 4
*WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	*CHARLES CAMM... 5
†ERNEST E. BARBER... ... 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. KNOWLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods away from treble.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED J. CHUTER ... ...*Treble*	CRPL. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 5
*GEORGE FISHER... 3	†HUBERT CHAFFEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HUBERT CHAFFEY.

* First peal in seven methods on an inside bell. † First peal in seven methods as conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH ...*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4
ALFRED SOUTH 2	WALTER NICE... 5
HAROLD FINCH 3	FRED. CHALK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED CHALK.

First peal as conductor.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST HOLMAN... ... ...*Treble*	ALFRED TOMSETT 4
ALFRED WILLIE 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 5
HERBERT TOMSETT 3	THOMAS LOVEJOY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED TOMSETT.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor, who are local men. First peal of Doubles by all and first peal on the bells.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single, Plain Bob, College Single, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS STOTT ... ...*Treble*	JOHN FOWLER 4
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	WILLIAM FOWLER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

First peal in seven methods for all except the ringers of 2 and 5.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 17 cwt.

LEONARD WYMAN ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS JERVIS... 4
HARRY MEADOWS 2	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... 5
PEARL INSKIP 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LESTER L. GRAY... ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 4
DAVID LEGGETT 2	GEORGE ABLITT 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 3	WILLIAM B. REEVE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

HAWKESHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC L. BENNETT ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS F. HEWARTSON ... 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON ... 2	CHARLES E. WEBB 5
GORDON WHITTAM 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. L. BENNETT.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 Six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

WALTER JONES ... ...*Treble*		LEONARD NICHOLS ... 4	
*HUBERT COTTON 2		FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 5	
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3		*ALBERT COLLEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. W. Jones was elected a member before starting. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. C. Laurence for having everything in readiness and entertaining them after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WALTER S. WISE ... ... 1—2		FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5—6	
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3—4		ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7—8	

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpires: JOSEPH BARRY and CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES.

The above is Alfred Grimes' 300th peal and the conductor's 50th peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Size 14, in D.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD... ... 1—2		WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6	
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4		WILLIAM SMITH ... ... 7—8	

Composed by SYDNEY WADE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: ALFRED SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON, 71, CALEDONIA STREET,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores, called 13 different ways.

J. R. BARTON ... ... 1—2		†J. R. FRYIRS 4	
*A. RAYNOR 3		F. DAVISON ... ... 5—6	

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnesses: MRS. BARTON and MRS. FRYIRS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal of handbells by all except the conductor.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 28, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. R. BARTON, 71, CALEDONIA STREET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*J. R. BARTON ... ... 1—2		ALBERT COATES ... ... 3—4	
†HARRY GIBSON ... ... 5—6			

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Witnesses: JOHN R. FRYIRS, MRS. BARTON and MISS L. BARTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal on the handbells which are the property of H. Gibson.

The following peals were rung during a week's ringing round Norwich.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

*GEORGE DAY ... ...*Treble*		CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 6	
JOHN E. BURTON 2		GEORGE P. BURTON... ... 7	
*FRANK H. PHILLIPS ... 3		WILLIAM STEELE 8	
HARRY J. BORRETT 4		FREDERICK SEAGER 9	
GEORGE N. PRICE 5		FREDERICK R. BORRETT...*Tenor*	

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE N. PRICE 5	
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 2		FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6	
ALFRED FUNNELL 3		WILLIAM STEELE 7	
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4		FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...*Tenor*	

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...*Treble*		ALBERT G. WARNES ... 6	
*GEORGE H. CROSS 2		*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 7	
*GEORGE N. PRICE 3		GEORGE MOY 8	
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4		*FREDERICK R. BORRETT... 9	
JOHN MOY 5		*WILLIAM STEELE ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN ALDIS, Sen. ... ...*Treble*		BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5	
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2		FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6	
FRANK R. COPEMAN 3		WILLIAM STEELE 7	
GEORGE N. PRICE 4		ALBERT G. WARNES ...*Tenor*	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. R. Copeman.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM STEELE ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST WHITING 5	
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2		JOHN SNELLING... 6	
GEORGE N. PRICE 3		EDWIN WHITING 7	
FREDERICK MANSER ... 4		FREDERICK SEAGER ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This was F. R. Borrett's 400th peal.

The peal rung at St. Martin's, Epsom, on September 17th, was Oxford Bob Triples, not Grandsire as published.

EXCURSION IN THE LINCOLNSHIRE FENS.

INTERESTING INCIDENTS IN A RINGING WEEK.

An enjoyable ringing excursion in the Lincolnshire Fen district has just concluded. The party met at Billingborough, and after some Stedman " in hand," strolled round the village, and then on to Horbling, about half a mile away. " We could not ring here, as the tower is supposed to be unsafe, so we mounted the stairs, and had a look at the bells—a ring of five, tenor about 10 cwt. These we found in a dirty, deplorable condition. Four are by Penn in 1719, and one, a later addition in 1801, by another founder. After tea the nine of us tapped off Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, for evening service at Billingborough Church on the ring of five there. Monday morning found the party at Boston Stump, the landmark of the Fens, one of the most magnificent parish churches in the kingdom. The tall western tower, with its lantern, contains twelve bells, eight of which are hung for ringing (tenor 28 cwt.), the other four being for the clock chimes. The ringing chamber is most unique, and most difficult to ring in. In the first place the stone-groined ceiling of the tower, rising in the middle of the chamber, forms a dome, which hides nearly all of each ringer, except his head, from the others. The ringers also are hampered by the close proximity of the bells, the salleys going round the wheels. The noise is great, and the dome only allows a narrow gangway for each ringer to stand in. All, however, had a pull in Stedman Triples and Double Norwich; journeyed up to the top of the lantern and enjoyed the fine view from an elevation of some 300 feet, Lincoln Cathedral being seen quite plainly.

After dinner we journeyed to Kirton, some four miles away. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul contains a peal of eight (tenor 18 cwts.) in its western tower, and a peal attempt for Little Bob Major ran home in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Although recently rehung, the bells go none too well: in fact, it was only through the perseverance of the ringers on 7 and 8 that the peal was accomplished, as these two bells took some handling. The ringers in the peal represented eight distinct towers. One of the motor bikes on the way back to our destination for the night refused to " make the bob," and " Jack " had to tramp eleven miles across the fens, and leave his motor to repose at a farmhouse.

Heckington, the queen of Lincolnshire villages, was visited on the Tuesday, and the bells, eight in number (tenor 20 cwt.), of the magnificent church of St. Andrew with its massive tower and spire, were set going to Stedman. After partaking dinner at the Red Cow, we mounted our steeds en route for the small village of Ewerby, some four miles away. The Church of St. Andrew contains a peal of 10 in the western tower and spire (tenor 15 cwt.). These bells are in D, a rather unusual note for the weight of metal. We kept the bells going to Little Bob Royal, Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Caters until at 8 p.m. Next morning we journeyed to Surfleet, with its leaning tower and spire, containing the new and beautiful ring of ten. We found the little village en fete, on account of a wedding, so we tapped off a wedding touch as the bride and bridegroom came out of church, and had our photos taken. We kept the bells going to Stedman Caters, Duffield and Double Norwich, until 8 o'clock, when we parted for the night, some staying at Surfleet; others cycling away to be nearer to the village of Ruskington, some 20 miles off, where six of us were making a peal attempt the next morning. The Rector of Ruskington met us in church, and extended a hearty welcome. He had everything ready for us, bells oiled and ropes all in order, and the first peal on the bells ran home in 3 hours, being a Yorkshire Association and Lincoln Guild peal, in Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

In the evening we cycled to Sleaford, where the others of our party joined us, and the eight bells by Osborne, of Downham Market (tenor 20 cwt.), were kept going to Stedman Triples. Friday was a blank day, as there were no near towers available for a pull, so at the invitation of the Rev. H. Law James we journeyed to Surfleet again, and did more ringing there on the peal of ten. Saturday was the day fixed for the half-yearly meeting of the Lincoln Guild, at Metheringham, so we journeyed thither, and some of our party filled up the vacant places, as the arrangements included a peal attempt, in addition to the meeting, and Thurstans' four-part was rung in 2 hrs. 46 mins. We listeners and others from local towers then had a pull, and attended the service, tea and meeting. The Church of St. Wilfrid contains in its low western tower a peal of eight, with tenor 8 cwt. This was the splitting up of the camp, and we parted for our respective homes, after a most pleasant outing. —Through the medium of this paper, we wish to thank the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and our friends in Lincolnshire for extending to us so hearty a welcome. The towers represented in the outing were: Sheffield, Derby, Eastwood, Rotherham, Heckington, Surfleet, Grimsby, Billingborough, Pinchbeck, Nottingham."

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT DUNCHURCH.

Dunchurch, situate on the border of the county, would not strike one as being an ideal place for a ringers' meeting, but that it was not unwisely chosen was evidenced by the fact that about 20 members and friends were present at the September monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild, which was held on Saturday last, the places represented being Allesley, Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby, and the local band. Curiously enough, the ringers from Rugby and the neighbouring towers within easy range were very scarce, and had they turned up to any extent, a record, numerically, might easily have been created for a monthly meeting of the Guild.

The bells, recently restored, are a musical peal of six, and a little on the weighty side. Some good ringing was obtained in the following methods: Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob.—The Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Harbord, gave the members a most enthusiastic welcome, and sat in the tower while several touches were rung, thus showing the interest he takes in ringing and ringers generally.

A meat tea was partaken of at the Green Man Hotel, and at the conclusion of the meal, the Ringing Master (Mr. James George) said how pleased he was to see so many ringers present, and thanked the Vicar and Mr. Pinfold, the leader of the local ringers, for their kindness in making such splendid arrangements for the meeting.—At the conclusion of the tower bell ringing, the handbells were requisitioned, and a course each of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and touches of Stedman Triples were rung, together with tunes by Messrs. Malins, White and Hessian.

It is pleasing to add that the local ringers, to the number of about ten, were present, and expressed a desire to join the Guild, and their names will be put forward in due course. As they are a promising young band, it is hoped that some arrangements can be made for their tuition, as they show signs of developing into good change ringers, and will be an acquisition to the Guild.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Southwell, and a very enjoyable and pleasant time was spent there by those enthusiasts who were present. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, excepting the intervals for evensong and tea. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round, and doubtless several other and more advanced methods would have been assayed but for the very awkward rope-sight caused by the large size of the ringing room, the screens to prevent a fall into the nave below, and the bells going the " wrong way round." The majority of the visitors attended evensong, the bell anthem, " Rejoice in the Lord alway," being especially and very ably rendered by the choir. A first-rate meat tea was provided, amongst the 28 sitting down being the Rev. J. R. Thomas, Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president), Mr. W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer), and Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary). At the subsequent meeting the vice-president occupied the chair and read the list of peals rung during the past quarter, viz.: 35 on tower bells and one on handbells, which brought the total for the year up to 84, this being a falling off of 30 peals in comparison with the corresponding period in 1912.

The Ven. Archdeacon Hacking and the Rev. J. R. Thomas were elected honorary members, and one life and four ringing members were also admitted.

Thanks were accorded to the Ven. Archdeacon Wild for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. R. Thomas for his welcome to Southwell and his presence at the tea.—The Rev. J. R. Thomas responded, and hoped he might be able to attend future meetings of the Association, and to welcome the members again to Southwell. He also promised to convey the thanks of the meeting to the Rector (Archdeacon Wild) who was absent from home.—Thanks were also given to the Southwell ringers for making the very satisfactory arrangements.

During the day it was noticed that representatives were present from Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Netherseale, Newark, Retford, Sawley and Swindon.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

In ideal weather, the society held a meeting at Penn, on Saturday last, ringers being present from Bilston, Bloxwich, Bradley, Coseley, Kidderminster, Rushall, Sedgley, Smethwick, Stafford, Tettenhall, Tipton, West Bromwich, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Wood Green, and the local band. The methods rung were various, four of the local men standing in a touch of Grandsire Triples, the outcome of recent instruction.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. O. A Holden). Eleven new members were enrolled, and the Handsworth meeting arranged for January 24th or thereabouts.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, and a helpful address delivered by the Rev. O. A. Holden. Mr. H. Mitchell kindly officiated as organist, assisted by Mr. H. Hawkswood.

Tea was provided at the Rose and Crown, after which further ringing was indulged in.

BELL RESTORATION AT BREMHILL.

A welcome beginning in the work of restoration, which is so sorely needed in the Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild, has been made at Bremhill, where the six bells have just been re-dedicated, after being rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington. A party of over 20 ringers assembled for the re-opening from Beechingstoke, Bremhill, Calne, Hilmarton, Kidlington, Marlborough, Southbroom and Wootton Bassett. The service was read by the Rev. G. Long, Vicar of Bremhill, and in the course of the service a few rounds were rung on the bells. An instructive address was delivered by the Rev. E. J. Bodington, Archdeacon of Wilts, who gave an interesting account of the history of the church and bells at Bremhill, and based a practical discourse on the inscriptions on the 5th bell, " Floreat Ecclesia Anglicana " (May the Church of England flourish), and the tenor, " I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all."

After service the ringers returned to the tower, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung.—Tea was provided at the Vicarage, and during the evening ringing was again indulged in.

The bells have been hung in a new iron frame, and the " go " leaves nothing to be desired. All members of the Marlborough branch will hope that this may prove to be but a beginning in the way of restoration, and that the example of Bremhill may soon be followed by many other towers. The branch is starting a centre for instruction in change ringing, which is to be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, at Hilmarton, beginning on October 8th.

DUBLIN COMPLEX MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, DUBLIN.

5056

12345678	23456	M	W	H
21436587	24536		1	2
24135678	32465	2	2	2
42316587	25463	1		2
24361578	32654	2	1	2
23465187	36524		1	2
32456817	25634		2	2
34265871	32546	2	2	2
43256781	Three times repeated, calling			
42365718	Single instead of Bob at W in			
24356178	the first course of the first and			
23451687	third parts. First rung at			
32415678	Gosforth. Conducted by William			
23146587	H. Barber.			
21345678				
12436587				
14263857				
Bob				
14235678				
Single				
12435678				

Any peal of Treble Bob or Bristol Surprise Major will run true to this method by doubling it with two singles.

A DAY IN NORTH AND MID-SOMERSET.

A DELIGHTFUL RINGING OUTING.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Swindon, had a most enjoyable outing in North and Mid-Somerset, the journey being accomplished by motor-'bus from Bristol. A beautiful run over the bracing Mendips to Shepton Mallet, the first halting place, was much enjoyed, and after a brief spell in the tower of the Parish Church, a move was made for Street, passing through one of the most interesting and historical districts in England en route. Glastonbury Tor, a famous Somerset landmark, first claimed attention, while the distant Blackdown and Quantock hills made a fine background to the beautiful pastoral district we were negotiating in our comfortable char-a-banc. Down the fine old High Street of Glastonbury, with its many historical buildings, past the ruins of the one once famous Abbey, and the well-preserved Abbots Kitchen, the village of Street was reached, and the bells were soon set swinging, but did not continue long enough to please some ancient bell ringers, who were quickly attracted to the tower by the sound of the peal. St. John's, Glastonbury, was now visited, and two short touches rung. Then the party set off to the beautiful old City of Wells, which nestles so serenely under the protection of the sheltering Mendips. Here a really first-class dinner was enjoyed at Wickenden's Restaurant.

After a brief stroll round the Bishop's Palace, with its well-preserved walls, towers and moat, the long climb up the south-western tower of the Cathedral to the ringing chamber was tackled. The four big bells were raised singly, and the front six in peal. A few rounds followed for the young hands, and then a course of Grandsire Caters, which was quite well struck, after which the glorious and unsurpassed ring was lowered in peal. St. Cuthbert's, with its musical peal of eight, was next visited, and Grandsire and Double Norwich rung.

A long run to Cheddar, up through the famous gorge, over the wild moors to Blagdon, our next tower, was much enjoyed, especially the romantic scenery of the gorge, where the cliffs rise sheer up from the road about 800 feet. Arriving above Blagdon a very steep descent had to be carefully negotiated. The scene on coming over the crest of the hill is really quite enchanting, the village with its beautiful church, artistic villas, and charming old cottages being prominent, while beyond is the huge lake formed by the Bristol Corporation for their new water supply, added to which the whole countryside is prettily wooded. Stedman Triples and Superlative were the methods rung here. Wrington, the last tower on the programme, was reached somewhat behind time, and after a hurried tea, the beautiful tower of the Parish Church was visited, and the fine ring of ten bells raised. The event here was the first course of Stedman Caters by a Swindon company, the achievement being one they were proud of. On descending from the tower it was found to be raining, but the driver had put the hood up, which was a great protection, and very little inconvenience was experienced from the weather. Just one hour remained to catch the 7.50 train from Bristol, and this was accomplished with ten minutes to spare, Swindon being reached at 9 o'clock. It is not uninteresting to note the weights of the bells handled during the day: Shepton Mallet, tenor, 25 cwt.; Street, 23 cwt.; Glastonbury, 26 cwt.; Wells Cathedral, 57¾ cwt.; St. Cuthbert's, 28 cwt.; Blagdon, 18¾ cwt.; Wrington, 37 cwt.

The company numbered 17, including three visitors, in Mr. Newell, of Reading; Mr. Sylvester, Compton Beauchamp; and Mr. Townsend, Tilbury. The ringers desire to thank the various authorities for so readily granting permission to ring, and to those brother ringers who so kindly assisted in the arrangements.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE ELMDON MEETING.

The much discussed bye-meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Elmdon, on Saturday week, about 25 members putting in appearance by brake and cycle from Saffron Walden, Wenden, Rickling, Stansted, Elsenham, Royston, Ickleton and Stapleford, together with the local company. By the kindness of Mr. J. F. Wilkes, J.P., an honorary member of the Association, a splendid tea was provided at Elmdon Bury.—Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided, supported by Mr. W. Watts (district secretary), and Mr. J. F. Wilkes. The Vicar, unfortunately, was away from home The business comprised the election of a number of new members, including the Rev. Brabant Smith as an honorary member; Messrs. D. Greenhill, E. Negus, E. Greenhill, G. Adams, and C. Gamgee, of Elmdon; and Mr. C. Law, of Wenden, as probationers; Mr. R. Wilkerson, of Royston, as a non-resident life member. Messrs. H. Dew and P. C. Springham's election prior to a peal at Bishop Stortford was confirmed.—Mr. F. Pitstow proposed, and Mr. J. Luckey seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded Mr. J. F. Wilkes for kindly entertaining the members to tea, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—Mr. W. Prior proposed, and Mr. T. J. Watts seconded, a vote of thanks to the Master and secretary. He said he was very sorry to say this meeting had given them a lot of extra work.—Mr. F. Pitstow, in replying, said they did not mind how much extra work and trouble this bye-meeting had given them; he was only too pleased to see so many members present, and hoped they should have many more meetings at Elmdon. He was glad to say this had been one of the most successful meetings ever held in the North Western Division.—Touches in the following methods were rung before and after tea: Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London Surprise, and 720 Cambridge Surprise by: W. Prior 1, G. Jordan 2, J. Luckey 3, R. Wilkerson 4, T. J. Watts 5, W. Watts (conductor) 6.

BELLS OF CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT OPENED.

Thursday, September 18th, was an eventful day for the retired village of Chewton Mendip, among the combes and spurs of the Mendips. It possesses a grand and stately tower of the Taunton type, some 126ft. in height, and is the admiration of the most competent authorities. It became necessary to deal with the injury caused by a defective timber frame, and it was eventually decided to replace it by a low side massive iron framework on stout steel supporting girders, thus retaining the A principle, on the model of the one at Wimborne St. Giles', in Dorset, and to recast the existing ring of six bells into one of eight. The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and their name is a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of every detail. The new treble is approximately 5½ cwt., as against 10 cwt. of the old ring, and the new tenor is 24 cwt. 1 qr., as against 27 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs. The total weight is, broadly, 92, against 98¾ cwt. The key is D. A new Ellacombe's chiming apparatus, on the latest principle, was also fitted up instead of one of an antiquated type. In point of fact, everything in the tower is new. The clock strikes the Cambridge chimes on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th, with the hour on the tenor, and the sound carries further than formerly. The opening ceremony was impressive, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Wells. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. N. Bax, Rector of Maperton, near Wincanton, and will long live in the memories of those who heard it. The bells were rung by members of the Midsomer Norton branch of the Bath and Wells Association, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were thus heard for the first time by many. A public tea and social evening, with cards, etc., in the Schoolroom, organised by the Bells Committee, and a supper for the ringers brought the day to a pleasing close. The village may well be congratulated on the magnificent heritage which will be handed down to future generations in the full security that their tower is saved from all danger by the care of those now living.

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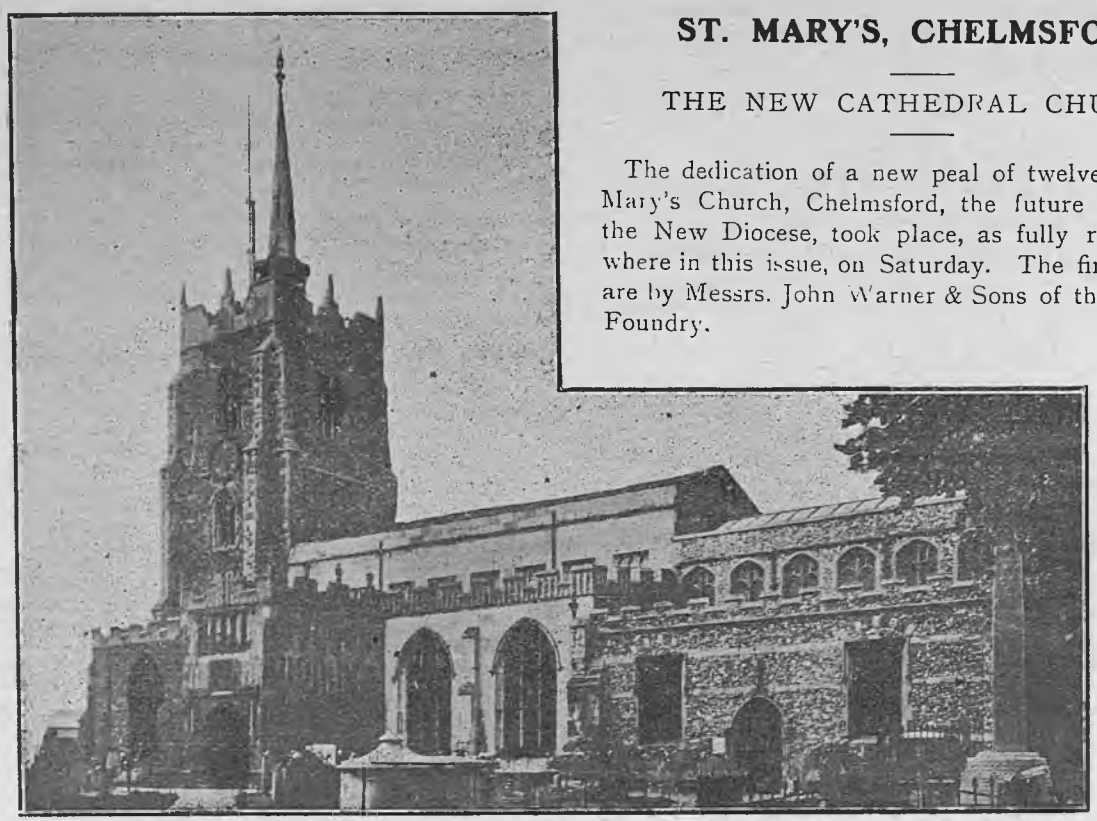
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ST. MARY'S, CHELMSFORD.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

The dedication of a new peal of twelve bells at St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford, the future Cathedral of the New Diocese, took place, as fully reported elsewhere in this issue, on Saturday. The fine-toned ring are by Messrs. John Warner & Sons of the Spitalfields Foundry.

ODD CHANGES.

Next week the address of our Editorial Office will be changed. All communications should in future be sent to

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The installation of the new peal at Chelmsford adds Essex to the counties which enjoy the possession of rings of twelve. The 33 peals are distributed over the country thus: London, 8; Yorkshire, 5; Gloucestershire, 4; Lancashire, 3; Warwickshire and Norfolk, 2 each; and Worcestershire, Kent, Shropshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridge, Suffolk, Staffordshire and Essex, one each.

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It is curious what blunders the general Press frequently make in regard to ringing matters. One London daily last Saturday referred to the dedication at Chelmsford, and remarked that "there are not more than half-a-dozen peals of 12 bells in the whole country," and, in referring to the difficulty of getting expert ringers to open them, adds, "a few will come from Saffron Walden, the ringers having had the necessary 12-bell experience at Cambridge." No one, we are sure, will enjoy this amusing announcement more than Mr. Fred Pitstow, who was Saffron Walden's representative.

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Speaking of Saffron Walden reminds us that the scheme to provide this tower with two trebles to make a peal of ten is well under weigh, and it is hoped that the church will be in possession of its augmented ring in a very short time now. They will doubtless make a magnificent peal, and there will be a fine scope for the band, which the Pitstow family have made famous. The other 10-bell towers in Essex are Walthamstow, West Ham and Prittlewell.

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All ringers are invited to attend the unveiling of the ladies' peal board at Cubitt Town, E., to-morrow, at 4 p.m. Full details of the arrangements will be found below.

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Mr. A. Bowell has commenced the work of rehanging Rayne bells. The new treble will be dedicated and bells opened on Saturday, November 1st, All Saints' Day.

THE LADIES' PEAL BOARD.

THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

The unveiling of the handsome peal board (executed by Messrs. Caspar and Co.) recording the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town is to take place to-morrow (Saturday), at 4 p.m., and the ceremony will be performed by Canon Simpson, of St. Paul's. The lady ringers and officials will assemble in the tower; the other visitors will take their place in church, and during the singing of a hymn, the clergy will proceed to the belfry, where the board will be unveiled with two short dedicatory prayers. All will then return to the church, where a short service will be held, and Canon Simpson will give an address.

Afterwards a meat tea will be provided in the schools, at a charge of 9d. per head. Those intending to be present must send a postcard to the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Hartley, Christ Church Vicarage, Cubitt Town, E., and they will pay on entrance. Subsequently the tower will be free for ringing from 6.15 till 9 p.m. All ringers are invited.

For the information of visitors, it may be stated that the nearest railway station for the tower is North Greenwich, on the Fenchurch Street (Blackwall) line, changing at Millwall Junction, sixth station out. Trams run every quarter of an hour. There is also a motor-'bus every ten minutes from Walthamstow, via Plaistow and Poplar; and one from Tottenham, both of them stopping close by Christ Church. From South London the tower is reached in ten minutes from Greenwich Parish Church, through the Thames sub-way.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT BIRSTALL.

Favoured with a day of brilliant sunshine, Yorkshire members assembled in force at Birstall for the September meeting on Saturday last. The eight bells of the Parish Church (tenor 20 cwt.) were made full use of until a late hour, although opinions were freely expressed that the back bells, at any rate, needed attention by a competent bell hanger. The bells at Drighlington and Batley Churches were also at the members' disposal, and many enjoyed touches on them. The history of the church in Birstall dates back to very early days. Before any church existed there was probably a Saxon cross standing on the same spot, where the Gospel was preached, and persons were baptised in the adjoining stream. One of the stones that formed part of the socket of the cross is now in the side chapel. In the same chapel will be found the basin of the old Norman font, and the lower part of the tower is Norman. The church, except the tower, was rebuilt in 1868, and is well worth a visit. About ten minutes' walk from the church is Oakwell Hall, an old Elizabehan mansion, which has the additional interest of being the supposed residence of Shirley in Miss C. Bronte's novel of that name.

Upwards of 230 members, representing 45 towers, sat down and did full justice in true ringers' fashion to a splendid meat tea in the National Schools. The business meeting followed, with the President, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Birstall, the Rev. H. C. Cradock, M.A., the hon. secretary (Mr C. Glenn), the hon. treas. (Mr. J. Cotterell), and several members of the committee. In view of the important matters to be decided at the annual meeting in January, the hope was expressed that some convenient centre would be arranged for by the committee, no invitation having as yet been received. Messrs. T. Maude and W. Elliott were elected as auditors and returning officers.

THE DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

The question of the proposed division of the county into districts, with the requisite alteration of rules, was thoroughly gone into. Every member had been supplied beforehand with a list of towers with number of bells in each district, and a copy of the suggested new rules. Mr. J. W. T. Holgate gave official notice of motion, to come up for decision at the annual meeting, that the county be divided into four districts, according to the list as printed (with minor alterations, which were specified). It was, he said, absolutely imperative that some move should be made if they were to keep in touch with members all over the great area, and if missionary work in the outlying districts were to be undertaken, which it was clearly the Association's duty to do.—The motion was formally seconded by Mr. H. Williams.

The Chairman said that no doubt some would think the western district was too big, but the opinion of the committee was that it would be better to divide the county into these four general districts as a commencement, than to suggest further sub-divisions at once. It would then leave to these districts the opportunity of suggesting further sub-divisions, if the conditions seemed to call for them after a certain amount of practical experience.

Remarking on some criticism of the large areas, Mr. Whitaker said that he was a " spade-worker " so long ago as 1860. He thought that members should be thankful for the several means of quick transit which now existed, as compared with those of former days.—Mr. Elliott said that the new district committees which would be set up would provide many good men with opportunities of giving service which they have not at present.

The Hon. Secretary gave official notice of motion for the adoption of the suggested new rules as printed (with an addition to Rule II as specified), this also to be decided at the annual meeting. He explained the reasons for the various alterations. Here it may be mentioned that the Yorks Association admits members to life membership when their subscriptions amount to 12s. 6d., a charge of 3d. only being made to life members who desire to have the Annual Report. In order that the association may not be worked at a loss on account of the additional expense which division will necessitate, it is proposed to increase to 1s. the price of reports to life members.—The Secretary, in reply to various questions on this point, said that for years the older life members had been getting much for nothing, and that as the report, which was looked upon as a model, cost about 10d. to print and might increase, the charge was fair and reasonable.

Mr. Whittaker, seconded by Mr. Moxon, gave notice of motion that three peals he printed on a page, instead of one, and that the charge be 6d.—The Treasurer pointed out that several life members would not even pay 3d. for a report, which cost nearly 1s., and it was hardly likely that they would give twice as much for one which would be about half its former value. The discussion on the proposed alterations, in which many members took part, showed that members in general believed that the committee had done their best, and had at heart the true welfare of the Association.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and warden for the use of the bells and schools, also to the Council of the Institute for the use of committee rooms, and mentioned that it was here that he was taught to ring when a curate. Here also was held the Association's first meeting in October, 1875, and it was noteworthy that they were here discussing these important changes for the still further advancement of change ringing and the Association's welfare.—Mr. Bolland, vice-president, seconded, and the motion was heartily carried.

The Vicar, expressing deep appreciation of the vote of thanks, said the planning of the arrangements for this large gathering had been a great pleasure to him and his co-workers. He had baptised some of those present that day, and was to be excused if he could not recognise them now. He was very pleased to see the chairman there amongst his many old friends in Birstall.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Vicars of Drighlington and Batley for the use of the bells there.

A warm vote of thanks was accorded to the local branch for their excellent arrangements, also to the ladies who kindly assisted in preparing and serving the tea; and with thanks to the chairman for so ably and impartially presiding over such an important meeting, the proceedings terminated.

DEATH OF MR. W. A. TYLER, BRISTOL.

HELPED TO RING ST. PAUL'S TENOR TO THE FIRST PEAL.

His many friends all over the country will learn with regret of the death of Mr. William Atkins Tyler, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was a native of Peterborough, and from a boy was fond of hearing the bells rung. The attraction drew him into the belfry, and eventually he took up the art with enthusiasm. In the course of his career he participated in sixty peals of 5000 changes and upwards. Being always anxious that the bells on which he loved to practice should not get wrong through want of attention, he was constantly to be found in his spare time amongst them. He thus became very handy amongst bells, and, being known in the district, work soon came into his hands, with the result that in January, 1887, he made the bell frame and rehung the six bells at St. Mary's, Peterborough, the parish in which he was born, and in which he was then living. Other work followed, and eventually he was engaged by Messrs. Taylor and Co., for whom he worked for about thirteen years. Whilst there he invented the balanced clapper for " odd " bells of any size, an arrangement which prevents the clapper from getting on the wrong side of the bell. About the year 1900 Mr. Tyler removed to Bristol as leading foreman to Messrs. Llewellins and James, the founders, of Castle Green, with a free hand to study and make improvements in bell fittings. Mr. Tyler has carried out some fine work for the firm, rehanging Congresbury, a ring of six (tenor 36 cwt., D flat), which have, in the last few years, been made into a peal of eight. The following is a list of peals in which Mr. Tyler took part: Grandsire Triples (conducted 3), 11; Caters, 10; Stedman Triples, 11; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7; Royal, 7; Duffield Royal, 1; Forward, 1: Double Norwich Major, 4; Bob Major, 2. Of these 45 were for the Midland Counties Association, 13 for the College Youths, one for the St. James' Society, and the rest for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The first peal rung upon the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral was Stedman Cinques with two men on the tenor, and Mr. Tyler was one of these.

WASHBROOK'S SURPRISE PRINCIPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. H. L. James states in your issue of the 12th that the system produced by Mr. Washbrook is neither a principle nor a method, but more complicated than either, and should have a name to indicate it as such. Now, sir, the query is, " Can he or any of the Methods Committee give it its proper and correct definition, and if not, why they cannot do so?" I feel sure if they can they will clear away some if not all of the misunderstanding that seems at present to exist.

MR. HODGE.

SURFLEET CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Surfleet Caters is a most excellent method, but why does Mr. Law James call it Treble Bob, which it most emphatically is not? What is sauce for the Caversham goose is surely sauce for the Surfleet gander.—Yours truly, J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE BOB CATERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In view of your remarks re above in " The Ringing World " of September 19th last, I did not think it would be necessary for me to call the attention of the Rev. H. Law James to the fact that the peal rung at Surfleet on September 13th is NOT the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung.

As, however, there is no withdrawal of the claim in your issue, I have to point out to the reverend gentleman that a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Caters (5004 changes) was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 7th, 1817, in 3 hrs. 28 mins., composed and conducted by Thomas Thurstans. Further, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Caters was rung at Aston on February 13th, 1848, consisting of 5004 changes in 3 hrs. 7 mins., composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by Joseph Mitchell.

Both peals were rung under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild (then " Youths "), and are duly recorded in the peal books. The earlier one has the following footnote: " This is the first peal of Caters ever rung in this method."—Yours faithfully, A. PADDON SMITH.

Hon. Sec. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.



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GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS FOR THE DEDICATION.

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No event in the annals of the Essex Association of Change Ringers has drawn together so many members as assembled at Chelmsford on Saturday, when the new peal of twelve bells, placed in the massive tower of the pro-Cathedral, were dedicated to the glory of God, and set aside from all profane and unhallowed uses. In a very short time now St. Mary's will be the mother church of the new diocese of Chelmsford, and this fact gave added importance to last Saturday's proceedings. The Essex Association had an especial interest in the event, for the new treble bell is the gift of the members. The tenor was given by Mrs. Arkwright in memory of William Michael Tufnell, and for the remainder of the peal, the old ten were recast. The tenor came out of the mould scaling 34 cwts. 2 qrs. 22 lbs., and the whole peal are an extremely worthy production, of which the founders, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, may be justly proud. They have hung the bells in a steel frame of quite new design, which carries great stability without cumbrous appearance. It is the first of its kind to be erected for a peal of twelve bells, and great things are confidently anticipated from its evolution. Another interesting feature is the application of Messrs. Warner's recently patented self-aligning bearings. These are so constructed that any variation in the alignment of the frame from whatever cause is compensated for by the bearings. They are self lubricating, the oil being supplied to the gudgeon by an oil ring, while the grease is supplied under pressure. The bearings of the tenor weigh over half a hundredweight apiece, and each holds one pint of castor oil and 1 lb. of grease. The floors were put in by Messrs. Warner, and the windows of the belfry are fitted with armoured glass screens. The advantage of these latter is amply demonstrated by the way in which all the bells can be clearly heard outside the tower, the sound being diffused through the glass, so that no bell is unduly prominent. It also enables the belfry to have ample light, and affords a protection to the bells and fittings from dust and the invasion of birds. Apart from the gifts of the treble and tenor, the work has cost close upon £1,000, and it is gratifying to learn that every penny of this had been raised before the dedication took place.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

The service was a most impressive one, and the spacious church was not sufficiently large to hold all who desired to be present. The event, too, was given an official tone, by the presence of the Mayor and Corporation of Chelmsford in their robes of office. Three Bishops were present, and some 40 clergy robed, while among the congregation were nearly 300 ringers representing 47 parishes affiliated to the county association. The arrangements for the ringing had been made by the popular Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), who had obtained an able and representative band of Essex Association members to open the bells; while the carrying out of other duties connected with the visit of such a large body of ringers had been entrusted to the following stewards: Messrs. H. F. Cooper, E. Chancellor, A. Edwards, H. W. Kirton, W. Lincoln, F. Radley, H. Richell, W. Ridgewell, and A. Whight.

While the congregation were assembling, the organist (Mr. F. R. Frye, Mus. B.) gave a short recital, and the specially arranged service was intoned by the Precentor (the Rev. J. H. Barrow). The procession from the chancel to the tower moved slowly round the south aisle to the singing of "Hail, festal day," rendered with cornet accompaniment, and in the procession were the Bishop of St. Albans (who performed the Act of Dedication), the Bishop of Barking, the Bishop of Colchester, Canon Lake (Rector), Canon Papillon (former Master of the Essex Association), Canon Hulton, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association). In a clear voice the Bishop dedicated the bells, and with the customary petitions the consummation of the undertaking was complete, and the supreme moment when the bells should peal forth upon the waiting ears of thousands was reached. Away up in the grey old tower the men stood at the ropes, and hardly had the last response died away from the lips of the congregation when there resounded over the town the mellow notes of the new bells, whose sounds filtered into the church in subdued yet stirring cadence. The men who had been selected for the task were: Messrs. E. Pye and G. R. Pye (Romford), R. Sanders and W. Truss (West Ham), E. Fenn and T. W. Faulkner (Barking), C. F. Winney (London), J. Motts and W. L. Catchpole (Ipswich), J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe), F. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), Edgar Wightman (Woodford), and H. J. Tucker (Bishop Stortford). While the bells were ringing the procession of clergy returned to the chancel, and then the congregation joined in the familiar hymn:—

"Lifted safe within the steeple,
Now our bells are set on high,
To begin their holy mission
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky."

THE BISHOP AND RINGERS.

The Bishop of St. Albans based his address upon the last two verses of the 150th Psalm, and remarked that the service in which they were taking part that day, received a very much greater significance and meaning by the events of the past two months. He knew perfectly well when he undertook to be present on that day that that church was destined to be the Cathedral church of the new diocese of Chelmsford. The dedication, therefore, was something of far more importance than the dedication of a peal in the parish church. It was surely something in which the whole county of Essex might take its share, something in which the diocese of St. Albans, from which that new diocese was to be taken, might take its share, and rejoice that the difficulties had been removed, and that those bells, being the bells of the Cathedral Church, would constantly call to worship men from all parts of that new diocese of Chelmsford. Proceeding, the Bishop reminded his hearers that the bells were a constant call to prayer, and the voice of individual, parochial and national sorrow or joy. He spoke of the high nature of the ringers' office, which was now, he was happy to say, fully recognised. He rejoiced that the guilds and societies of ringers all over the country had raised the whole conception of bell ringing. They had made ringers believe that in the very art and science of what they called their craft, they were able to worship the Almighty. He rejoiced also to think that congregations generally had come to realise, during the last half century far more than they had before, that the office of the ringer was one of the branches of the Church's work. He was certain that that congregation assembled in that church, so soon to become a Cathedral, bore testimony not only to the appreciation of the liberality and munificence which had given that noble peal to that noble church, but to their desire to bear their witness to the service rendered by the body of ringers throughout the country.

The service concluded with the hymn, "Blessed city, heavenly Salem," and the Te Deum sung to a solemn chant. For the voluntary the bells replaced the organ, and rang out merrily while the congregation left the church. They struck off crisply into Stedman Cinques, and a touch of 927 was brought round in magnificent style by: R. Sanders 1, C. F. Winney 2, T. Faulkner (conductor) 3, W. Truss 4, G. Pye 5, E. Fenn 6, J. Motts 7, W. L. Catchpole 8, J. H. Cheesman 9, F. Pitstow 10, E. Wightman 11, E. Pye 12. Meanwhile the large body of ringers assembled scattered themselves about the neighbourhood to listen to the music and all were pleased with the excellence of tone, and the well-balanced proportions of the bells. Other touches of Stedman Cinques followed, in which visitors took part.

THE SPEECHES.

The ringers then gathered in the Corn Exchange, where a company of nearly 300 were entertained to a meat tea by the Rector and churchwardens, Canon Lake presiding. A flashlight picture of the unique gathering was taken by Mr. Fred Spalding, of Chelmsford, from whom copies can be obtained.

After tea, the Chairman gave the toast of "The Church and King," and, this having been enthusiastically honoured, then submitted "Success and Prosperity to the Essex County Association of Change Ringers." He could not, he said, render enough thanks to the Association for what they had done to encourage change ringing in the county of Essex. They had raised change ringing to a much higher standard. He specially wanted to thank the Association for the gift of the treble bell to their new peal, and to Mr. Howard, the Master, they were specially grateful for the help and advice he had been able to give them. There would always be a tie between the Association and the Cathedral by the gift of that treble bell. In conclusion, the Chairman expressed recognition of the help of those friends who came to ring the bells for the dedication, and to the officers of the Association, especially Mr. Howard, and the hon. secretary (the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre) for all the assistance which they had rendered.

Mr. C. H. Howard, who first replied, congratulated the Rector and churchwardens upon the completion of the work of restoration. The Association felt, as Churchmen, that they would like to have the privilege of assisting in bringing about that noble ring of twelve bells which should do honour to the county and the town, and they were glad to be there that day to take part in those proceedings.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre also responded, and on behalf of the Association wished prosperity to the new Cathedral Society of ringers, which Mr. H. F. Cooper is forming. One reason why he was glad the Association had given the treble bell was that they had always received a hearty welcome from the Rector and churchwardens of that church, and most especially from the present Rector (hear, hear). He hoped the next time they came to Chelmsford they would not meet their chairman as Canon Lake, but as the Very Rev. the Dean (applause).

A REVOLUTION IN BELL HANGING.

Mr. Churchwarden Waller, in proposing "The Visitors," referred to the splendid work which had been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons. It had been a great gratification to the Rector and churchwardens that they had been able to select this firm's tender, because they looked upon them as an Essex firm, and to his knowledge the heads of the establishment for three generations had been connected with Chelmsford. Moreover, the foundry was in that part of London which might almost be termed "Essex over the border" (laughter). When they visited the foundry to see three of their bells cast and found that the restoration of the peals of twelve for York Minster and Shoreditch had been entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, they felt that their own bells could not be in better hands. Messrs. Warner's men must be the proudest men in Chelmsford that day, on account of the success of the work they had carried out. But if they were proud, not very much less proud must be their masters. If the men were proud of their work

and the masters were proud of their men, then the reputation of the firm was in no danger of falling below the high standard which it had always held. In conclusion, the speaker paid a compliment to the clockmakers for the way in which they had carried out their portion of the work of restoration.

Mr. Robert Warner, who replied, thanked the Rector and churchwardens for the kindness that had been shown the firm during the time the work had been in progress. He reminded the company that Chelmsford had the first peal of twelve in Essex, and the heaviest tenor in the county. The frame which carried the bells was a hundred per cent. stronger than any existing type of frame. It was upon an entirely new principle, while the bearings of the bells were of a character that would make a revolution in bell hanging. They were so constructed that no matter what was the condition of the frame and tower, the bells would go well. As ringers, he felt they would welcome such an innovation as that. With regard to the bells themselves, they were tuned on Canon Simpson's five-toned principle. In conclusion, Mr. Warner thanked the architect for his assistance, and expressed regret that, just as he would have liked to see the conclusion of the work, he was stricken down with appendicitis.

Mr. A. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, and this concluded the speech-making.

The bells were set going again in the evening, both before and after festal evensong, and the first touch of Maximus was rung upon them, this being three leads of Kent.

On Sunday, the bells were rung for the various services, many visitors having the opportunity of testing the bells, while arrangements had also been made for them to visit other towers in the neighbourhood.

THE BELLS.

Treble (C), 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.—The Essex Association of Change Ringers gave me 1913. C. H. Howard, Master. H. T. W. Eyre, M.A., honorary secretary. Warner et Filii me Fecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

2nd (F), 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.—The gift of T. Clapham. Wm. Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, Fecit 1820. Warner et Felii me Refecerunt. A.D. MCMXIII.

3rd (E), 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs.—The gift of T. Clapham, Wm. Smith, Wm. Baker, Jno. Saltmarsh, Churchwardens, 1820. Warner et Felii me Refecerunt. A.D. MCMXIII.

4th (D), 5 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.—Though much against us may be said, to speak for ourselves we are not afraid. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

5th (C), 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.—If you have a judicious ear, you'll own my voice is sweet and clear. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

6th (B), 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 8lbs.—At proper times our voices we will raise, in sounding to our benefactors praise. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

7th (A), 8 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.—To honour both of God and King, our voices shall in concert ring. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filli me refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

8th (G), 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.—Thos. Clapham, B. Clapham and R. Shoobridge. Bes. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

9th (F), 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.—Peace and good neighbourhood. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt. A.D. MCMXIII.

10th (E). 16 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.—Ye ringers all that prize you health and happiness, be sober, merry, wise and you'll the same possess. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

11th (D). 23 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.—The Rev. Jno. Morgan, Rector. Messrs. Geo. Simpson, Jno. Ward and Matthew Joyce, Churchwardens, 1777. In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite. So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuntial rite. Wm. Mears and Co., London, Fecit 1777. Warner et Filii me Refecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII. Henry A. Lake, M.A., Rector. William Dennis, Adolphus G. Maskell, Theo. H. Waller, Churchwardens.

Tenor (C), 34 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.—To the Glory of God and in memory of William Michael Tufnell, died February 23rd. 1905. Warner et Filii me Fecerunt, A.D. MCMXIII.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

Two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were attempted on Sundays, Sept. 7th and 14th, by the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, in honour of the visit paid to the society by Miss Edith K. Parker, of Edmonton. Unfortunately, both attempts came to grief. An attempt for a peal was made on Saturday week, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, but broke down after an hour and a half's very good ringing: W. R. Fyfe 1, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 2, Miss M. F. Sampson 3, A. Collinson 4, J. Stannard 5, W. C. S. Heathcote 6, W. B. Sampson 7, J. Whitson 8.

On the occasion of the Scottish Autumn Holiday, the band visited Inverness, but they found the bells in such a state of disrepair that it was impossible properly to ring the bells in rounds. The weather conditions were against outside recreation, but nevertheless an enjoyable day was spent. The tedium of the long train journey between the capital of the Highlands and "Auld Reekie" was relieved with songs, recitations, etc., the surprise of the evening being the unexpected rendering of "The Village Pump." Edinburgh was reached in the sma' hours.

On the Wednesday, as a send-off to Miss Parker, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung on the Cathedral bells.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. MARY'S, READING.

The annual outing of the St. Mary's Society, Reading, took the members on a very pleasant excursion to Blewbury and Hagbourne, which were reached, by conveyance, from Didcot, where the party were met by Mr. T. Napper, of Hagbourne fame. At Blewbury they were welcomed by Mr. W. G. Grace, who conducted them round the historical church, which contains an old chained Bible. The bells were afterwards set going to Double Norwich and Stedman, and later to Grandsire Triples, in which Miss Dora Hopgood, and Mr. Grace took part. At Hagbourne a splendid meat tea was awaiting the party, who found themselves the guests of their president, Mr. W. Pole Routh. Afterwards the church was visited, and Grandsire, Stedman and Superlative were rung. Then a social hour was spent with the local ringers at Host Napper's. The president was in the chair, and songs and handbell ringing, in which Mr. Routh took part, passed the time very pleasantly. Reading was eventually reached just before 11 p.m., after one of the most enjoyable outings the society has ever had.

ST. MATTHEW'S, BRISTOL.

The second annual outing of St. Matthew's Guild, Kingsdown, took place on Saturday week, when Plymouth was visited. Leaving Bristol at the early hour of 4.15 a.m., the party, including the Curate (the Rev. H. Hill) and Mr. Fred G. May, reached Plymouth at 9.45. Journeying on to Devonport, a splendid breakfast was done full justice to at Miss Weston's Sailors' Home. A visit to the dockyard followed, and proved very interesting. At noon the party was met by Mr. E. W. Marsh at the Dockyard Church, where a few touches of Grandsire were rung. After visiting Saltash by boat, the party returned to Plymouth for dinner before visiting Charles' Church, where the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, several touches of which were brought round. Various places of interest were then visited, and the return journey made, all having spent a most enjoyable day.—The Guild wish to thank Mr. E. W. Marsh for so kindly acting as cicerone during the day.

AN EXCURSION TO NORWICH.

The St. Edmund's, Northampton, ringers spent a very enjoyable day at Norwich for their annual outing. Unfortunately the ringing done was of a meagre character, owing to unavoidable circumstances, for a letter which had been forwarded to Mr. C. E. Borrett, secretary of the Norwich Association, asking for ringing arrangements to be made, had not been opened, owing to the former gentleman being on holiday, and not returning until late the previous day. This was a little disappointing, but the party was able, through instructions from Mr. Borrett, to fix up for a pull in the evening, at the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre. Here touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung, Mr. Mayer, a local ringer, taking a rope in the Stedman. In the earlier part of the day, visits were made to the Castle, Cathedral, and St. Andrew's Hall, and St. Peter Mancroft, all of which proved interesting and instructive. In the afternoon a few football enthusiasts of the party proceeded to the "Nest," where the "Cobblers" were engaging the "Canaries" in connection with the Southern League, and were rewarded by seeing a good game, with honours divided. The evening was spent in looking round the city, and Northampton was reached again about 2 a.m., after another good day's outing added to the now formidable list of the society. The company desire to express their thanks, through "The Ringing World," to Mr. Borrett, Mr. Pear and Mr. Mayer for their assistance, and also to the incumbent of the church, where the ringing was indulged in, for the use of the bells.

SHIPLEY RINGERS AT WORTH.

The Shipley (Sussex) band paid another very enjoyable visit to the quaint old parish of Worth, at the invitation of Mr. W. Denman, a member of the company, and a native of Worth. The party were joined by Mr. H. Tourle, of West Grinstead, and Mr. F. W. Rice, of Crawley, and visiting the church rang touches of Cambridge and London Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor for morning service. After service, touches of Carlisle Surprise and Violet Treble Bob were rung. A substantial dinner at the home of the host was much enjoyed, and in the afternoon the bells were set going to Chester, Kent and Cambridge Minor. Round the tea table thanks were accorded the host and hostess, and the visitors then left for home. They desire to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Box (the steeple keeper) for having everything ready. The company included Messrs. W. Denman, W. Denman, junr., F. Denman, R. H. Bowell, J. F. Bowell, T. Adams, G. Lucas, H. Tourle, F. W. Rice, O. Sippetts and A. Cripps.

WITNEY (OXON.).—On July 21st, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, H. Hollis 2, T. Bull 3, J. Brooks 4, A. Brooks 5, E. Brown 6, J. Monk 7, G. Brooks 8.

LEICESTERSHIRE'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

DEDICATION OF FOUR NEW BELLS AT MEASHAM.

Some time ago, the Vicar, churchwardens, and parishioners of Measham, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, considered the possibility of increasing their ring of four bells to one of six, and a fund was started with that end in view. Contrary, however, to experience in many such cases, subscriptions and promises came in so well that it was soon found that four new bells could be provided for. This was made the easier by the generous offer of a treble by the Vicar, followed by another bell (the present 3rd), as the gift of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale. It is worthy of note, too, that the public fund was very largely helped by Nonconformist residents.

The original four bells at Measham were all old, the treble, dated 1606, having an inscription declaring that it was made by Richard Newcombe, of Leicester. The second had an inscription:—

IHS NAZARENUS REX IUDEORUM, FILI DEI, MISERERE MEI,

and is dated 1615. The third dates from 1714, and the tenor, undated, has the same inscription as the second. Its weight is about 12 cwt., and the note, F sharp. These four were retuned in 1912 by Messrs. Taylor, and the new four have just been cast by the same firm, and hung on steel girders, the old bells remaining in their wooden frame. The result is a very pretty peal of eight, well-balanced in tone, and going exceedingly well, which it is a pleasure to handle.

The dedication service was conducted by the Bishop of Derby, the Right Rev. C. T. Abraham, D.D., who was assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. Joseph Hewetson, M.A., and several clergymen from the neighbourhood. The four old bells were rung for service by the Measham ringers, and in the course of the service, after an address by the Bishop, and the dedicatory prayers, a touch of 94 Stedman Triples was rung by: J. H. Swinfield (Burton) 1, H. Wakley (Burton) 2, W. W. Worthington (Netherseale) 3, W. C. Wakley (Burton) 4, C. Sanders (Burton) 5, H. Hurdman (Newhall) 6, A. P. Wakley (Burton), conductor, 7, A P. G. Stone (Burton) 8. After the service was ended, the same band, with E. H. Stoneley (Stoke Golding) 5, rang 408 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. C. Wakley. Later, ringers from Ashby and Netherseale, with Mr. E. D. Taylor and Mr. R. Lane, of Loughborough, went up into the belfry, and touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Major.

It is interesting to hear that the local band are to take up change ringing, to which, of course, they are at present entire strangers. They will be within easy reach both of Ashby and Netherseale, so that, with an instructor, they should be able to make good progress.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Woolton on Saturday week, and there was an excellent attendance of members from various parts of the diocese. Woolton Church seems to be placed on the highest ground between Southport and the river Mersey, with an outlook as far as Widnes. It stands in a woody district, and glorious are the leafy giants flourishing in Woolton. The courteous Canon met his guests, and led them through the Rectory grounds. He discoursed about the Knights of St. John, and showed a village cross soon to be restored. A visit was made to the magnificent and modern church, and there Canon Howson treated the ringers to a short, bright service, and with an excellent address. It was just such an earnest, judicious exhortation as would give his auditors a high ideal for their ministrations with hand, head and heart, in their various churches. After service an adjournment was made to the Schools, where Churchwarden A. G. Dent invited the guests to partake of a cold collation. The invitation was eagerly accepted, and a vote of thanks, carried with acclamation, expressed the gratitude of the ringers to Mrs. Dent and her assistants for their kind attentions.—At the business meeting new members were elected, Mr. Dent being acclaimed a life member.—The Guild Master (the Rev. W. S. Bulpit), in calling upon the auditor to distribute the annual report, praised Crosby and Halsall for the increased number of peals, and asked for more attention to the higher mysteries of campanology. — The Rev. E. C. Collier, in a humorous speech, enforced the appeal, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Canon Howson.

BELLS RESTORED AT MELBOURN, CAMBS.

Sunday last will be remembered as a red-letter day by the inhabitants of the village of Melbourn, Cambs, for after being practically silent for upwards of 30 years, the bells of the Parish Church once more sent forth their music. The bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble added to complete the ring of six, the work having been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The tone of the new treble, and the "go" of the bells is in every way satisfactory. In the evening the Bishop of Ely performed the dedication, and preached to a crowded congregation, taking as his text, "Know ye not that I must be in My Father's house." He remarked that it was about two years ago he visited the church for the purpose of inducting their Vicar, and since that time a new organ had been placed in the church, the tower restored, and the bells rehung.

The Royston Ringers' Society, who are members of the Ely Association, were chosen to ring the opening touch, a well-struck course of Bob Minor being rung by: A. Gilbert, E. Bonnett, A. Wilkerson, R. Wilkerson, S. Roberts and R. King. A large company of ringers attended at the conclusion of the service from Cambridge, Royston, Stapleford, Barley, etc., and a number of young men who hope to become ringers in their native village. The touches included Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent Minor, and some Doubles. The bells are a fine ring, with the tenor weighing 15 cwt.

DERITEND BELLS.

RESTORATION OF AN ANCIENT PEAL.

On Sunday, the bells of St. John's Church, Deritend, Birmingham, were to have been re-opened, after having been restored and rehung by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham. Very serious illness near the church, however, prevented the ringing of the bells, but the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Gonner) preached a special sermon at the morning service from the text, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Touching upon the history and inscriptions of the bells, he said that it was very striking, but thoroughly typical of the time when the bells were made (1777), that there was no word to the Glory of God or His church on them. He pointed out that they recalled the turbulent reign of George III, and the struggle for independence in America. The inscriptions are as follow:—

Treble.—We are placed here in the year 1777. Thos. Cox, Minister.

2nd.—"Health and Happiness to all our subscribers." R. Wells, Fecit 1777.

3rd.—R. Wells, Aldbourne, Fecit.

4th.—May the town of Birmingham be ever held in esteem for its Manufact: R. Wells, Fecit.

5th.—R. Wells, Aldbourne, Fecit 1777.

6th.—"Wisdom to the Council of the State. Success to the British Fleet." R. Wells, Fecit 1777.

7th.—"May Great Brittain ever stand unrivalled in her commerce." R. Wells, Fecit 1777.

Tenor.—R. Wells, of Aldbourne, Fecit.

The tenor is 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., and it is noteworthy that the 3rd and 4th are lighter than the 2nd.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

The following quarter-peals, etc., have been rung for harvest festival services:—

SOUTHSTOKE, OXON.—On Sept. 21st, after evening service, 1720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: S. Kew 1, A. Mobey 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, J. Smith (conductor) 5.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—Recently, at the Parish Church, by kind permission of Canon Trotter, touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 of Plain Bob: J. Nicholls (Pangbourne) 1, W. Lawrence (West Ealing) 2, Miss Mary Chillingworth (Bradfield) 3, J. Bower (Goring) 4, J. Abery (Theale), conductor, 5, G. Abery (Theale) 6.

ROYSTON, HERTS. — On Sept. 25th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Wilkerson 1, H. Tysoe 2, R. Wilkerson 3, R. G. King 4, S. E. Roberts 5, A. Bowell (first 720 Cambridge), conductor, 6.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Richardson 1, E. J. Pannett 2, F. S. Sturt 3, W. Pelling 4, G. H. Sturt 5, J. T. Rickman 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Moore 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON. — On Sept. 27th, for Matins, 168 Stedman Triples, 243 Stedman Caters, and a course of Stedman Cinques. For evensong, 255 and a short course of Stedman Cinques. After service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1251 changes): H. Hawkswood 1, H. Jones 2, H. Farlow 3, F. Darrall 4, W. G. Hall (composer) 5, A. Little 6, W. H. Lawley 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, T. Smith 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 10. The others taking part in the day's ringing were: J. E. Groves, J. Purser, E. Mitchell, and H. Mitchell. J. E. Groves hails from Birmingham, the rest are members of the local band.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Luton district was held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, members being present from Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Luton, and the local tower. The bells are a handy peal of six (tenor 10½ cwt.), and go well. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob.

Tea was partaken of at the "Hotel de Steamer," and served in first class style by Hostess Lane.—A short business meeting followed, the Rev. A. Rust being in the chair, supported by Mrs. Rust, who is an ardent campanologist.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Flitton.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. J. C. Maltby) for the use of he bells, and the Rev. A. Rust for presiding.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Commencing October, meetings for practice of Caters and Royal will be held monthly at Hillingdon East on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m., and for Stedman and Major at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on the third Monday at 7.30 p.m.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All ringing friends will be welcomed. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Liverpool on Saturday, October 4th. Service at St. Nicholas Church at 4 p.m. Preacher: the Lord Bishop of Liverpool.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Bramley, Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6.—Francis G. Hume, Oakley, Basingstoke.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, October 4th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room 5.30. Business to follow.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Oct. 4th at Doncaster, instead of Eckington, as the bells of the latter place are not yet ready. Church of St. George, 8 bells, tenor 30 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on October 7th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 9th and 23rd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 7th and 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 14th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus 7.30; the others at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The eleventh annual grand Bohemian concert of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 1913, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price sixpence, which may be obtained from all officers of the Association and others. Ladies specially invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district of the Kent County Association will take place at Lenham on Saturday, October 11th. The belfry will be open at 2.30, and the Association service will be held in the church at 5 p.m. —Kenneth W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Service in the church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided only for those sending their names to me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Honorary Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury Branch. —A meeting of this branch will be held at Monk's Eleigh (four miles from Lavenham) on Saturday, October 11th. Tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4 p.m. Those requiring tea are asked to give notice to the secretary on or before Monday, October 6th, so that arrangements may be made.—R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, October 11th. Tea at 5.15 p.m., free to members, by the kind invitation of the Rev. A. Rose, Vicar, who advise G. W. Stevenson, Field House, Everton Bawtry, not later than October 7th. Shall be glad to receive all unpaid subscriptions for 1913 at this meeting. — H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, October 11th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of this society will take place on Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Holloway, N. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 15th. All the towers in the town available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Dinner in St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present at dinner must be sent to me not later than October 13th. For full particulars see circular sent to all companies.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 7 p.m. — John Watson, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Dorrington on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Dinner at the Peacock Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. — G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Batley on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Tenor 11 cwts. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who order from me by October 13th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, October 18th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Woolpack Inn, followed by short business meeting. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, October 14th?—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824). — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, October 18th. The bells of All Saints' (6), St. Martin's (6), St. Michael's (6), available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Crown Hotel at 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, November 1st. Further details later.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 276th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, G. W. Wild, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 4 to 5, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 27th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Tompkins 1, T. Abbott 2, F. Beasley 3, C. Faulkner 4, P. Manning 5, G. Bassford 6, A. Smeathers (conductor) 7, F. Warren 8. Also for evening service, 672 Bob Major: J. Main 1, D. Meadows 2, C. Faulkner 3, F. Beasley 4, P. Manning 5, G. Bassford 6, T. Abbott 7, A. Smeathers (conductor) 8. These touches were arranged for Messrs. Faulkner and Beasley, of Towcester.

PORTSEA. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, A. S. Beer 2, C. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8.—For evening service, at which the Lord Bishop of St. Albans preached, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Collins 1, J. Symonds 2, C. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Harris 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, R. Stone 8. First quarter-peal for 4, 6, 8, and first as conductor.

EATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Denys Church, on July 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 39 mins.: H. Singleton 1, E. Nidd (Grantham) 2, G. Singleton 3, W. Waltham (conductor) 4, T. E. Pearson 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On July 15th, at the Parish Church, 576 Bristol Surprise: J. Luckey 1, G. Jordan 2, T. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, W. Prior 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.—On July 27th, for morning service, 576 Bristol Surprise, standing as before, and for evening service, 408 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, F. M. Butler 2, J. Luckey 3, T. Jordan 4, T. J. Watts 5, A. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

FENTON.—On July 8th, at Christ Church, in 45 mins.: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Barker 1, T. Salt 2, S. Bourne 3, A. Jackson 4, E. A. Sherratt 5, A. L. Smith 6, A. E. Coles, Bridgwater (conductor) 7, H. Tufnell 8.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on July 18th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Hussey (first 720) 1, W. J. Mayes 2, J. Hare 3, G. W. Newton 4, F. Blood (conductor) 5, C. A. Pratt 6, J. Elkins 8. First 720 on the bells Rung after meeting short for a peal attempt.

HENFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, S. Burt 3, E. Lish 4, G. Payne 5, A. Baigent 6, L. Payne (conductor) 7, C. Tyler 8.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church, on July 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins. (as a farewell to E. Richards): J. E. Lewis (conductor) 1, E. Downes 2, E. Richards (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Downes 4, J. K. Armstrong 5, H. Barber 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—On July 20th, 1913, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, W. Brooks 8.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On July 20th, for evening service, 702 Grandsire Doubles, in 20 mins.: W. Wingate 1, S. Mason 2, F. Mason 3, A. Bates (conductor) 4, J. Couchman 5, W. Couchman (first 720) 6.

ISLEWORTH.—On July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, F. G. Goddard 2, G. Miles 3, C. Dell 4, H. Lidbetter 5, W. New 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, A. Beckensale 8.

BRADFIELD.—On July 20th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hillier (first 720) 1, S. Chapman 2, M. E. Chillingworth 3, C. Hunt 4, J. Abery 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.—On July 23rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob: T. Hillier 1, J. Abery 2, M. E. Chillingworth 3, S. Chapman 4, G. Parsons (conductor) 5, G. Abery 6.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. F. Akers 1, W. Irons 2, R. Dore 3, H. J. Gray 4, V. Neale (conductor) 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, A. H. Akers 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled to the memory of the late Rector (the Rev. E. Killin Roberts), who was president of the St. Andrew's company, and a patron of the County Association. All the ringers are members of the St. Andrew's band, and it was R. Dore's first quarter-peal with a bob bell.

NANTWICH.—On June 17th, to celebrate the wedding of Miss G. Stonehewer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Sutton (conductor) 1, Albert Stubbs 2, W. Cookson 3, J. Wood 4, Arthur Stubbs 5, H. Stubbs 6. First attempt by the local band.

STOKE EDITH.—On June 15th, for evening service, 960 St. Dunstan's Doubles: R. Griffiths 1, A. Vernall 2, R. Longville 3, S. Bowen 4, I. Edwards (conductor) 5, J. Griffiths 6.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On June 28th, 720 Woodbine: S. Game 1, F. Williams 2, A. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On July 6th, 720 Plain Bob: H. Carter 1, F. Williams 2, S. Game 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Carter 5, A. Lawrence (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Delight: H. Carter 1, F. Williams 2, A. Carter 3, A. Lawrence 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On July 13th, 720 Kent: W. H. Lawrence 1, N. Patmore 2, B. Patmore 3, G. H. Barker 4, H. Wallace 5, A. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—On June 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Avis 1, H. Holden 2, G. Ambrose 3, V. A. Jarrett, R.E., 4, F. Hayes 5, Corpl. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first as conductor) 6.—On July 12th, an attempt for a peal in seven methods came to grief after 1¾ hours, during which 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure were rung: J. Avis 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Ambrose 3, V. Jarrett, R.E., 4. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. V. Jarrett rung his first 720 Woodbine, and J. Bennett his first of Canterbury Pleasure.—On Sunday, July 20th, Mr. G. Playle and his daughter, Miss G. Playle, of Dagenham, Essex, visited the tower, and an attempt for a 720 Cambridge Surprise finished abruptly in the third part. This was Miss Playle's first attempt for a 720 Surprise or Treble Bob. Touches of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

WISBECH.—On June 24th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: S. E. Andrews 1—2, T. Haines 3—4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6.—On June 26th, 720: T. Banham 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, S. Andrews 3—4, T. Haines (cond.) 5—6. Witnesses, F. Piggins and G. Yate.—On July 1st two 720's of Bob Minor: S. Collison 1, S. Andrews 2, T. Haines 3—4, R. Narborough 5—6 (conductor); and S. Andrews 1—2, T. Haines 3—4, S. Collison 5, R. Narborough (conductor) 6.—On Monday, 7th July, two 720's Minor: S. Collison 1, A. W. Wenlock 2, S. Andrews 3—4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6.—On July 10th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Andrews 1—2, G. Piggins 3, A. Wenlock 4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5—6, and S. Collison 1, S. Andrews (conductor) 2, A. Wenlock 3, G. Piggins 4, Ralph Narborough 5—6. This was R. Narborough's 50th 720 of Minor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Minor was unfortunately lost, after 2 hrs. 32 mins., only 400 changes from the end, owing to a rope breaking: G. Bertram 1, A. J. Naunton 2, W. H. P. Mellin 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On July 5th, a quarter-peal of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: S. Rushen 1, H. Seager 2, H. Lewis 3, J. Buckingham 4, J. Seager 5, P. Sayer (conductor) 6.—On July 6th, 360 Plain Bob, and for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Rushen 1, H. Seager 2, H. Brown 3, W. Hunwick 4, J. Seager 5, P. Sayer (conductor) 6. These touches were rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Packe, of Great Totham, and widow of the late Vicar of Feering.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On Sunday, July 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Tigwell 1, J. Town 2, G. Clarke 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, J. Lovell 6, W. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8. First quarter-peal by the local band.

CHILDSWYCKHAM, GLOSTER.—On July 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: G. Ellis 1, H. Cotton 2, W. Jones 3, J. D. Johnson (longest length on tower bells) 4, F. Johnson (conductor) 5, A. Colby 6.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30¼ cwt.

WALTER WISE	...*Treble*	†DAVID WRIGHT	... 6
*FREDERICK LARBEY	2	SIDNEY R. ROPER	7
CHARLES DEAN	3	‡GEORGE BURT	8
*WILLIAM IVES	4	WILLIAM GROVES	9
*WALTER ROWE	5	*CHARLES KITCHING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HY. G. MILES, and
Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters on a bob bell.

LONDON.
THE ALL SAINTS' FULHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST A. ARTHURTON	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. S. KNIGHTS...	6
†SEDLEY J. COLLINS	2	†WILLIAM J. FROUGHTON...	7
*WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ...	3	EDWARD H. ADAMS	8
‡ALFRED W. DARLINGTON	4	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ...	9
ARTHUR CUTMORE	5	JAMES W. DRIVER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the rededication of the bells, and on Mrs. Hollier's birthday. Mr. E. H. Adams hails from Warwick.

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

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES JONES...	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	6
W. ROCK SMALL...	2	THOMAS HUGHES	7
THOMAS J. BRATTON	3	HORACE BELCHER	8
JOHN CARTER	4	SAMUEL GROVE...	9
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5	WILLIAM DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is No. 25 on the Broadsheet. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. L. A. Pritchard for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and the tower-keeper for meeting the band and having everything in first rate order. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Godden.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED DAVIES	...*Treble*	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	6
GILBERT GUEST	2	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	7
WILLIAM MILLS	3	JOHN A. BROWN	8
SAMUEL SPITTLE...	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
WILLIAM GOODMAN	5	HARRY FAULKS	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by J. GOODMAN, Senr.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of the Vicar's Induction, and on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

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BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

George Tomkins ...	...*Treble*	Harry Brownjohn	6
Arthur S. Boar	2	Alfred E. Reeves... ...	7
Raymond J. Wilkins ...	3	George Condick, Junr....	8
John Austin	4	John A. Burford	9
Richard Clark	5	William A. Cave ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Frederick Dench, and
Conducted by John A. Burford.
This peal was arranged for A. S. Boar and J. Austin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Saturday, September 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary (R.C.),
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

†Harry Jones	...*Treble*	†John Garside	5
Thomas Beaver	2	Arnold A. Blackwell ...	6
*William Lancaster ...	3	Reginald L. Ince	7
Hermon Lancaster ...	4	Edward Gent	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable, and
Conducted by Edward Gent.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. This is also the first peal on the bells, which have been in the tower since 1894, the "go" of them being now anything but good.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

George W. Bemrose ...	...*Treble*	William J. Thyng... ...	5
Rev. A. T. Beeston... ...	2	Samuel Wesley	6
Cornelius Charge	3	Arthur Knights	7
Alfred C. Wright	4	John Flint	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Arthur Knights.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

George Gunner ...	...*Treble*	*Clarence H. Dobbie ...	5
†William Smith	2	Ben Chorley	6
Charles Willshire ...	3	Charles Hazelden ...	7
Septimus Radford	4	Alfred H. Pulling	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell. † First peal of Major on tower bells. This peal was rung to test the "go" of the bells, Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, having just completed the rehanging in a new frame.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Edward Jenkins ...	...*Treble*	David Leggett	5
George R. Finch	2	Alfred E. Acfield ...	6
Robert H. Hayward ...	3	William B. Reeve... ...	7
Robert G. Miles	4	Charles E. Fisher	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains, and
Conducted by Charles E. Fisher.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)
On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Old Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*J. Herbert Benfield ...	...*Treble*	*Horace Howell	5
*Miss Sarah Pigott... ...	2	Morris J. Morris	6
George F. Swann	3	*Walter Pigott	7
Samuel Grove	4	Joseph Pigott	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Joseph Pigott.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. G. F. Swann's 100th peal.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Horace Tullett ...	...*Treble*	George Norris	5
John Paice	2	Harry Meeten	6
Harry Evans	3	William Hillman	7
Alfred Groves	4	Edmund H. Lindup	...*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett, and
Conducted by E. H. Lindup.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Evans, who is 71 years of age and still always ready for a peal. Mr. B. Bassett intended to stand in this peal to celebrate his thirty years connection with the Heene band, but was unavoidably absent.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At Christ Church, Blackfriars,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Edward E. Grimes...	...*Treble*	Richard N. Runham ...	5
Frank Bennett	2	Maurice Hibbert	6
Edwin F. Pike...	3	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7
Frederick W. Richardson	4	James E. Davis ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal of Stedman.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

William Ostler ...	...*Treble*	†Edward Jenkins	5
Robert H. Hayward ...	2	George E. Symonds ...	6
Hobart E. Smith	3	Alfred Watson	7
*W. Stanley Clark... ...	4	Albert A. Hughes...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Tom Lockwood, and
Conducted by George E. Symonds.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The composition is No. 13 C.C. Collection.

BRIGHTON.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John T. Rickman ...	...*Treble*	John Capp...	5
Arthur H. White	2	Alfred W. Groves ...	6
Arthur W. Gravett ...	3	William C. Hart	7
Oliver Sippetts	4	Keith Hart	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton, and
Conducted by Keith Hart.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

William Steele ...	...*Treble*	Albert G. Warnes ...	5
Frank R. Copeman... ...	2	George Howchin	6
*Edward P. Duffield ...	3	Ernest F. Poppy	7
Frederick J. Howchin ...	4	Frederick R. Borrett...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter, and
Conducted by Wm. Steele.

* First peal in the method.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cadoc,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
John Butler	...*Treble*	Charles Greedy	5
†Samuel Rogers	2	John W. Jones	6
*Walter G. Chance ...	3	John W. Davis	7
*Thomas Morgan	4	Joseph E. Sykes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Jones.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. J. W. Davis belongs to Lydney, J. Sykes to Huddersfield, J. W. Jones, J. Butler, and C. Greedy to Newport; the rest are local men.

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

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.		Tenor 28 cwt.	
William P. Garrett ...	...*Treble*	Edward Evans	5
William Motts	2	Charles A. Catchpole	6
Edgar Pemberton	3	James Motts	7
Robert H. Brundle ...	4	Thomas Reed	...*Tenor*

Conducted by James Motts.

First peal of Stedman Triples upon the bells. Thomas Reed's first at the tenor. He was elected a member of the Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society previous to starting for the peal, which was arranged and rung to celebrate the wedding, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, of Miss Ellen E. Poulson and Mr. Stedman Symonds, son of Mr. Arthur Symonds, a well-known ringer of Lavenham.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

Edwin Barnett, Senr. ...	*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
*Reginald Brough	2	*Harry Warnett	6
Isaac Emery	3	*George H. Daynes ...	7
*Fredk. W. Richardson ...	4	*William J. Jeffries ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Barnett, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal in the method and on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival. W. J. Jeffries' 150th peal.

WOOLWICH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
Alfred G. Bennington ...	*Treble*	Walter Smith...	5
Ernest B. Crowder ...	2	Thos. Groombridge, Junr.	6
Thomas G. Deal	3	Thos. Groombridge, Senr.	7
Walter Rowe	4	*Thomas A. Easterby ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thos. Groombridge, Senr.

* First peal in the method.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

William Shilvock ...	...*Treble*	John Bass...	5
Victor White	2	William Short	6
Thomas J. Salter	3	Joseph Pigott	7
William Fisher	4	Robert Matthews...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde, and
Conducted by R. Matthews.

Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Joseph H. W. White	...*Treble*	William H. Brunsdon...	5
Frank E. Pervin	2	William T. Cox	6
Harry O. White	3	Charles Freeman	7
Alfred J. Hessian	4	Adolphus Roberts ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde, and
Conducted by A. Roberts.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

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

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

Henry G. Rowe ...	...*Treble*	Walter Hobbs...	5
Jesse Puplett	2	George Radley	6
Charles T. Coles	3	*William Saban	7
Bertram Prewett	4	Isaac Cavill	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denis,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

Frederick W. Rice ...	...*Treble*	Richard Stredwick ...	5
John T. Rickman	2	William C. Hart	6
Oliver Sippetts...	3	Albert D. Stone	7
Albert Harman...	4	Keith Hart	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Keith Hart.

TWYFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
William G. Edwards ...	*Treble*	William T. Tucker ...	5
Lionel H. Page	2	William H. George ...	6
Frederick Oxenbury ...	3	George Williams	7
*Leonard S. Lampard ...	4	Owen H. Giles ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Williams.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, [October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

G. H. Cross hails from Norwich.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

*THOMAS S. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT COX	5
†WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ...	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	WILLIAM WELLING ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First attempt at a peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival. The Rev. T. E. Harwood, a former Vicar of the parish, met the band at the church, and preached on the following day.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5 4 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS	...*Treble*	RICHARD W. COLLIER ...	5
FRANCIS WARD	2	WILLIAM BIGGIN	6
JOSEPH ATKINS	3	WILLIAM S. PLANT	7
L. CHARLESWORTH	4	CHARLES HAYNES ...	...*Tenor*

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

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls, who was formerly instituted into the living on Tuesday, September 30th, by the Lord Archbishop of York.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, October 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FRANK CHAPMAN.

* First peal. Rung for evening Harvest Festival service.

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

On Monday, October 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	...*Treble*	WILLIAM D. JAMES	5
FREDERICK G. TEGG	2	JOHN E. MILLER	6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ...	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, this being the nearest date possible.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

ELSTOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

VERNON COOPER	...*Treble*	JOHN W. BARKER	4
HORACE SMITH	2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	FRANK WEBB	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5400 CHANGES;

In ten methods, being 720 Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, 720 Double Bob and Plain Bob, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and 360 Single Court.

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JOHN BEVAN	...*Treble*	JOHN GWYNNE	4
ALLEN GWYNNE	2	EDWARD SUMMERS	5
JAMES BLAKE	3	WILLIAM POSTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss V. Newnham-Smith, daughter of Col. Newnham-Smith, Moraston House, Bridstow, and Capt. H. J. T. Marshall, R.N., which took place on that date. First peal in ten methods by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and rung at first attempt.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAILEY	...*Treble*	GEORGE FULLER	4
ANDREW MARSHALL	2	HARRY PRICE	5
ALBERT RELFE	3	WALTER MARSHALL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER MARSHALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Fuller.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs.

HORACE W. FOULGER	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM DURRANT	4
FREDERICK G. DEWELL ...	2	*THOMAS G. FOULGER ...	5
FRANK J. LEVITT	3	ROBERT WILDING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

* First peal.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Cambridge, Nethersealе and Norwich Surprise Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ...	...*Treble*	FRED MANSER	4
GEORGE SNELLING	2	BERTIE F. TURNER	5
FRED SEAGER	3	JOHN SNELLING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)
On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Walter Britten ...	...*Treble*	†Cyril Wright	4
*Frederick Kelly	2	†Arthur Skinns	5
*Charles Kelly	3	Sidney Proctor ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Proctor.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. All except the conductor are members of the local band.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, Cambridge, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur J. Neal... ...	...*Treble*	William H. Theobald...	4
George A. Black	2	William Miller	5
Charles W. Clarke ...	3	John Moule	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Miller.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, who was spending a week-end in East London. Thanks are due to Mr. G. F. Margetson who had everything in readiness and gave the band a hearty welcome. Two of the above methods are Class III, the rest Class IV.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Grandsire, Antelope, St. Dunstan's and Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

C. N. Alderman... ...	...*Treble*	A. W. Alderman	3
A. J. Alderman	2	*R. Linney	4
D. Carter	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by D. Carter.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Cobbold, who, to the regret of the ringers, are leaving Beachampton for Bratton Fleming, North Devon.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Andrew Layton... ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Gibbs	4
J. Howard R. Freeborn...	2	E. William Turner ...	5
Charles Layton	3	George Jordan ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Layton.

Quickest peal on the bells. Arranged as a farewell peal for Mr. Gibbs, who is moving to another part of the country. Mr. Freeborn, whose first peal on six bells this is, was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, September 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 31, Burgess Street,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Arthur Hague	1—2	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
Clement Glenn	3—4	Sidney F. Palmer ...	7—8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Umpire: Joseph Atkin.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
At "York Villa,"

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 10,080 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 720's.

Stanley E. Andrews ...	1—2	Thomas Haines	3—4
Ralph Narborough ...	5—6		

Conducted by Ralph Narborough.
Umpire: Horace Banham.
Witness: Mrs. Narborough.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's father.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes
At the Residence of Mr. Lewis Wiseman,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

George Pannell	1—2	Lewis Wiseman	3—4
Olave Broyd ...	5—6		

Conducted by Olave Broyd.
Umpire: A. Catterwell.
Witness: E. Ruffle.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At "Leyland," Queen's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 12, in F sharp.

Arthur Shepherd... ...	1 2	John Sparrow...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Ferris Shepherd	7—8

Composed by Arthur T. King, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.
Umpires: Messrs. Frank E. Smith and John W. C. Stewart.

The number of changes in the peal of Bristol Surprise at Wymondham on September 27th was 5056, not 5024.

W. J. JEFFRIES' 150 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples (21 conducted), 44; Grandsire Caters, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 5; Stedman Triples (1 conducted), 20; Stedman Caters, 6; Stedman Cinques, 2; Plain Bob Major (1 conducted), 5; Plain Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 17; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 16; Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; Cambridge Surprise Major, 11; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 4; Forward Royal, 2; total, 150.

WEIGHT AND NOTE OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the note of the tenor, as well as its weight, is frequently quoted in peal and other notices, I have often wondered how such notes are arrived at. Could not some reliable standard be adopted; say, for instance, Philharmonic pitch?

As an example, there are the new Chelmsford bells, which scale out in average weight 11¼ cwt. Bow bells average 18 cwt.—over 50 per cent. heavier. Yet both these rings are in C!—Yours faithfully,

Poole. C. ADIERE.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LIVERPOOL.

After a lapse of 22 years, Liverpool was again visited for the annual meeting, the bells available being St. Nicholas' (12), Garston (8) and Walton (6). Ringing was indulged in from 1 p.m., when the Furness contingent set Garston going to Stedman. St. Nicholas' bells were opened at 2.30, and kept going, except during the service and meeting, till 9.0 p.m., and as the liners were outward bound down the river, their passengers had a send-off they were not likely to forget. A special form of service was held, and much enjoyed, particularly as the Bishop of Liverpool was the preacher.

The Lord Bishop took his text from Numbers x, 1-3. He said this was the fourth occasion on which he had preached to Lancashire ringers, and he was afraid he had nothing new to tell them. Yet when he heard that they were having their annual meeting at Liverpool, he could not resist the invitation. He wanted them to realise the value and importance of the work of bell ringing. The office was ancient, honourable and religious It was ancient because from the very earliest records people were called together to worship by some kind of instrument. The text showed that the Jews were instructed to use silver trumpets. Bells, very similar to our own, had been in use in this country from at least the ninth century, and Ireland still possessed the bell that was supposed to have been given by St. Patrick. Bells were now universally used to call people to worship, and in our own country there were about 3,000 peals of bells and almost 30,000 ringers. Change ringing was peculiarly an English art, and people leaving these shores for a foreign country greatly missed the bells. Similarly, people who had been away for a number of years, on returning appreciated to the utmost the sound of the bells. Again the office was an honourable one. In the early days the people who were allowed to blow trumpets were the priests, and by them it was held a dignified and sacred duty. To ring bells required great skill, strength, and brain, and they all knew how difficult it was to train a man to take a vacant place. Bell ringers must be self-sacrificing, for they had often to leave pleasures they would like to have enjoyed, to meet for practice. It was honourable, also, because bells were almost a necessary accompaniment to national rejoicing. They would feel there was something short without them. Again, how a muffled peal seemed to awe the heart, and express the sorrowful feeling of the moment. The ringers' office was a religious office, for they served their Father in Heaven by calling people to worship. They little knew how many men and women, who were unable to come to church, prayed when they heard the bells. The preacher urged his hearers to be regular with their work, for to stay away might greatly upset the arrangements. Above all he asked them to be reverent with the bells. They were dedicated to God, and should be treated with the greatest reverence. The belfry was part of God's House, so let there be no profane language used in it. He would like to see every ringer admitted with a solemn service. He reminded them that having rung others to church they should stay to service themselves. What sadder sight was there than to see the belfry door open as soon as the ringing was over, and the ringers leaving, ignoring the service that they had called others to?

The tea and business meeting was held in the schools. The vice-president (Mr. J. Barratt) and the ringing secretary (Mr. J. H. Banks) were re-elected, and Mr. Barnes and Mr. Bottrill were appointed auditors.

The committee, in their report, mentioned that there were 1,405 members in the county, and altogether there was a total of 1,355, as against 1,304 last year. They had lost seven by death, 38 had lapsed, and 90 new members had been added. The financial side showed a loss on the year of 30s., mainly through the members not keeping up their subscriptions. The best thanks of the committee was given to the local secretaries, upon whom so much depended. The peals numbered 105, 31 of which were Stedman. This constituted a record for the Association.

The thanks of the meeting were given to the Bishop, the Rector of Liverpool, and the organist and choir for giving up the Saturday afternoon enjoyment for the sake of the Association.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford district was held at Milton Ernest, on Saturday week, when representatives attended during the afternoon and evening from nine towers, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.—The Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Holmes) kindly entertained the members to tea, and by his thoughtful consideration, the tables were placed in a shady position on the greensward in front of the Vicarage. His kindness and hospitality gave evident pleasure to all present.

A short business meeting followed, at which the Secretary (Mr. J. W. Barker) proposed Lord Ampthill for hon. membership.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wootton, on Saturday, October 25th. Instruction and practice continued on the bells until 8 p.m., and then followed an hour of hilarity with the local ringers, headed by the village schoolmaster (Mr. Barnett), and in the shades of evening cyclists and pedestrians wended their way homewards, after spending a most enjoyable time in that sylvan retreat.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Bramley, Hants, on Saturday. The date was originally fixed, in the hope that Miss Edith Parker, and several members of the Ladies' Guild, would be present; but, unfortunately, it was afterwards found to clash with the unveiling of the tablet at Cubitt Town, Miss Eva Belcher, however, was at home to the district ringers, who assembled to the number of 33, from Bramley, Basingstoke, Oakley, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherfield and Whitchurch. Mr. Paice, a visitor from Caversham, was also of the party. The bells (6) were set going about 4 p.m. to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Hayes Belcher), and, to the manifest enjoyment of all, was much brightened by the playing and singing of Miss Madge Belcher, and the church choir. Tea followed—the Guild tea, of course—but, by the generous forethought of Miss Eva Belcher—good friend to ringers — glorified with a splendid ham, and cucumbers, tomatoes and cakes, not soon to be forgotten.

At the business meeting, the Rector was voted to the chair, and offered a very warm welcome to the ringers assembled. Apologies were put in, regretfully, for the absence of the captain of the Bramley band, and the district secretary, unavoidably prevented from attending. Two probationers were elected to the Bramley company.—The possibility of a ringing visit to Highclere and Wootton Hill, with a view to bringing Highclere into union, was discussed; and the claim upon the districts to help in completing the peal at Titchfield, the Parish Church of the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), was urged as a gracious and graceful act of gratitude.—The Rector of Rotherwick proposed votes of thanks to the Rev. T. H. Belcher for his presence, and for the service, and use of the bells; to Miss Belcher for the music and singing; and to Miss Eva Belcher for the kind and careful preparations and welcome. —The Rector responded with a hope that there might be many more such meetings at Bramley.—Further ringing, kept up till about 9, brought to a close one of the happiest of the many happy "quarterlies" of the Basingstoke district. It may be mentioned that the annual district meeting wil be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 22nd.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MID-WEEK MEETING TO BE HELD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, but owing to it being a very wet day, and also to the fact of a peal going on at Trowbridge, the attendance was not so large as could be desired. However, a dozen ringers turned up, and ringing commenced at 3 o'clock. An adjournment was made for tea, the visitors sitting down to an excellent spread at Summer's Restaurant. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which the Master, the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, kindly presided (the Rev. J. A. Sturton, chairman, being prevented by stress of weather from being present), and was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and ringing members from Holt, Bradford, Southbroom, and Beechingstoke.

Mr. West spoke of the difficulty experienced by many members, who, being engaged in business, were never able to be present at the meetings on Saturday afternoons, and on their behalf suggested, that for experiment, the next meeting to be held in November, should be at Chirton and Marden, on Wednesday, November 5th. He hoped that a good number would put in an appearance on that date.—This was seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried unanimously.

The Master, who is Rector of Beechingstoke, very kindly promised to provide a tea for all those attending on that date.—The December meeting was then discussed, Mr. Moore and Mr. Derham proposing Hilperton, whilst Mr. West and Mr. Wheeler were in favour of Seend, and upon being put to the vote, it was decided to hold the meeting at Seend.—The annual meeting is to be held at Devizes in January, 1914.—Mr. Derham proposed, and Mr. Moore seconded, the election of Mr. F. Collett, of Holt, as a ringing member of the Guild, which was duly carried.

Mr. West proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradford for the use of the bells, and the company then returned to the tower. Some good touches upon a beautiful set of handbells belonging to the Bradford tower were also rung, and brought to a close a very happy and enjoyable meeting.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The October meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held on Saturday, at Doncaster, instead of at Eckington, where the bells are not yet ready. About 18 ringers were present from Barnsley, Bolsterstone, Doncaster, Ranmoor, Selby, Sheffield, and Worksop.

The fined-toned ring of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) were raised about 5 o'clock, and were kept going with short intervals till 8.30, touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major being brought round during the evening. — Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby) was elected a member of the Society.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford for granting the use of the bells, and to the local band for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously, and this closed the proceedings.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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THE LADIES' PEAL.

COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED.



On Saturday, Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, was the scene of a ceremony which will become historic in the history of ringing, viz., the unveiling of the tablet recording the ladies' peal. The church, with its graceful spire, is a conspicuous object from the Thames as you approach Greenwich. It was built some 57 years ago at the sole cost of Mr. Wm. Cubitt, Lord Mayor of London, who placed in its tower, five bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. To these three more were added by the congregation to mark the Jubilee of the Church in 1907, and now this, the mother church of the Isle of Dogs, has a ring of bells of which the parish is justly proud.

It was the lightness and good going of the bells which caused it to be selected by a band of lady ringers to attempt their first peal together; an attempt which they carried to success to the admiration of all ringers throughout England. A very handsome tablet, no doubt the handsomest in any tower, subscribed for by many hundreds of ringers, and finely executed by Messrs. Casper and Co., of Gray's Inn Road, records the event.

At its unveiling a goodly gathering of ringers from far and near assembled in church, together with four of the ladies and their friends. The Rev. J. G. Simpson, Canon of St. Paul's, kindly came from the Cathedral to unveil the tablet, which he did in the presence of the ladies, the Vicar, and the parish ringers, while a hymn was being sung by the congregation in church.

A short service, with appropriate hymns, followed, and Canon Simpson gave a very striking and plain-spoken address from 1 Cor. ix, 16 (the text which is inscribed round "Great Paul").

The dedicatory prayers offered were:—

O Almighty God, to Whose service this Holy House is hallowed; be pleased to accept this Memorial which we place within its walls. Grant that it may be pleasing to Thee, and that it may help us to dedicate all our powers more heartily and more singly to Thy service; for Jesus Christ's Sake.—Amen.

Look mercifully, O Lord, upon us and all others who take part in the Ministry of Thy Holy House. Take from us all self seeking and self pleasing, all vain-glory and worldliness. Give us humble hearts, to use and offer all our gifts of mind and body for the glory of Thy Great Name and the benefit of Thy Holy Church. Bless this Memorial which we offer here, and help us to rejoice one with another as fellow helpers together with Thee. For the love of Thy dear Son, who with Thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth Ever One God, now and for ever.—Amen.

After the service, a company of ringers, with the ladies as the guests of the evening, sat down to a substantial tea in Christ Church Schools. The ringers present came from far and near, and included a band from Leicester.

After tea, the Vicar congratulated the ladies on their historic performance in the belfry, and on the memorial of it for ensuing generations in the splendid tablet which recorded it in letters of gold. He characterised their feat as one step, and that a distinguished one, in the wonderful achievements of womanhood in all walks of life in our generation and welcomed it as a foretaste of more to follow. It would grace and refine the office of a ringer, and be a safeguard against evils which in days gone by degraded the ringing chambers of the church.

Votes of thanks to the ladies, to Canon Simpson, the Editor of the "Ringing World," the designers of the tablet, and the Vicar, were acclaimed, and the ringers then proceeded, after some sweet music on the handbells, to send out the melody of the church bells over the parish and surrounding district.

The tablet, provided by the contributions of some 1,200 ringers throughout the country, chiefly in subscriptions of one penny each, is a magnificent production in marblette, and no more splendid record of a peal adorns any tower. It was designed by Mr. H. A. Whitburn, L.R.I.B.A., of Woking, and was made by Messrs. Caspar and Co, the well-known decorative glass workers, of King's Road, St. Pancras, to whose munificence is largely due the fact that the tablet is of such a striking nature. Standing 4ft. 6in. high, the tablet is 3ft. wide, with the lettering engraved and gilded, eight bells, swinging in artistic design, surmounting the record. The tablet is mounted on a fumed oak board, with champered edges, and curved pediment top. The actual wording of the tablet may be seen in the illustration of the board, which appears on the previous page.

THE LADIES' THANKS.

Dear Sir,—Through the medium of your columns, I wish to express, on behalf of those who took part in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, our gratitude to those of our brother ringers who have helped to provide the splendid tablet commemorating the peal, which was unveiled on Saturday last, and at the same time to convey our thanks to those who were concerned in making the arrangements for the unveiling ceremony, particularly to the Rev. J. Hartley and his band of ringers, who have on every occasion given us the greatest possible assistance. We sincerely appreciate the encouragement which the ringers of Great Britain have given us in this and many other instances, and the handsome tablet will be a lasting memento of their consideration towards us.—Yours faithfully,

Enfield, October 7th, 1913. EDITH K. PARKER.

DEATH OF LEICESTER'S OLDEST RINGER.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. James Jarvis, of Leicester, which occurred on Wednesday, October 1st, at the advanced age of 80. He was connected with the old school of Leicester ringers before the formation of the Midland Counties Association, and when peal ringing was not so much in vogue as now. He had taken part in some 15 or 16 peals, chiefly Grandsire Caters and Triples, his first being rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, as far back as 1868 (5130 Grandsire Caters, conducted by the late Mr. Edward Biggs). The interment took place on Saturday, at the Old Leicester Cemetery, when five of his fellow ringers rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells over his grave, viz.: E. Morris 1—2, C. H. Fowler 3—4, S. Cotton 5—6, G. Cleal 7—8, J. Morris 9—10. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath from the Leicester change ringers. On Monday evening, muffled touches were rung at St. Mark's, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. E. M.

ODD CHANGES.

The marriage will take place at the Priory Church, Great Malvern, on October 14th, of Mr. J. R. H. Freeborn and Miss Muriel Holme, daughter of Mr. G. J. Holme, of Great Malvern. The ceremony will be performed by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, Vicar of Kidlington, Oxon.

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Ringing members attending the C.E.M.S. conference at Cardiff on Thursday next will be welcomed at St. John's tower, where the ten bells will be open from 4.30 to 5.30 and 7.30 to 9 p.m.

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To-day is the anniversary of a peal of Bob Major rung 134 years ago at St. George the Martyr's Church, Southwark, by the College Youths. The record of the peal is as follows :—

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

On October 10th, 1779, the Society of College Youths performed at the above church a compleat peal of 5040 Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.: William Hopwood 1, John Povey 2, Winstanley Richardson 3, George Scarsbrook 4, James Darquitt 5, Samuel Muggeridge 6, William Lyford 7, James Worsley 8. The peal was called by John Povey. Tenor bell, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

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The first peal in the method on the bells, however, was rung 29 years before the above, and was conducted by no less a worthy than the great Benjamin Annable himself.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.

The Society of College Youths company rang, on Monday, August 27th, 1750, a compleat peal of 5040 Bob Major St. George, being the first that was done upon the bells, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. The performers were: William Meddufs 1, William Pickard 2, Stephen Picard 3, William Griffiths 4, Thomas Bennett 5, Benjamin Annable 6, Samuel Thompson 7, Stephen Pickhaver 8. Conducted by Benjamin Annable. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

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Because they were not invited to the choir outing, the bell ringers at All Saints' Church, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, who were smarting under other grievances, struck work, says a daily paper. The bells are being rung by a mechanical arrangement installed by the Rector on the occasion of a previous strike a few years ago.

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The peal of 10,080 Bob Minor rung on handbells by Wisbech ringers speaks well for the perseverance of the band, who are to be congratulated upon their successful performance. Their progress has been largely due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Ralph Narborough, and we hope soon to see them ringing eight-bell peals "in hand."

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In our biographical sketch of Mr. F. G. May we mentioned that he took part in the first peal of Erin Caters ever rung. It should have been described as the first rung in the West. The first in the method was scored by the Durham and Newcastle Association at North Shields on July 12th, 1909, conducted by W. H. Barber. The northern association can now claim the first peal of Dublin Complex Major. Although a method with a plain hunt for the treble, we think most of our readers who study the figures given in our last issue will agree in classing it as among one of the most difficult to ring.

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Miss K. Proctor, of Grantham, another promising lady ringer, on Saturday week rang at Barkston her first 720 of Doubles, the method being Grandsire, and the band: Miss Proctor 1, S. Proctor 2, A. Palmer 3, J. Miller 4, W. Woods 5, R. Scott, junr., 6.

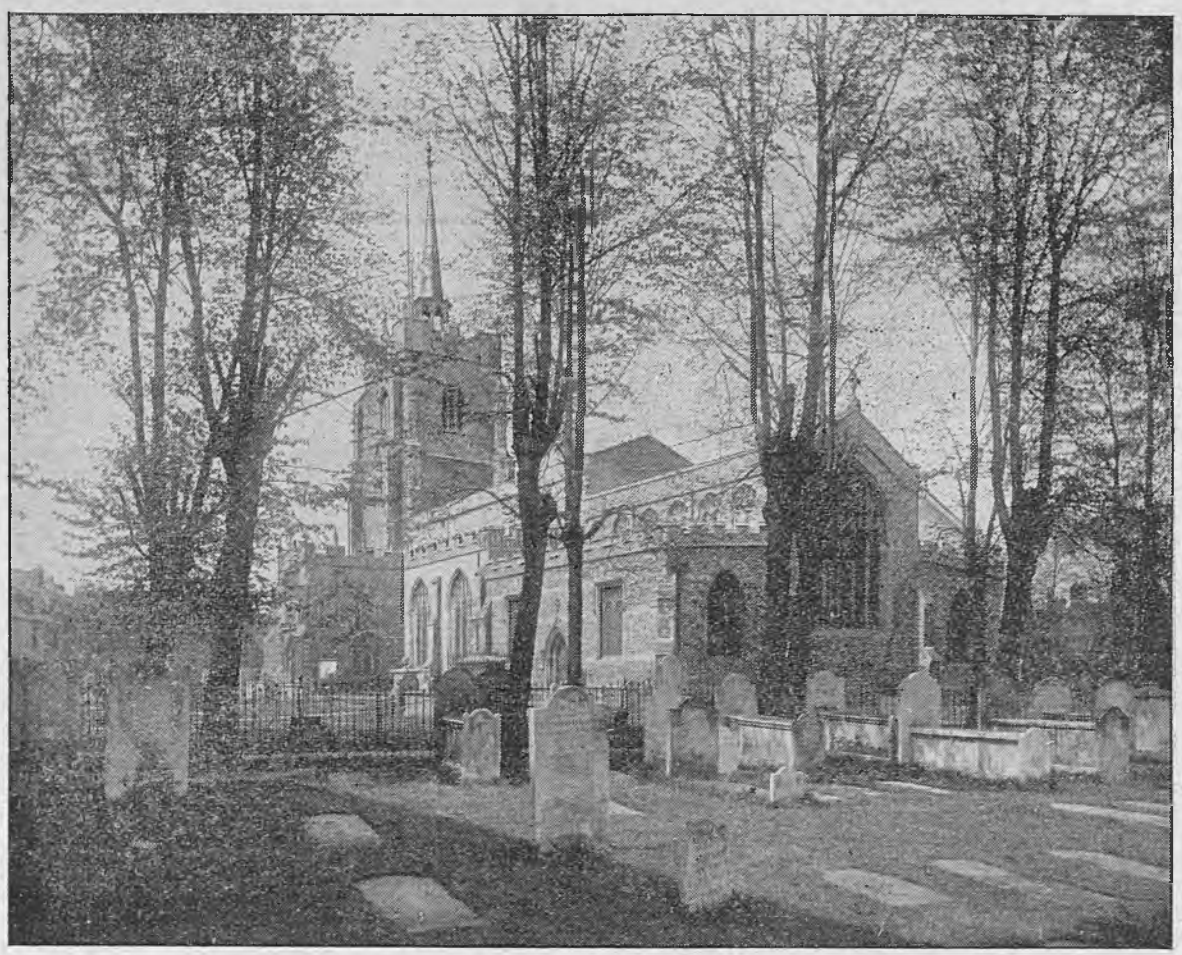
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The Boston, U.S.A., band are keeping busy, and on Sunday, September 21st, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob at Christ Church, the ringers being: P. J. Allfrey 1, G. Moore 2, G. Mackman 3, E. E. Randall 4, S. J. Perkins 5, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 6.

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As we have often mentioned, it is extremely difficult for anyone to achieve any strikingly new performance in ringing. The week before last a footnote to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Coddenham stated that it was believed to be the first time a ringer had rung his first two peals on the same day, Mr. Charles Ward having rung the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples and a peal of Grandsire on September 15th, these being his first 5040's. Mr. Wilby Hazell, however, informs us that he did the same thing on May 16th, 1892, when he rang the 7th to a peal of Treble Bob Major at Foxearth and the 2nd to a peal of Bob Major at Walter Belchamp, and by a curious coincidence Mr. W. J. Nevard, who rang in both of Mr. Ward's peals, also rang in Mr. Hazell's two first performances.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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

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TREBLE BOB CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. A. Paddon Smith will prick the first two rows of Oxford Treble Bob and the first row of Kent Treble Bob on nine bells, he will find that they are not Caters.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to your remarks in " The Ringing World " of Sept. 19th, and also Mr. A. Paddon Smith's letter in your last issue, it is clear, in the absence of any figures to the contrary, that the peals rung at Birmingham and Aston were of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob applied to nine bells by making each bell cover the 9th place in turn. It is obvious that continuous Cater changes cannot be obtained in this manner; hence the above peals were not Treble Bob Caters at all.—Yours truly,

CLEMENT GLENN.

" SOULING."

To the Editor.

Sir,—A member of the Essex Association has kindly called my attention to a paragraph in the " Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel " of Sept. 20th last, in which under the heading, " Quaint Midland Customs," is described a custom practised in Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire during the month of November, and known as " Souling," " Clementing," or " Catterning," according to the day on which it is locally observed, viz., November 1st and 2nd, All Saints' or All Souls' Day; November 23rd, St. Clement's Day; and November 25th, St. Katherine's Day. In North Staffordshire, North Shropshire and Cheshire, where it is known as " Souling," children go round begging for cakes and singing this ditty:—

" Soul, soul, for a soul cake!
Pray, good missus, a soul cake!
Peter stands at yonder gate
Waiting for a soul cake."

This custom, it is suggested, goes back to primitive Celtic observances; but no mention is made of any connection of it with bells or bell ringing. Such connection, if it exists, may be only accidental, due to the fact that All Saints' Day was a great day on which bells were likely to be rung; or, possibly, because those who went " Souling " rang a bell, like the modern muffin man, to attract attention. The custom itself is probably older than bell ringing.

St. Albans. T. L. PAPILLON.

STEDMAN AND ERIN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note in your issue of Sept. 26th, the Rev. E. S. Powell advanced a very ingenious argument upon the above subject, viz., the altered position of singles, without arriving at any very definite conclusions.

In compositions in these methods the whole of the changes are used as well as all the course-ends in a 5040 peal, and while the plan of one composition, may, perhaps, be considered a variation of another, all of them, when differently constructed, may be considered separate compositions. I mention this in general terms, only to show there is no question of shortening these compositions, as if such an operation takes place the result will be a touch and no peal at all, so his analogy is remote indeed.

The reverend gentleman goes on to discuss the value of a " bob " in composition, with an allusion to the use of one which cuts a composition almost in halves, and advises your readers that such a slight alteration in calling is not to be considered off-hand, as mere piracy. Who said it was, and who was thus accused?

If I may, I should like to ask the Rev. E. S. Powell a question on the point. In so doing let me ask readers to turn up Snowdon's " Treatise on Treble Bob," Part II, page 78. The last peal there given will be found a 9120, by J. Lockwood, in 30 courses. What I wish to point out is, that by adding a Bob W to the calling of the 15th course, the bells will run home plain at the course-end, in a peal of 5280 changes, the remainder of the full peal being cut away entirely. My question is: What would be thought of the man who reduced this 9120 to 5280 changes as indicated, and claimed it as his own composition?

HY. DAINS.

PRESENTATION TO BELL-HANGER.

On Friday, at a meeting of Holy Trinity, Guildford, Society, a presentation was made to Mr. S. Smith, bell hanger (Messrs. Taylor's representative), who has rehung the bells in Holy Trinity tower. The gift took the form of a silver match box, suitably inscribed.—Mr. B. Chorley, the hon. secretary, on behalf of the ringers, said the idea of presenting Mr. Smith with a small present before his departure from Guildford, was to show that they very much appreciated the way in which he had carried out the work. — Mr. Smith, in thanking the ringers, remarked that he should always value that token of their goodwill, and he wished the society every success.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last cycle run of the season took place on Saturday last in magnificent weather. Eight miles to the west of Wolverhampton lies the vilage of Patshull, which contains only a few houses, and belongs entirely to the Earl of Dartmouth. His residence is situated in a splendid park, which contains two beautiful serpentine lakes. It is in this park that the Church of St. Mary, with its peal of six bells, stands. Owing to puncture troubles en route, the full party of ringers did not arrive here till about an hour late, which necessitated a very brief stay. Owing to the energy and interest of Mr. Albert Taylor, of Burnhill Green—one of the local ringers—the belfry is well cared for. Sundry repairs to the bearings of the bells have been carried out of recent years locally, a fact, unfortunately, to which the treble testifies only too well. When will these cases, all too numerous, of mistaken economy cease?

A lovely run through the park and the village of Pattingham brought the cyclists to Trysull, where tea had been ordered by the advance party. In strong contrast to another tea, at the same price, fresh in memory, was the one here to which ringers from Bradley, Bridgnorth, Rushall, Tettenhall and Wolverhampton St. Peter sat down, and many were the appreciative remarks. Everything was in readiness at the tower, and the splendid peal of six were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob Minor.

Five cycle runs have been held this year, and have all proved most enjoyable with the possible exception of the first, which was sadly marred by the weather. The increased attendance in connection with them has been exceedingly gratifying, and if their justification from the missionary point of view be sought, an instance can be provided of one tower, which is now receiving instruction from the society as a direct result of the visit.

CHESHUNT PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

A peal board recording the first peal rung by a local band has been unveiled at St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheshunt. Among those present at the interesting ceremony were the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Law), Mrs. Law, the Rev. T. H. W. Barker, Mrs. Blockey, Miss Blockey, Mr. P. Hargreaves (churchwarden), Mr. A. E. Clow, and many other ladies and gentlemen. The proceedings commenced with prayer, after which the Vicar explained the purpose of the meeting, and asked Mrs. Law to unveil the board. Mrs. Law having performed the ceremony, Mr. H. G. Rowe, the conductor of the society, thanked her for her kindness, and presented her with a framed photograph of the board. —Mrs. Law briefly acknowledged the gift. A short touch was then rung on the bells, during which several ladies and gentlemen ascended the tower to see the bells ringing. The Vicar afterwards joined the ringers in a short touch.

The peal board, which was made and written by Mr. Julian V. Mumms of Waltham Cross, is 3ft. 6in. wide, 2ft. 6in. high, with Gothic-shaped top, and is inscribed as follows: The Hertfordshire Association.— On Saturday, March 29th, 1913, in 3 hrs. 5 mins., was rung in this tower a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), Taylor's six-part: David Tucker (treble), George Andrews (2nd), George Maxim (3rd), Francis Jelf (4th), Henry Cornwall (5th), Henry G. Rowe (6th), Horace Simmons (7th), Robert Smith (tenor). Conducted by Henry George Rowe. First peal by a local band. Rev. C. B. Law, M.A., Vicar. T. S. Blockey, F. B. Debenham, P. Hargreaves (Churchwardens).

BELL RESTORATIONS.

ULEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Messrs. Llewellins and James have just completed an interesting little piece of restoration at Uley Church, Gloucestershire, and have received the compliments of the church authorities upon the successful manner in which the work has been carried out. A new frame has been provided, upon a foundation of strong rolled steel joists, and the ancient bell quarter turned and rehung in all new fittings.

ESCRICK, YORKS.

For the first time for some 17 years, the bells of St. Helen's Church, Escrick, Yorks, have been rung for the harvest festival. They are a peal of five, with tenor 12 cwt., and have recently been overhauled and rehung, the work having been entrusted to Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, Ltd., who have carried out their work in a most satisfactory manner, the " go " being all that can be desired. It is hoped shortly to be able to raise the funds to add another treble and make a peal of six. The following took part in the ringing: J. Sarginson 1, R. Ellar 2, Rev. C. H. B. Trollope and A. Lofthouse 3, L. Dennison 4, T. W. Robbins 5. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th have learnt since the restoration of the bells in August last.

G. F. SWANN'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Grandsire Triples, 5 (conducted 2); Stedman Triples, 31 (12); Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinques, 9; Bob Major, 5 (3); Kent Treble Bob Major, 2 (1); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 15; Double Yorkshire Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 10 (1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; Bristol Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 1. On handbells: Stedman Triples, 2 (conducted 1); Stedman Caters, 3; total, 100; conducted, 20.

NOTICES.

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IMPORTANT. — Correspondents and others should note that in future all communications to "The Ringing World" should be addressed to 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Commencing October, meetings for practice of Caters and Royal will be held monthly at Hillingdon East on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m., and for Stedman and Major at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on the third Monday at 7.30 p.m.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 14th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus 7.30; the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The eleventh annual grand Bohemian concert of the Association will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 1913, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price sixpence, which may be obtained from all officers of the Association and others. Ladies specially invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

KENT ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district of the Kent County Association will take place at Lenham on Saturday, October 11th. The belfry will be open at 2.30, and the Association service will be held in the church at 5 p.m. —Kenneth W. Mumford, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery Branch will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Service in the church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern, Honorary Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury Branch. —A meeting of this branch will be held at Monk's Eleigh (four miles from Lavenham) on Saturday, October 11th. Tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4 p.m. — R. L. Gardner, Lavenham, Suffolk.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Everton on Saturday, October 11th. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Shall be glad to receive all unpaid subscriptions for 1913 at this meeting.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 11th. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, October 11th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, October 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Blood, District Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of this society will take place on Monday, October 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, Holloway, N. Tower open from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 15th. All the towers in the town available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 12.45 p.m. Dinner in St. Lawrence Parish Hall at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present at dinner must be sent to me not later than October 13th. For full particulars see circular sent to all companies.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Wednesday, October 15th. Bells available from noon. Short service at 5.30. Tea at Institute at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 7 p.m. — John Watson, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Donington on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Dinner at the Peacock Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. — G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Batley on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Tenor 11 cwts. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for all those who order from me by October 13th.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, October 18th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Woolpack Inn, followed by short business meeting. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, October 14th?—E. Trendell, Hon. District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Norton on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells ready at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blagdon on Saturday, October 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Parish Room. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. — J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society will be held at Bolton on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held at the Bolton Hotel at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824). — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, October 18th. The bells of All Saints' (6), St. Martin's (6), St. Michael's (6), available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Crown Hotel at 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells available at 5, meeting at 7. — W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at the White Hart Hotel. — Henry F. Ewins, Honorary District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on October 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 18th at Sawbridgeworth, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the King William IV at 5.30, members 6d.; others 8d., business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome. Those requiring tea kindly notify me a few days before.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next practice will take place at St. Sepulchres, Holborn, on Thursday, October 23rd. Meet at 7.30 p.m.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 25th. Service in the church at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Tea provided for those only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service (Association form) at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector). Tea in St. Paulinus Hall, at 6.15 p.m., admission by ticket only, to those who send their names to me, not later than first post, Tuesday, October 21st. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Saturday, October 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Refreshment Rooms 5.30, 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. —A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea can be arranged provided members let me know by October 20th. Business meeting after tea. A good meeting is desired.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, November 1st. Further details later.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—The new peal of 8 bells at St. Michael's Church, Warfield, Berks, will be open for ringing on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens. All ringers welcome.—H. Bungay, Forest Road, Binfield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 276th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, G. W. Wild, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral 4 to 5, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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32654		x	—	2
36524			—	2
35264			—	2
23564	—	x	—	1
43265		x	—	3
62435			—	S
53426	—		—	1
42536			—	1
25436	—	x	—	2
32456			—	3
34526			—	2
23546			—	3

Repeated.

First rung at Lewisham, October 4th, 1913.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, the marriage of Mr. Stedman H. Symonds, of Lavenham, to Miss E. Poulson, took place at Lavenham Parish Church. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins. Mr. Symonds was supported by another local ringer, Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, as best man. Mr. Symonds, like his father, is well known to ringers in the county of Suffolk, having stood in 50 peals, conducting 45. As a mark of appreciation of the bridegroom's services in the belfry, the organist was present to play the wedding march, and the bells were rung by his fellow ringers, several of whom had to obtain time off to take part. Again in the evening the bells were rung in honour of the occasion.

The methods rung at the wedding, and in the evening, were 630 Grandsire, and 1152 Kent Treble Bob respectively, by: A. Symonds, W. Dent, F. Parker, J. Moore, G. Lambert, T. Garrard, T. Pryke, W. Fayers.

Over 50 presents were received, including among them gifts from Messrs. T. Fitzjohn, P. Fordham, T. Reed, and Miss Reed, and a united one from the local band. His large circle of ringing friends will wish Mr. Symonds and his bride every happiness.

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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

WHAT'S IN A NAME!

The peal of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters, claimed as the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung, has raised an interesting discussion, and Mr. J. A. Trollope, in his letter this week, touches an important point, which it will be well to have authoritatively settled. It is this, is the name, or the thing itself that which is the most important? When in the early days of ringing men rang changes on nine bells with the tenor covering they called the method Caters, or, as it was sometimes recorded, Quators, because, it is assumed, four pairs of bells were changed in as many rows as possible in a method, and the word itself is, as Mr. Trollope points out, supposed to be a corruption of the French word for the numeral four.

In these days of advanced knowledge it is now sought to apply the term as stringently as possible, and to say that no method, unless it fulfils the condition of changing four pairs of bells in each row can be accounted "Caters." In the interval peals have been rung which do not come up to the modern interpretation of the term, but which, because they were rung on nine bells with the tenor covering, were called Caters, and, as such, have been accepted by ringers. The point at issue is whether every method on nine bells, whether legitimate or illegitimate, in which the tenor covers, should be called Caters. Tradition dies hard, and among those who have accepted the records of history it will be difficult to disestablish the belief that peals on nine bells, whatever the construction of the method, are Caters.

But on the other hand, there is much to be said for the argument that, because in the past methods have been rung, and, as it were, misnamed, there is no reason why the matter should not be put right now. We like to believe that everything in connection with our Art is progressing. On the practical side immense advance has been made in the quality of the methods rung, and in the same way there are those who desire to see the theoretical side put upon a firm and logical basis; to let in the light and do away with the old misconceptions.

Ringers, however, would like to know exactly where they are, and if one class of method, hitherto accepted under the name given it when it was rung, is to be written off as misnamed, then, we think, it is time that all old peals, of which records exist, and which fall short of present day theories should receive the same treatment. But here comes the difficulty! Who is to say what shall stand, and what go by the board? Who will have the temerity to fix the standard? The Central Council has an expert committee upon methods, but over the Treble Bob Caters we find that the two of their number who have expressed an opinion have taken opposite views. And when experts disagree who is to decide?

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Yours truly,
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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, October 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

FREDERICK DICKENS ...	...*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	ALF PADDON SMITH ...	9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
WILLIAM SHORT	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
THOMAS H. REEVES	6	JOHN NEAL	...*Tenor*

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

Rung to commemorate the complete restoration o the exterior of the church, tower and spire, and the reconstruction of the clock; also as a centenary commemoration of the first peal of Stedman Cinques, which was rung at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Oct. 6th, 1813. The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	KEITH HART	9
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	10
ISAAC G. SHADE	5	ERNEST PYE	11
CHARLES T. COLES	6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*WALTER PERKINS ...	...*Treble*	*ALFRED H. MARTIN ...	6
HERBERT RAINBOW	2	FRED HOPPER	7
WILLIAM FAREY	3	*DAVID J. NICHOLS	8
*EDWARD CHAPMAN	4	FRED WILFORD	9
*JAMES GARRETT	5	ELIJAH JAMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Also first peal of Stedman Caters by all resident members of the Association. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN H. LEWIS	6
*WILLIAM JACKSON	2	*§HAROLD JACKSON	7
†HIRAM MEAKIN	3	†GEORGE D. WARBURTON	8
‡WILLIAM BIBBY	4	J. THOMAS BOTTRILL ...	9
†TOM WILDE	5	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON, and
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal of Royal. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM TRUSS	6
WILLIAM TANNER	2	SAMUEL JOYCE	7
EDWIN GIBBS	3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	EMANUEL HALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. PROBERT ...	6
*WILLIAM G. NIPPER ...	2	HENRY B. BURT	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	8
*FRANCIS W. NIPPER ...	4	ISAAC LONG	9
ALFRED E. REEVES... ...	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.
On Wednesday, October 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15¾ cwt., in F.

EDGAR PEMBERTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM F. CATCHPOLE	5
WILLIAM MOTTS...	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE...	6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... ...	4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by H. ROSTRON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH ATKIN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HAGUE	5
MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE	2	CLEMENT GLENN	6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	3	THOMAS COLIN RYDER ...	7
*LEONARD BRIGHTMAN ...	4	WALTER FROGGATT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band, by the Association, and in the county. Rung to celebrate the third anniversary of the dedication of the tower, spire and bells, which occurred on October 3rd.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

SIDNEY GRIDLEY	...*Treble*	G. BERNARD WARD... ...	5
THOMAS CHINERY	2	ARTHUR TAYLOR	6
JOHN LEE	3	ARTHUR MAXIM	7
FREDERICK INCH	4	SAMUEL EVANS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE, and
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALBERT V. MOORE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS RILEY...	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	*CORNELIUS CHARGE... ...	6
CHARLES MASON	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	7
JESSE J. MOSS	4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. W. Robinson, of Towcester, and Miss N. Watson, which took place at Northants on Oct. 6th.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, October 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. REEVES	5
MISS ETHEL GOODSHIP ...	2	*CHARLES PULLEN	6
*GILBERT GOODSHIP	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
AMBROSE OSBORNE	4	*REV. HUBERT BOWEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.
*First peal.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wednesday, October 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN	...*Treble*	JOHN NEAL	5
MORRIS J. MORRIS	2	CHARLES WILLIAMS ...	6
GEORGE GARRISON	3	PERCY O. LAFLIN	7
GEORGE SWANN	4	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.
First peal of Triples as conductor. This composition is No. 32.

LONDON.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD GRIMES	...*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	FRANK HAIRS	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	*MAURICE HIBBERT	7
ALFRED B. PECK...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
* First peal in the method and elected a member previous to starting.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*RICHARD FORSTER	...Treble	CHARLES E. BOYERS	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	†FRANK GLEAVE	6
*ALBERT RYDER	3	†THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT	7
†ARTHUR UNSWORTH	4	WILLIAM BIBBY	...Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by W. BIBBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal on the eight bells by a band resident in the parish. Rung for the Harvest Festival, and the second anniversary of the dedication of the two treble bells.

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

On Thursday, October 9, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*ALBERT SPENCER	...Treble	PERCY C. LONG	5
*HERBERT J. MINGAY	2	ALONZO W. LONG	6
†THOMAS H. PARKIN	3	JOHN W. SEAMER	7
RICHARD OLIVER	4	FREDERICK T. HOWDEN	...Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Messrs. Parkin and Oliver hail from Scunthorpe. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Mingay.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN WHEADON	...Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	2	REUBEN BALDWIN	6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
*ALBERT C. NEWICK	4	*STANLEY MASON	...Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

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

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON	...Treble	JOHN HALL	5
HERBERT GREEN	2	SAMUEL BATEMAN	6
EDWIN GREEN	3	JOHN MCKELL	7
THOMAS BANCROFT	4	SMITH MURGATROYD	...Tenor

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

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL	...Treble	SAMUEL COTTON	5
ARTHUR S. PETTIT	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
LOUIS E. ALLEN	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	7
FRED H. DEXTER	4	CHARLES H. FOWLER	...Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

This is the first peal of Surprise ever rung by a complete band of Leicester ringers. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. D. Spedding) for the use of the bells and the steeplekeeper (Mr. Albert Bell) for having all in readiness.

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	...Treble	CHARLES SANDERS	5
HARRY WAKLEY	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	3	ALGERNON P. G. STONE	7
HERBERT HURDMAN	4	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

This peal, the first on the bells, was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS	...Treble	ERIC G. FILTNESS	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

F. Bennett's 800th peal and 400th as conductor. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL	...Treble	WILLIAM WALAND	5
BENJAMIN EMMETT	2	WILLIAM JOYCE	6
*FRANK S. HODGSON	3	THOMAS B. KENDALL	7
JONAS S. AMBLER	4	FRED SALMONS	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for Mr. Hodgson, of Whitby, who is spending his holiday in the Halifax district.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*ERNEST CHIVERS	...Treble	WALTER FARLEY	5
†GORDON STANDEN	2	THOMAS E. FRANCIS	6
A. M. G. DANIELL	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
HARRY J. TRIM	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	...Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 28 cwt.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES	...Treble	CLEMENT GLENN	5
RUPERT RICHARDSON	2	JOHN T. HOLMES	6
FRED W. STOKES	3	WILLIAM DICKINSON	7
SIDNEY J. PALMER	4	GEORGE LADD	...Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first under the present most difficult conditions. Hereford is nothing to Boston.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLIS...	5
JOHN FLINT...	2	THOMAS W. GORE	6
JOHN HOLMAN	3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	4	SAM THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM	...*Treble*	HENRY FLETCHER	5
WILLIAM SMITH	2	ERNEST H. CLARKE... ...	6
WILLIAM TRIGG	3	EDWARD READER	7
GEORGE FREEBREY	4	WILLIAM THORLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Percy Greenway, nephew of the ringer of the 4th. Messrs. E. H. Clarke, Fletcher and Freebrey hail from Derby, the others are local men.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lbs., in F.

ARTHUR PAYNE	...*Treble*	ALFRED F. HILLIER ...	5
WILLIAM STORY	2	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ...	6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	4	ERNEST E. FERRY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

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

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PEARCE	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
THOMAS HUGHES...	3	HORACE BELCHER	7
SAMUEL BAKER	4	WILLIAM FISHER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Arranged specially for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., who was visiting the neighbourhood.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STANFORD ...	5
JOHN AKEHURST	2	FREDK. W. RICE	6
GEORGE ELLIS	3	ALBERT ELLIS	7
ALBERT HARMAN	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK ...	...*Treble*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5
GEORGE H. DAYNES	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	6
REGINALD BROUGH	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE	4	REUBEN SANDERS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

First peal in the method on the bells. R. Sanders has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, September 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury and Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE EASTHAUGH ...	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	JOHN LARTER	5
ARTHUR H. TOOK	3	FREDERICK W. WATLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

Rung to celebrate the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Minor, and two 720's each of Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE	...*Treble*	JAMES SPALDING	4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	JOHN LARTER	5
ARTHUR H. TOOK	3	FREDK. W. WATLING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, York, Durham, Cambridge, Neatherseale and Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE SNELLING	4
FRED SEAGER	2	FRED MANSER	5
BERTIE F. TURNER	3	JOHN SNELLING... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON...	4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	5
WILLIAM H. P MELLIN ...	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Mr. F. F. Rootham, who has been churchwarden at the above church for 20 years, and has now left the parish for Cambridge. The band wish him every happiness in his new home. W. C. Duffield hails from Tasburgh, Norfolk.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHILVOCK	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	4
WILLIAM SHORT	2	JOSEPH PIGGOTT	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to one of the old ringers, G. Workman, who was buried the same afternoon.

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. H. BLAKISTON	*Treble*	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ...	4
J. APPLETON	2	F. BARKER	5
R. MOSSOM	3	E. MILBURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MILBURN.

WARKTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Eight Six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Canterbury, and 18 Six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. PATRICK	*Treble*	CHARLES COOPER	3
MATHIAS HOBBS	2	FREDERICK KILBORN ...	4
ROBERT G. BLACK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by MATHIAS HOBBS.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE KIBWORTH SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 040 CHANGES;
In three methods, viz.: Two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDMUND LEACH	*Treble*	WILLIAM N. ADKINSON ...	4
JOHN WATERFIELD	2	*DICK ILIFFE	5
HARRY J. CUTLER	3	FRED STANIFORTH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of Minor in three methods by all except D. Iliffe and F. Staniforth.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

F. TAYLOR	*Treble*	T. W. BELTON	4
W. R. STOCKDALE	2	A. FULLICK	5
W. J. TAYLOR	3	C. R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.
The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the late G. Tipton, who was a ringer of the above Society.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN BRETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JAMES ...	4
ALBERT REED	2	WILFRED BOOTH	5
HERBERT RANN	3	ROBERT J. DAWE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.
Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to Wilfred Booth, John Brett and Alfred J. Turner (Lewes), whose birthdays are on Oct. 10th, 11th and 12th respectively. First peal of Minor on the bells.

ARLEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	4
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	JAMES REYNOLDS	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	3	WILLIAM PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN NEAL	*Treble*	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ...	4
ALBERT S. ALLEN	2	*WALTER H. WOODS ...	5
JOHN W. LAKE	3	RUPERT A. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LAKE.
* First peal in seven methods. Quickest peal on the bells

CORRECTED PEAL.
MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 Six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

W. PARKER	*Treble*	G. VARNEY	4
W. DANIELS	2	J. WICKS	5
J. TARLING	3	T. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. DANIELS.
First peal by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM D. JAMES	1—2	ERNEST PYE	5—6
GEORGE R. PYE	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.
Umpire: C. T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires: J. E. DAVIS and J. BARRY.

The peal rung at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on October 4th, was Double Norwich Court Bob Major, not Superlative Surprise as reported in our last issue.

TREBLE BOB CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Glenn and Mr. James seem to think that a Cater method must have four pairs of bells changing in every row, the reason being, I suppose, because the word Cater is a corruption of the French word for four. That is a very dangerous argument. It makes the name of the thing of more importance than the thing itself, and if it is true, then more than half the peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters rung are not Caters at all, for they contain Triple Changes.

Further, if you insist on this for nine bells you must insist on it all round. I can understand the position that men like the Rev. C. D. P. Davies take up. They say that you must always change the maximum number of pairs of bells; that on seven bells you must always have triple changes; on eight alternate triple and cater; on nine always cater; on ten alternate cater and cinque. And so on. That is a logical position to take up, but it is as well to understand what it means. It means that no one has, or ever will, ring a peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples; that Kent, London, Bristol, Cambridge, New Gloucester, etc., are not legitimate; that more than half the peals of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Duffield, etc., ought not to be rung. Mr. James would not go so far as this, but that is the logical result of his statement; and, if he is right as far as he does go, then no peal of Caters was rung at Surfleet.

The truth is that Caters is a general name generally applied to every nine-bell method, and no one has any right to restrict it. The Birmingham men were correct when they called what they rang Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Caters, just as it is correct to speak of Bob Triples and New Bob Triples. Of course, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Caters are not legitimate, but that is another story.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Dear Sir,—I note the Rev. H. Law James does not agree that the two peals rung in Birmingham in 1817 and 1848 were "Caters," but that does not alter the fact. The changes were rung on nine bells, with the tenor covering, and if they are not "Caters," perhaps Mr. James will be good enough to say what, in his opinion, they are.

It must be remembered that these peals were rung, and regarded as peals of Treble Bob Caters for generations before the Central Council came into being, or "The Glossary" was even thought of.

For myself, I am quite content to pin my faith to the sound judgment of two such giants in the art as the late Thomas Thurstans and Henry Johnson, and to say that the method which they knew and rang as Treble Bob Caters, will always be Treble Bob Caters to me. And I am not by any means alone in holding this opinion.

I might add that the late Jasper W. Snowdon also recognised and recorded the fact that the peal at St. Martin's, on January 7th, 1817, was the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung (see "Church Bells," November 3rd, 1877, page 579).—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Sir,—As the Rev. H. Law James is so particular in his assertion that Surfleet Caters was the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung, while he wishes the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for Birmingham to understand that their record peal did not entirely consist of Caters changes, may I remind him that he is inconsistent.

The Surfleet Caters was not Treble Bob at all, inasmuch as a Treble Bob method means that the Treble should be bobbing about without any place making at all in the half treble leads. Does it in Surfleet Caters? Surely it would be more consistent for Mr. James to call his Caters by some other name than Treble Bob than to call into question records by our mighty forefathers, who had not brought definitions to such a pitch of exactitude as the various committees of the Central Council are endeavouring to do.—Yours truly, JOHN CARTER.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice was held on Saturday last at All Saints', Wokingham. Although the weather was very bad, 20 members were present, representing Hurst, Henley, Binfield, Easthampstead, Wargrave, Sandhurst, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

CLEVELAND AND N. YORKS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MIDDLEHAM.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S SCHEME DISCUSSED.

The September meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association proved a most enjoyable and successful function from every point of view. Middleham, the place of the meeting, is situated in Wensleydale, and is famous for both its ruined castle and its racehorse training establishments. It is reached from Leyburn Station on the North Eastern Railway between Northallerton and Hawes, which line runs through most delightful country. The view of the dale also from Middleham is very fine.

The meeting was well attended, the various towers in union with the Association being excellently represented, members attending from Middlesbrough, Skelton, Marske, Ormesby, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Darlington (St. John's, St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity), Hemingborough, Stockton, Sharow, Guisborough and Richmond. The bells of the Parish Church (8—tenor 18 cwts.) and East Witton (6—tenor 7 cwts.) were available for ringing all day, and many good touches were rung.

Both dinner and tea were provided at the Commercial Hotel, by invitation of the St. Alkelda's Guild, and these good friends have the satisfaction of knowing that their kindness was greatly appreciated, and that full justice was done to the splendid fare provided, upwards of 70 members accepting their kind invitation.

At the business meeting, which took place after tea, the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) was supported by Dr. H. C. Pauli (vice-president), the Rector of Middleham (the Rev. H. Topham), the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe), and by several members of the committee. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Vicar of East Witton and from the Vicar of Aysgarth.—The President, on behalf of the Association, very warmly thanked the Rev. and Mrs. Topham, Dr. Pauli, and the members of St. Alkelda's Guild, for the kind and hearty reception given to the other members of the Association.—Mr. Topham responded, adding how glad he always was when the ringers came to Middleham, and hoping they would come again before very long.

The following new members were elected to the Association, viz.: Canon Palmer, Vicar of Sharow, hon. member; Mr. C. L. Routledge, President of the Durham and Newcastle Association; Mr. F. P. Cheetham, Ilford, Essex; and Messrs. T. Richmond, A. Gildard, Pateley Bridge, life members; and Messrs. S. Eastland, Middleham; R. Wallis, C. Frenchman and O. Cherry, Richmond; R. Hornby, and J. Neesam, Thirsk; J. H. Bowes and A. Pybus, Sharow; A. Raynor, H. Priest, T. Wardman, W. R. Lowson and G. B. Bourne, Scarborough, performing members.

AMALGAMATION WITH YORKS ASSOCIATION UNLIKELY.

An item on the agenda, of peculiar interest to the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, had reference to the alterations proposed by the Yorkshire Association.—Mr. Wright explained very fully the object of the Yorkshire Association, and put the details before the members both from the Yorkshire and the Cleveland points of view. From the remarks made, however, it was soon clearly demonstrated that there was not much likelihood of the Cleveland Association being affiliated to the Yorkshire Association. A letter on this subject was also read from Mr. G. F. Alexander, Robin Hood's Bay, a vice-president of the Association.

After a good deal of discussion, in which it was shown how unfavourably the Yorkshire scheme was regarded—both by individuals and by the Association generally—it was ultimately decided that the following resolution be sent to the Yorkshire Association, viz.: "We request that in any reconstruction of the county consideration be given to the existence of the Cleveland Association, and that the North Riding be left out of consideration, for the present at any rate."

With a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting concluded.

A party had arranged to stay the week-end at Middleham, and from accounts received they had a most enjoyable time.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Shipley on Saturday week, and was well attended, members being present from Heene, Steyning, Billingshurst, Slinfold, Lindfield, Pulborough, West Tarring, and the local band, numbering 31. Included in the ringing done during the day were touches in four different Surprise methods. Tea, served in the Parish Room, was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Baker).—At the business meeting, which followed, two new members were elected.—The Secretary proposed the usual vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and granting the use of the bells, and the Vicar replied. He said he was pleased to give them all a welcome, and would be happy to defray a part of the cost of the teas—an announcement that was received with applause.—The tower was again visited afterwards.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Leigh on Saturday last, 36 members being present from Worsley, Walkden, Newchurch, Hindley, and Bolton, with some of the local company. Some very good touches of Stedman, Superlative and Treble Bob were rung.—It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Doane.—At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for having all in readiness.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—SOUTHWARK.

By J. R. Jerram.

Brayley, in his history of Surrey (on what authority it is difficult to decide) says that "in the time of Prior Werkeworth (A.D. 1424) there were seven bells respectively named Augustine, Maria, Stephen, Anna Maria, Lawrence, Vincent and Nicholas. Subsequently in the same year this prior caused other bells to be cast of greater weight, and added an eighth, and altered some of their



[*Photo by F. E. Dawe.*

names, which then ranged thus: St. Trinity, Mary, Augustine, St. Lawrence, Gabriel, All Saints, St. John the Evangelist, and Christ."

The above record is somewhat puzzling. Of course the dedication to "Anna Maria" is simply absurd: Possibly "Anna Mariæ" (*i.e.*, "Anne, mother of the Virgin Mary") may have been intended.

In Aubrey's time (*circâ* 1700) there were eight bells; and he notes that the fourth was dated MCCCCXCIV, and that the fifth was inscribed:—

"Consonat ecce pia campana vocata Maria
Quam Prior Henricus Wentworth sibi fecit amicam."

In 1735 the old peal of eight was replaced by the present peal of twelve, cast by Samuel Knight, on St. Andrew's parish, Holborn. The weight of the old peal of eight was 155 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., and that of the new peal of twelve 215 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs. The cost of recasting was £627 17s.

The three largest bells have since been recast. The inscriptions at the present time are as follows:—

Treble.

S†K†1735

Second.

S†K†1735

Third.

SAMUEL KNIGHT FECIT 1735

Fourth.

S†K†1735

Fifth.

MAY LOUE & UNITY BE WITHOUT LIMITATION. S. KNIGHT FECIT. 1735.

Sixth.

THIS PEAL OF TWELEF BELL BEGUN TO BE CAST IN ANNO DOM: 1734 & COMPLEATED IN A.D. 1735.

Seventh.

SAMUEL KNIGHT FECIT. 1734.

Eighth.

IAMES & ELIZABETH GARDNER. 1735.
SAMUEL KNIGHT PERFORM'D RIGHT WELL WHEN HE RECAST ME DOWSABELL.

Ninth.

IOHN KENT, THOs GARDNER, IOHN PILLON, HENRY FARMER, FRANCES HALL, CHARLES WARTON, CHURCHWARDENS. 1735.

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Tenor.

A†M†D†G—MEARS . & . STAINBANK . REMADE. ME—AS.THE.GIFT.OF.RICHARD.WHITE — FOR. SOUTHWARK.CATHEDRAL,TO.COMMEMORATE. THE.HAPPY.REIGN.OF — †KING.EDWARD.VII†— ANNO: DOM: MDCCCCXI — †EDWARD.TALBOT. D.D.BISHOP† [above, round the shoulder] SAMUEL KNIGHT FECIT. 1734.

The whole peal was rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1911, since which about a dozen peals have been accomplished. The old tenor, which was not a good bell, was recast at the same time, and now weighs 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., diameter 67 inches, Note B flat.

The old tenor, though commonly reputed to weigh 52 cwt., on being taken down was found to weigh 49 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lbs. She was inscribed SAMUEL.KNIGHT. FECIT.1734 . I.REA.WILLIAM.CLARK.IOHN KENT. ISAAC.IEMMETT.GEORGE.TREVILLION.IOSEPH. HYDE.IOHN.BAILMAN . CHURCHWARDENS . and had a number of ornaments between the words, consisting of fleur-de-lys, floriated sprays, etc.

J. HOLMAN'S 150 PEALS.

Bob Major, 5; Grandsire Triples, 10, on handbells 1; Grandsire Major, 1; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 16; Caters, 17; Cinques, 14; Kent Treble Bob Major, 18; Royal, 8; Maximus, 6; Double Norwich Major, 9; Caters, 2; Forward Major, 1; Norfolk Surprise, 3; Superlative, 18; Cambridge, 1; New Cambridge, 3; Yorkshire, 1; London, 13; Bristol, 2; total, 150.

ODD CHANGES.

The bells of St. Peter and St. Paul, Eckington, Derbyshire, having been retuned, and supplied with new fittings throughout, by J. Warner and Sons, Ltd., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Sunday, October 26th, 1913, at morning service.

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The ringing company at Great Yarmouth have lost one of their number, Mr. W. T. Blyth, by death, and on Tuesday of last week a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Nicholas Church, as a last token of respect by A. Webber 1, G. Clayton 2, A. Arnott 3, C. Harding 4, H. Hammonds 5, G. Orford 6, H. Wright 7, F. Pestell 8, D. Hayward (conductor) 9, W. Lee 10. Mr. Blyth was for many years connected with the Great Yarmouth band, among the members of which he was highly respected. He was interred at Gorleston, where muffled touches were also rung.

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The rededication of Caldicot (Monmouthshire) bells by the Bishop of Llandaff will take place on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 o'clock. The bells will be opened by the local band, and will be available for ringing during the evening. Any ringer will be welcome.

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There was a noteworthy performance at Bridgwater on Sunday, when 720 Grandsire Minor was rung after the harvest festival service in the evening, the band including four young people who are still school children. The bells are a peal of 25 cwt., and the 720 was rung, with 7-8 covering, in 29 minutes by C. V. Fry (aged 14) 1, Ruth Coles (aged 12) 2, H. Leo Jennings (aged 15) 3, H. West (aged 18) 4, Cecil Sanderson (aged 14) 5, A. E. Coles (conductor) 6, E. Stockham 7, E. Tucker 8. It was the first 720 of Minor by all except the conductor.

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The reference last week to the occasions on which ringers have rung their two first peals on the same day, leads Mr. C. F. Winney to recall the fact that when in this country in 1902, Mrs. Sherfield, or, as she then was, Miss Margaret H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., took part in a handbell peal of Stedman Triples (rung in 2 hrs. 26 mins.), and, after tea the same day, rang Holt's Original on handbells in 2 hrs. 30 mins. These were both Miss Nichols' first peals in hand and probably the first two peals rung in hand on one day. The Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. Winney and the Grandsire by Mr. G. N. Price.

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Members of the St. Peter's Society, Sheffield, should note that the meeting at Norton arranged for to-morrow has been postponed.

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There is to be a ringing tour in Surrey next week. It is being organised by Mr. W. H. Fussell, and those who are taking part anticipate a very pleasant time. The ringing will conclude at St. Peter's, Croydon, on the Saturday afternoon, and in the evening there is to be a social at the Greyhound Hotel, to which all ringers will be welcome. "Go" will be called at 7 p.m.

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Mr. Frank Bennett this week records his 800th peal, and by a coincidence it was also the 400th he has conducted. The fact that these peals have been rung in 254 towers gives some idea of the amount of travelling which has been undertaken in connection with their performance. It is a wonderful record, and we hope Mr. Bennett is a long way from the end yet.

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Mr. Bennett "does" his districts very thoroughly in regard to ringing. Wherever he may be he loses no opportunity of ringing a peal in all the towers that are within reach, as, for example, Sussex, where he formerly resided, and in which county he has rung a peal on every ring of eight and ten bells, with the solitary exception, we believe, of one new octave, where opportunity has not yet presented itself.

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The Rev. William Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk, sends us a copy of a unique peal board, which exists in Brandeston Church, Suffolk. It is, he says, the oldest record of a peal of Minor that he knows of, and adds: "I have not seen another with any of the methods written on the sides as this has. The board is quite flat, without mouldings round the edges, and each side terminates in a row of bells, one above the other. It is very quaint."

On February 2nd, 1749,
The Seven Peals
underwritten were
rung here (without intermission) in
2 hours and 55 minutes, and not a Bell
out of course.

Francis' Genius			Francis' Goodwill
123456			123456
214365	Performed by us:	The Peals:	214365
124635			124356
216453	James King 1	London Surprise	213465
261543			231645
625134	Thomas Bradlaugh, snr. 2	Cambridge Surprise	326154
621543			321645
265134	Samuel Francis 3	Francis' Genius	236154
625314			326514
263541	Thomas Bradlaugh, jnr. 4	Francis' Goodwill	235641
236514			253614
325641	James Gall 5	Oxford Treble Bob	526341
352461			562431
534216	John Garrard 6	Court Bob and	654213
543261			645231
452316		Grandsire Bob	462513
542136			642153
451263	Number of changes,		461235
452136	5040.		462153
541263			641235
514623			614325
156432	N.B.—Francis' Genius and		163452
516342			613425
153624	Francis' Goodwill were		164352
156342			146532
146253	composed by this Society.		125634
Bob			Bob
164235			152643

THE REV. E. S. POWELL'S REPLY TO MR. DAINS

To the Editor.

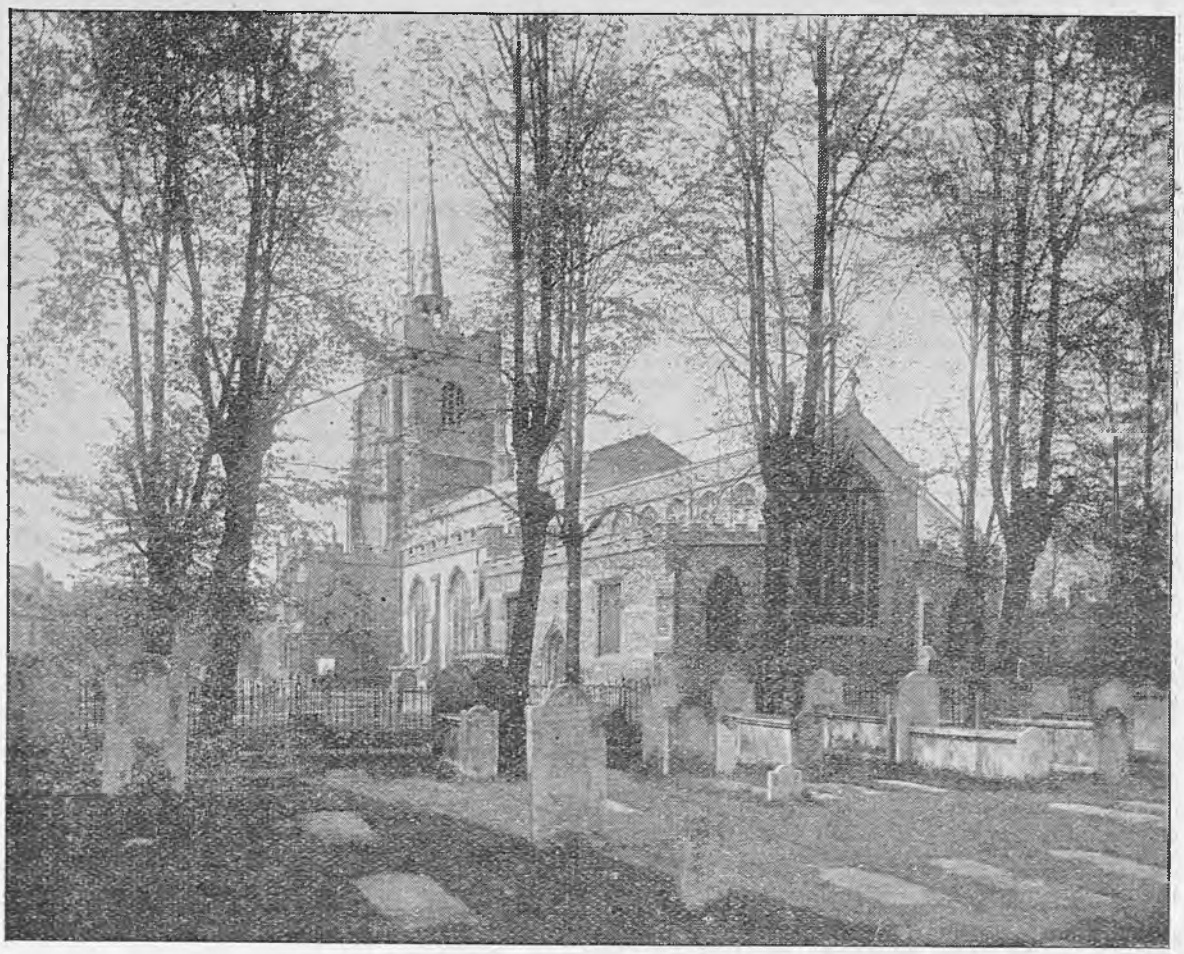
Sir,—I wonder why Mr. Dains headed his answer to my letter Stedman and Erin Triples? In the former, the number and arrangement of the singles, and the arrangement of the bobs can be varied indefinitely, and the bobs and singles are to a large extent independent. In Erin it is not so. Once you have the course ends and proof scale, the rest follows almost mechanically. Every possible peal on the plan under discussion could be turned out in a comparatively short time.

Mr. Dains is evidently still thirsting for blood, but I hope he will excuse my taking up his challenge. Whatever reference, if any, there was to him in my letter was perfectly general, and included no expression of opinion on the rights of the particular controversy in which he was engaged with Mr. Lindoff.

But as he puts a question to me, I also will ask him one thing (which it is true has been asked already). In Vol. II, p. 323 of "The Ringing World" there appear four peals of 5040 Surprise Royal over the names of four very able composers who are presumably their authors. What does he think of Mr. C. H. Hattersley (or Mr. H. Dains) for taking peal No. 3 (or No. 4), starting the calling at the 11th (or 5th) course and claiming the peal as his own composition. Let me point out that no reference to 6048's of Major will meet the case. What I am asking from him is his explanation of the definite claim of the writers of the letter to the peals of Royal as they appear above their names.—Yours, etc.,

Holbeton Vicarage. E. S. POWELL.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)

WORCESTERSHIRE MEETING AT POWICK.

On Saturday, the last quarterly meeting of the year for the western branch was held at Powick, near Worcester. Members began to arrive about 3 o'clock, and the bells were raised in peal. Service was held at 4 p.m., and was well attended.—The Rev. C. Hughes (Vicar) gave an excellent address, welcoming the members to church, and explaining the lessons which the bells gave to ringers.—Tea was kindly provided by the local ringers at the Red Lion Inn, and the business meeting followed, nearly every tower in the western branch being represented.

The Rev. C. Hughes, who presided, read a paper on the history of the church bells, which was much appreciated, and was followed with close interest. The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Powick, with Mr. W. Page as conductor.—Areley Kings was selected for the next meeting, to take place on February 14th. — Three performing members were elected, and all the officers were re-appointed, though Mr. Page thought it quite time someone else should be Master.

The Chairman, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, referred to the trouble the local secretary had taken in connection with the meeting, and also to the excellent arrangements made by the host, Mr. Rodgman. He remarked how pleased he was to see such well conducted houses, and added that in his younger days, it was considered questionable to see a parson enter a public-house.—The Organist (Mr. Foster), who, by-the-way, was some years ago connected with the Worcester ringers, also replied, and the meeting closed.

The bells were rung at every available opportunity, and the touches included Grandsire, Plain Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford. The local ringers finished with a plain course of Grandsire, this being their limit at present.

The effect of the peal of six, with tenor 23 cwt., in E flat, was grand, and, as one standing outside at the finish remarked, " The ghost of Abraham Rudhall could plainly be heard."

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery branch was held at Castle Cary, on Saturday last, when about 40 members were present representing Batcombe, Ditcheat, Bruton, West Lydford, Langport, Queen Camel, South Cadbury and Castle Cary. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Wake, officiating, and the Rev. Dr. Williams, of Minsterley, giving a very instructive address, pointing out that the office they held as ringers was a very ancient and important one, and that it was the duty of every good ringer, after calling his brothers and sisters to that place of worship, to set the example by attending it himself.

After the service, tea was partaken of in the Council Schools, and the business meeting followed. The Rev. H. E. Wake presided, supported by the Rev. Dr. Williams, Mr. W. Desh (churchwarden), Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr. (President of the branch), Mr. M. S. Welchman (West Lydford), and others.—One hon. member and several performing members were proposed.—Queen Camel was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held in January. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, also for the use of the bells; to the Rev. Dr. Williams for his address, and to the organist and choir for their services.—The Vicar responded, and hoped to have the pleasure of welcoming the members at some future time.—The Rev. Dr. Williams also replied, and remarked that he was a perfect stranger amongst them, but he felt sure, if he was going to remain in Somerset, he should soon make many friends. When asked by the Vicar to give an address to the ringers on that afternoon he was delighted to do so. It was the first time in his life he had had the privilege of addressing a party of bell ringers, but it gave him some little idea how bell ringing was carried on in Somerset, and he wished them every success in the good work they were doing.—This concluded the business. A move was then made to the tower, where touches of Minor and Doubles were brought round on the bells.

THE RINGERS' PEW.

The enthusiasm of the young band of ringers at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, is being well maintained, and a nicely struck 720 of Bob Minor for the harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 12th, did great credit to Mr. Newton's careful tuition. Nor was the call to worship given in vain. Some time before the bells came round, every available seat in the church was occupied, and several persons were left standing in the narthex. One disappointed visitor, spying a pew at the back of the church, roped off and still empty, asked a churchwarden, " What is this seat for?" " That is the bellringers' seat," was the reply. " But surely," pursued the argumentative visitor, " he doesn't fill up the whole seat, does he?"

" SOULING."

The following, quoted from " Old English Sports," by the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, is sent us by Mr. B. G. Stilwell, of Yately: All-hallow Even. . . . there were cakes called " Soul Mass cakes " or " Soul cakes," which were given to the poor. These were of triangular shape, and poor people in Staffordshire used to go a-souling, i.e., collecting these soul cakes, or anything else they could get. The church bells were rung all night long for all Christian souls, and we find from some old account books that the good folk were very careful to have all their bell ropes and bells in good order for All-hallow Even. This ringing was supposed to benefit the souls of the dead in purgatory, and was suppressed after the Reformation.

F. BENNETT'S 800 PEALS.

Method	Rung.	Cond.	H'bells.	Cond.
In 7 Minor Methods	4			
Union Triples	1	1		
Oxford Bob Major	1	1		
Grandsire Triples	56	39	3	1
Grandsire Caters	15	8	4	1
Bob Triples	6	3		
Bob Major	57	36	7	4
Bob Royal	1		5	3
Bob Maximus			1	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	2	1		
Canterbury Major	1	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	47	24		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	14	4		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	117	55		
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	2	1		
Waterloo Major	1	1		
Stedman Triples	143	80		
Stedman Caters	43	19	1	
Stedman Cinques	5	1		
Forward Royal	3	3		
Duffield Royal	1	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	7	4		
Westminster Surprise Major	3			
Oxford Surprise Major	3			
Gloucester Surprise Major	3			
New Cumberland Surprise Major	11	6		
Superlative Surprise Major	99	40		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	7	4		
Cambridge Surprise Major	64	42		
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	1		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1			
Bristol Surprise Major	13	7		
London Surprise Major	40	5		
Total on tower bells	779	390		
Total on handbells	21	10		
Grand total	800	400		

Rung in 254 towers and 19 counties.

5,000 BOB ROYAL.

By the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

2345678	W	7	5	4	B	6	M	H
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First rung at St. George's, Stockport, October 11th, 1913.

THE CHELMSFORD OPENING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask why the committee of the Essex Association went outside the county to get twelve ringers for the opening ceremony of the Chelmsford bells. Surely, there are enough twelve bell ringers in the county for that purpose? It seems to me to be a kind of slur on those who were only too willing if they had been asked to take part in the ceremony.—Yours truly,

Harwich. ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

The following quarter-peals, etc., have been rung for harvest festival services:—

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: E. Hussey 1, F. Blood 2, H. Rowlett 3, E. Stratton 4, A. Pratt (conductor) 5, A. Franklin 6, C. A. Pratt 7, L. C. Franklin 8. After evening service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Hussey 1, L. C. Franklin 2, C. A. Pratt 3, E. Stratton 4, A. Pratt 5, A. Franklin 6, F. Blood (conductor) 7, M. Spong 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 672 Stedman Triples: J. M. Bailey 1, G. Wilson 2, A. F. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, F. G. Thompson 6, C. F. Bailey 7, C. Sampson 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, 672 Kent Treble Bob: E. S. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, A. F. Bailey 3, G. Hardy 4, C. Sampson 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 7, G. Wilson 8. For evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples: C. Sampson 1, G. Wilson 2, A. F. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, P. G. Potter 8.

BATH.—At All Saints', Upper Weston, on Sept. 24th, 720 Bob Minor: F. C. Rich 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Goodenough 4, C. Densley 5, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 6.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Erickson 1, R. Tall 2, C. Constant 3, A. Constant 4, J. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, J. Avis 8.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sept. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Swann 1, E. Lindley 2, J. W. Garbutt (conductor) 3, H. Blake 4, F. Poole 5, H. E. Pickering 6, H. Clayton 7, J. Bradley 8.

CHESTERFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 1259 changes, was rung in 48 mins., by: Geo. Davies 1, A. Knights (composer) 2, F. Jacobs 3, W. Thyng 4, F. Davies 5, F. Stubbs (first quarter-peal) 6, Ben Knights 7, Geo. Hollis (conductor) 8, G. Thompson 9, Tom Gore 10.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Greenfield 1, P. H. Doick 2, R. Wood 3, E. Goodsell 4, J. Burdfield 5, S. W. Corden (conductor) 6, A. B. Corden 7, H. J. Doick 8.

WEST HAM.—Essex Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, for morning service, 593 Grandsire Caters: W. Doran (conductor) 1, A. Scambler 2, W. Truss 3, T. Cranfield 4, A. Neale 5, J. Scholes 6, E. Wigg 7, R. Sanders 8, H. Flanders 9, G. Haden 10. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Caters, conducted by T. Cranfield, with T. Potter, tenor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 28th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (rung for first time): S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, G. A. Taylor 3, E. Large 4, J. T. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Porter 6, W. F. Webb 7, J. B. Collett (composer) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On October 1st, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1056 Bob Major, in 40 mins.: *A. Newick, junr., 1, G. Durling 2, *E. Tigwell 3, *F. Herberts 4, A. James, senr., 5, A. Bygrave 6, I. Emery 7, S. Marshall (conductor) 8. * Longest length in the method.—On Sunday, October 5th, after evensong, a 504 Stedman Triples, by: Issac Emery 1, A. James, senr., 2, S. Marshall 3, A. Newick, junr., 4, G. Huxley 5, A. Bygrave 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, H. Elmer (of Boxford, Suffolk) 8.

QUINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—The Worcestershire Association.—On Saturday, Oct. 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: T. Sheppard 1, T. Middleton 2, J. Hampton 3, F. Jordan 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, J. Hemming 6.

BATH.—On Sunday, October 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, after evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: T. Hogsflesh 1, G. Hill 2, C. Goodenough 3, F. C. Rich 4, A. E. Alexander 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (composer and conductor) 7, L. P. Smith 8.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints' Church, on October 5th, at matins, 504 Stedman Triples, and two courses of Bob Major. For evensong, 768 Stedman Triples: T. Taylor 1, W. Peart 2, F. Bendall 3, A. Caddick 4, S. Woodhall 5, E. Pagett 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, D. Jones 8. After service, 210 Grandsire Triples, E. Pagett conductor.

YORKTOWN.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *H. Feasey 1, *F. Marchant 2, W. Boyles 3, G. Bunch 4, B. Hawkins 5, G. Butler 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. * First quarter-peal.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Commencing October, meetings for practice of Caters and Royal will be held monthly at Hillingdon East on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m., and for Stedman and Major at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on the third Monday at 7.30 p.m.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus 7.30; the others at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting 7 p.m. — John Watson, Branch Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Donington on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Dinner at the Peacock Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. — G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Batley on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Tenor 11 cwts. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. — F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, October 18th. The tower will be opened at 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Woolpack Inn, followed by short business meeting. The usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blagdon on Saturday, October 18th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Parish Room. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m. — J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824). — Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18th, at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stamford, on Saturday, October 18th. The bells of All Saints' (6), St. Martin's (6), St. Michael's (6), available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Crown Hotel at 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells available at 5, meeting at 7. — W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, October 18th, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at the White Hart Hotel. — Henry F. Ewins, Honorary District Secretary, Duncton, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on October 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. — E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 18th at Sawbridgeworth, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the King William IV at 5.30, members 6d.; others 8d., business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome. Those requiring tea kindly notify me a few days before.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The meeting of the above society at Norton on October 18th is postponed.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next practice will take place at St. Sepulchres, Holborn, on Thursday, October 23rd. Meet at 7.30 p.m.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 25th. Service in the church at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Tea provided for those only who send me their names not later than Tuesday, October 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service (Association form) at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector). Tea in St. Paulinus Hall, at 6.15 p.m., admission by ticket only, to those who send their names to me, not later than first post, Tuesday, October 21st. Business meeting to follow.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Saturday, October 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Refreshment Rooms 5.30, 8d. per head, followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea can be arranged provided members let me know by October 20th. Business meeting after tea. A good meeting is desired.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

CROYDON, SURREY.—To wind up the ringing week in Surrey, arranged by W. H. Fussell, a social will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 7 p.m., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, to meet the visitors. All ringers who care to come will be welcome.—Cyril F. Johnston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 25th, 1913. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the Three Tuns Hotel. Service at 1 p.m. in the Cathedral; address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. Dinner at 2 p.m. at the Three Tuns Hotel. Those intending to be present at dinner please communicate before the 21st inst. to R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wembdon on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Flitton on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crest, Luton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, November 1st. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 5. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Will secretaries kindly oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, Oct. 28th, how many may be expected at tea from their respective towers?—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Latts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The 9th annual dinner will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on November 1st, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tickets may be had from Charles F. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 79, Peel Street, Winson Green.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—The new peal of 8 bells at St. Michael's Church, Warfield, Berks, will be open for ringing on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens. All ringers welcome.—H. Bungay, Forest Road, Binfield.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NORTHOWRAM, near Halifax.—On Saturday, November 1st, a new peal of 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston will be duly opened. Ringers cordially invited. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who send in not later than Monday, October 27th, to Mollinson Taylor, Honorary Secretary, Woodfield Cottage, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—The new bell will be dedicated on November 1st at 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Rector will provide tea for ringers who give notice of attending not later than October 27th, 1913.—B. Ridgewell, Hon. Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 276th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, G. W. Wild, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Tower open for ringing: St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursdays, 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. Evening service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.—H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.—There will be no ringing at the above church until further notice. — James E. Davis, Towerkeeper.

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Gentlemen,
The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.
I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.
Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S DEATH.

Men of the type of Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter, of Croydon, whose death the Exercise will deplore, are not so numerous that they can easily be spared. Dr. Carpenter will be much missed in many spheres of life. From his church and from his town those who have been in daily touch with him have to mourn a friend. The ringing Exercise has sustained a loss best appreciated by those who know the work which he did in his younger days, when a keen intellect, and more leisure than he was able to secure in recent years, enabled him to do a great amount of valuable work, at a time when investigation was beginning to show the greater possibilities of the science. From the pen of no less an authority than the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, we publish, in another column, a tribute to Dr. Carpenter's labours in a realm of composition which few others have sought to explore with anything like thoroughness.

In those matters to which he devoted his attention Dr. Carpenter never failed to establish himself in a place of eminence, and if to the younger generation of ringers Dr. Carpenter has to some extent receded from the public gaze, his work has been no less important. It was only the calls of other duties which prevented him occupying as conspicuous a place as once he did, but, as is remarked elsewhere, he never lost that keen interest in the affairs of the Surrey Association, which he acquired as honorary secretary of the organisation, and he followed its welfare and progress with the liveliest satisfaction. It was almost a child of his own, and it was a fitting compliment that when the office of Master was instituted about two years ago he should be installed as the first occupant.

No tribute to the work of Dr. Carpenter could be considered complete without a reference, however brief, to some phases of his work outside ringing. In his profession he had endeared himself to a large section of the community, and his eminence as a physician brought his services into demand in a sphere beyond the bounds of private practice. He had served his town in more than one public capacity, and the Church had a no more loyal and devoted son. He filled the office of the churchwarden of St. James' Church for many years, and the example of his life was one of practical Christianity.

It is not uninteresting to note that two such eminent men as Dr. Carpenter and his brother, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rector of Boothby Pagnal, should both have devoted themselves with such success to the organisation of ringing associations. While Dr. Arthur Carpenter rendered great service to the Surrey Association as hon. secretary, his brother was secretary first of the Kent Association, and afterwards the Winchester Guild.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

MISS CARRIE E. SPARSHOTT *Treble*	ALBERT BEST 6
STEPHEN BEST 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT ... 7
VINCENT STREET... 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... 8
EDWIN V. HINTON 4	GEORGE PRESTON 9
WILLIAM G. STONE 5	*HARRY BAGSHOT ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells. All the above are members of the local band. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

WHITBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN R. BARTON ... ...*Treble*	HENRY GIBSON 6
*FREDERICK LAVERICK ... 2	*GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 7
*FRANK S. HODGSON... ... 3	*JOHN T. WATERS 8
*WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 4	*WILLIAM HARLAND 9
WILLIAM HOLMES 5	THOMAS METCALFE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal of Royal and first attempt. First peal of Royal on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 6th hail from Scarborough, 2nd from Middlesbrough, 5th from Skelton-in-Cleveland, 7th from Robin Hood's Bay, and tenor from Ormesby; the rest belong to Whitby. The peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

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

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS ALBUTT ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM PALMER 2	WILLIAM SHILVOCK... ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	GORDON CHECKITTS... ... 8
SAMUEL GROVE 4	*JOHN EATON 9
*SAMUEL JONES 5	ALFRED MOORE... ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. HAYWARD.

* First peal of Caters. This was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch. S. Jones hails from Newport, Mon.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...*Treble*	CHARLES BAKER 5
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	WILLIAM ROOPE 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	CHARLES ROOPE 7
EDWIN WHITING 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

ASHTEAD.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

JOHN WYATT	*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
JOHN S. DANIELS	4	GEORGE COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
WALTER S. INWOOD	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
RICHARD DARLOW	4	WILLIAM SEELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. SCOTT.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913. in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANBSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY T. COOPER	*Treble*	THOMAS SELFE	5
ALFRED L. BROWN	2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB... ...	6
ALFRED E. BASSETT	3	RICHARD KENDALL	7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	4	*ALFRED HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED L. BROWN.

* First attempt for a peal. W. Shepherd hails from Hersham. Rung in honour of the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. RANSOM	*Treble*	CHARLES J. TRICKER ...	5
GEORGE SPENCER	2	HENRY H. CHANDLER ...	6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...	3	*WILLIAM J. NEW	7
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ...	4	ALBERT SHEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NEW.

* First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS WALKER	*Treble*	RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	6
EDWARD WALLAGE	3	ARTHUR D. BARKER... ...	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	4	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in any method with a bob bell. Specially arranged and rung on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

GARSTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN	*Treble*	THOMAS MURRAY	5
GEORGE WOODHALL	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	6
THOMAS JENNION...	3	WALTER HUGHES	7
EDWARD CAUNCE...	4	*HENRY HUDSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Royal Wedding.

MITCHAM.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

WILLIAM H. JOINER	*Treble*	ALBERT CALVER	5
JAMES D. DREWETT	2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	6
BENJAMIN MORRISS	3	WILLIAM S. SMITH	7
JOHN S. DANIELS	4	FREDERICK TILLY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Bance, daughter of their brother-ringer (Mr. C. Bance).

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALBERT E. SMITH	*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	5
GEORGE E. HARBOUR ...	2	*JOSEPH W. FRUIN	6
WILLIAM LAWRENCE ...	3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ...	7
*ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ...	4	*CHARLES H. PAINE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

LIONEL H. PAGE	*Treble*	CHARLES J. FRAY	5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ...	2	GEORGE WILLIAMS	6
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ...	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	7
WILFRED ANDREWS	4	OWEN H. GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung, after meeting short for Double Norwich, to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the conductor's wedding, which occurred on the previous day. The peal could not be arranged to coincide with the exact date owing to the quarterly district meeting of the Guild at Havant.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

*CHARLES A. GRAY	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
*WILLIAM J. KEMP	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS	*Treble*	VICTOR BENNETT	5
JOHN BOWER...	2	RICHARD DAVIS...	6
RICHARD G. RICE	3	EDMUND BANNISTER ...	7
WILLIAM E. NAPPER	4	JOHN E. ALLEN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*GEORGE POVEY	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	6
*REGINALD BROUGH	3	*EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL WATKINS	*Treble*	SAMUEL BROOKES	5
WILLIAM HARGEST	2	ALBERT MATTHEWS... ...	6
GEORGE GIBLIN	3	WILLIAM EVANS	7
GEORGE HARDWICKE	4	*W. A. FLETCHER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.
* First peal of Triples. Rung as a complimentary peal to His Grace the Archbishop of York, who, during the week, addressed the St. David's Diocesan Conference, also a mass meeting held in the town in defence of the Church.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ...	*Treble*	*JACOB MOY...	5
GEORGE SOAME...	2	*CHARLES NEWLANDS ...	6
*CECIL CHAMBERLIN	3	JOHN MOY	7
GEORGE MOY	4	ALBERT G. WARNES...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by G. H. CROSS.
* First peal of Oxford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)
On Friday, October 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

BEN CHORLEY	*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	5
*BERNARD CLARKE	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
HENRY HUTTON...	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	7
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell. First peal in the method ever rung. It was presented to the Holy Trinity Society by Rev. E. Bankes James and was rung at the first attempt. The peal was arranged as a part of the Commemoration Festival in connection with the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM DAVIES	*Treble*	REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	5
*WILLIAM SHERCLIFF... ...	2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	7
*THOMAS MURRAY	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.
* First Surprise peal.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH	*Treble*	EDWARD F. COLE	5
CHARLES PRYOR	2	ERNEST YOUNG	6
ERNEST BONFIELD	3	RICHARD BEVAN	7
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN ...	4	EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.
Rung, half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Newland Alderman, by his brother-ringers at the above church; also to the memory of Dr. A. B. Carpenter.

CONDOVER, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*WILLIAM C. BROOKS...	*Treble*	†WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE	5
†E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ...	2	REV. E. V. COX	6
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR... ...	3	†ALFRED E. FULLICK ...	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major by the Guild and on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival and in honour of the Royal Wedding. It is noteworthy that the Salop Guild have rung the four standard methods this year.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART No. 2.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN ...	*Treble*	HENRY NORMAN	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS...	6
ROBERT SCOTT	3	ISAAC CREED	7
*ALBERT TOUT	4	†FRANK WAYGOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.
* First peal and first attempt with a bob bell. † First peal of Triples.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL...	*Treble*	ERNEST LEIGH	5
RICHARD JENNER	2	GEORGE MALYAN	6
ALBERT BELTON	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
JAMES HEASMAN...	4	EDWARD LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.
The conductor hails from Chislehurst, the rest of the band belong to Edenbridge.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN P. PALEY, Senr.	*Treble*	JOHN H. HAYNES	5
*GEORGE W. KING	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
THOMAS CRAGG	3	FREDERICK HUNT	7
JOHN CRAGG	4	JOHN W. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JOHN W. WOOD.

* First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in a new iron frame and the four trebles recast by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN	*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
EDWARD C. MERRITT	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

*JOSEPH J. PRATT	*Treble*	*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	5
*GEORGE M. KILBY	2	EDWIN F. PIKE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

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

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIGGIN	*Treble*	JOHN HOLMAN	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	RICHARD W. COLLIER	6
SAM THOMAS	3	JOHN MACKELL	7
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

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

Rung on the Festival of St. Luke. This peal was arranged for John McKell, of Gargrave, whose first attempt it was in Surprise. This composition has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5—6, viz., ten courses in 6th's, with reverse courses without using bobs before.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS	*Treble*	EDWARD B. SHAW	5
JAMES ARROWSMITH, Senr.	2	*THOMAS A. OGDEN	6
TOM OLDHAM	3	DAN RENSHAW	7
THOMAS K. DRIVER	4	†HUGH REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE, and
Conducted by HUGH REYNOLDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and first peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The "go" is all that can be desired.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, PENDLETON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. TURNER	5
HARRY WASHBROOK	2	THOMAS MURRAY	6
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve Six-scores of Canterbury, twelve of Plain Bob and eighteen of Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK HARMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE ILLMAN	3
JOHN SHERLOCK	2	FRANK SADLER	4
ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal on the bells.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, four 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one of Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 7 cwt., in A.

*FREDERICK W. TAYLOR	*Treble*	†THOMAS M. BELTON	4
†WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE	2	ALFRED E. FULLICK	5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on an inside bell. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late G. Tipton, a member of the above Society, who was buried on the 10th inst.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt., in F.

*ARTHUR KYTE	*Treble*	*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4
THOMAS MIDDLETON	2	JOHN HAMPTON	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	FREDRICK J. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. A. Kyte entertained the band to tea.

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

On Monday, October 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PALMER	*Treble*	JAMES VAUGHAN	4
*JOHN EATON	2	FRANK WITHERS	5
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	3	JOHN WITHERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WITHERS.

* First peal of Minor.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(Southern Branch.)

On Tuesday, October 14, 1913, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6840 CHANCES;

Being fifty-seven Six-scores, comprising:—Thirty-two of St. Dunstan's, ten of Grandsire, eight of Plain Bob, and seven of Canterbury, called in fifty different ways. Tenor 12½ cwt., in F.

William Sparrow ...	...*Treble*	Arthur Kyte	4
Walter Jones	2	Fredrick J. Johnson ...	5
*Joseph D. Johnson... ...	3	Albert Colley ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. D. Johnson.

* First peal as conductor on tower bells. Longest peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung to celebrate the 57th wedding anniversary of the grandparents of A. Kyte. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. A. Kyte entertained the band to tea.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

George Ellis	...*Treble*	Albert Harman	4
John Akehurst	2	Albert Ellis	5
Percy F. Weller	3	Oliver Sippetts ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Hull and Bourne. Tenor 20 cwt.

Thomas Wick	...*Treble*	Frederick Manser... ...	4
George Snelling	2	John Snelling	5
Bertie F. Turner	3	Frederick Seager ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Manser.

This peal was rung as a welcome to T. Wick, of Shildon, who was spending a short holiday in his native village.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Ernest Kemp	...*Treble*	*George Fenn	4
John Trinder	2	Louis Ladd	5
Lance-Sergt. F. A. Holden	3	Henry C. Castle ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick A. Holden.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

SAMPFORD BREET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 16 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire.

Henry Perry	...*Treble*	Albert J. Barker	3
Arthur H. Jenkins... ...	2	Arthur Cavill	4

William Bennett ... *Tenor*

Conducted by William Bennett.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Lovell Richards ...	...*Treble*	Edward Geary...	4
Victor Geary	2	George H. Geary	5
Ernest Morris	3	Fred Staniforth ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Bolton Branch.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Thomas Grimshaw ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Cooper	4
George Pownall	2	John Yates	5
Edwin Leatherbarrow ...	3	Joseph Leatherbarrow	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Leatherbarrow.

First peal in four methods by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Squire Withington, of Culcheth Hall, who reached his 82nd birthday on October 7th. The above ringers have taken this, their first opportunity, of ringing a complimentary peal, and wish him many happy returns.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently.

*W. A. James	...*Treble*	Ex-Sergt. Williams ...	4
H. Awford	2	‡W. J. Roberts...	5
†A. Martin	3	*W. James, Senr. ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. Roberts.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal as conductor. First peal rung on these bells by all local men since 1861. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fielden, St. Michael's, Newent. W. James, Senr., was made a member before starting.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*Philip Inns...	...*Treble*	Frederick Kilborn ...	4
Mathias Hobbs	2	†Harry Peet	5
†Robert G. Black	3	J. Edward Chapman	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Edward Chapman.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. First peal in seven methods on the bells. The thanks of the band are due to Philip Inns, who completed the company at a minute's notice when falling one short at the eleventh hour.

HARKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Lester L. Gray ...	...*Treble*	Charles E. Fisher ...	4
George R. Finch	2	George Arlitt	5
William King	3	William B. Reeve...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Fisher.

Rung to celebrate the Festival of St. Luke.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY MEADOWS ... ...*Treble*	PEARL INSKIP 4
JAMES B. HUDSON 2	THOMAS JERVIS 5
LEONARD WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ...*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 13, 1913, in Two Hours,
AT THE DEANERY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ON HANDBELLS. Each 720 being called differently.

R. GAMBLE ... ...*Treble*	W. T. CROSS 4
F. DAINTY 2	T. VAUGHAN 5
H. BEECHEY 3	F. COOKE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. COOKE.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one-and-a-half Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

GEORGE HOLLIS ... ... 1—2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	*GEORGE DAVIES ... ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
Umpire: F. DAVIES.
Witness: W. J. THYNG.

* First peal on handbells.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1—2	ARTHUR HAGUE ... ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS .. 3—4	CLEMENT GLENN ... ... 7—8

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

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

Composed by C. R. LILLEY, and
Conducted by EDMUND C. CHASTY.

LATE PEAL.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¾ cwt.

A. T. HOULDSWORTH ...*Treble*	T. HOWARTH 5
*J. SHAW 2	W. RILEY 6
*W. W. NEWELL 3	†J. HOULDSWORTH 7
J. ROWCLIFFE 4	J. BENTLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This peal was rung by the local company and is the first in the method by the Blackburn Branch. First peal on the bells since the trebles were added in May last.

The peal of Stedman Cinques, at Birmingham, was rung on the 125th anniversary of the first peal, not the centenary as previously stated.

ANOTHER NEW SURPRISE METHOD RUNG.

THE FIRST PEAL OF "GUILDFORD."

We record in another column the first peal of Guildford Surprise, a method composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James, and named by him as a compliment to the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, to whom it was sent in February, 1911, at a time when that tower boasted a strong Surprise company. The method was quickly taken in hand, and a peal was to have been attempted in the following April, but just then one of the band left to join the Navy, and nothing further was possible, as the bells were shortly afterwards unpealable. Since their restoration, however, the method has been taken up again, and on the first Sunday in this month the first plain course was rung by the present company, who so quickly got a grip of the method that the peal was scored last week at the first attempt.

The method, it will be seen, is in many respects similar to Bristol, but opinion varies among the ringers with regard to its difficulties. The conductor does not consider it so intricate as London, but thinks it certainly more difficult than Bristol, as the front and back work are entirely different, and the bells do not course in the front so simply as in Bristol. All peals of Bristol and Treble Bob will run true to Guildford.

GUILDFORD SURPRISE.

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SHOREDITCH BELLS OPENING.

The above peal is now nearing completion, and a look at the frame in Messrs. Warner's yard, prophesies a splendid result. The dedication will take place on Monday, November 3rd, at 8.30 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Stepney. The Mayor of Shoreditch (Mr. H. Busby Bird, J.P.), and the Borough Council will attend in State.

On Saturday, November 8th, the opening will take place, when the Rev. G. F. Coleridge will give an address at 4 p.m. The tower will be open to ringers at 2.30 p.m., and the Royal Cumberland Youths are to hold a quarterly meeting for the first time for very many years in their "native tower." Tea will be provided free to all those who notify Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, before Wednesday, November 5th, and it will be well for those ringers who intend being present at the tea not to forget to send a post card, as it will be impossible to judge how many to provide for unless this is done.

On Thursday, October 30th, a concert is to be held in the Shoreditch Town Hall in aid of the funds, and the Mayor is to preside. The programme will include the famous "Carltons," Miss May Doubleday, the splendid soprano and Queen's Hall singer; and the Hersham handbell ringers with their 50 handbells; while the Royal Cumberland Youths will attempt a course of Grandsire Cinques. Tickets of admission are 6d., 1s., 2s., 3s., to be obtained of Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch, or any of the secretaries of the London Societies. Ringers are heartily invited to all these events.

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DEATH OF DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

A GREAT LOSS TO THE EXERCISE.

By the death of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, says the Vicar of St. James', of Croydon, writing to "The Ringing World," the Exercise has lost another of its most valued members. To his immediate friends the condition of his health had for some little time given cause for grave alarm, but to the ringing fraternity the announcement of his death will come as something of a shock. He died on Wednesday of last week, after an operation in a Nursing Home. For more than 30 years Dr. Carpenter has had a keen interest in ringing, and apart from performances in the belfry, had done a great deal of research work, especially in Triple methods, and the many excellent compositions, of which he is the author, have made his name a household word among ringers.

The eldest son of the late Dr. Alfred Carpenter, to whom Croydon owes so much, was born in Croydon on 18th April, 1854, and he was thus in his 60th year. He was first educated at a private school at Brighton, but he won a scholarship to Winchester, and at Winchester a scholarship to New College, Oxford. On leaving college he became a medical student at St. Thomas's Hospital, where he held various appointments; and at his father's retirement from practice, he himself began his professional career in Croydon. He married Miss Jones, of Exeter, a daughter of the then Mayor of the town, and he leaves a widow and five daughters. The late Dr. Carpenter held several appointments at the Croydon General Hospital, including that of Senior Medical Officer, and he was a Medical Referee of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor. He was also a member, indeed one of the founders, of the Croydon Literary and Scientific Institution, taking a keen interest in scientific pursuits generally.



THE LATE DR. A. B. CARPENTER.

His hobby was campanology, with which he first became associated about Christmas, 1882. He was attracted to the belfry of the parish church, while the tenor was being tolled for the death of an Archbishop of Canterbury, and, receiving a kindly welcome, he was persuaded to come to the next practice. Soon he became enamoured of the art, and, with his scholarly attainments, quickly became fascinated with the theoretical as well as the practical side of change ringing. At both Croydon and Beddington he received his early tuition, and rang his first peal at Carshalton on May 5th, 1884, with the Beddington band. His first peal as conductor was scored in the same tower on July 13th, 1885, where also he rang his fourth peal—Union Triples, composed and conducted by himself. Ever welcome in all the towers round about, he made excursions to other parts of the country, and scored his first peal of Double Norwich at Drayton, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Washbrook, in October, 1888, having earlier in the same year rung his first of Stedman Triples and Caters with them when they paid a visit to Croydon. He once took part in a 6000 of Double Norwich.

In 1883 Dr. Carpenter was elected hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, and for nine years assiduously discharged the duties of the office, which he had eventually reluctantly to resign owing to the claims of his profession. He, however, never relinquished his interest in the affairs of the Association, and about two years ago was elected Master on the institution of that office. He has been a member of the Central Council since its inception, and did much practical work upon several of its committees.

Dr. Carpenter rang in 165 peals, of which he conducted 45, the last being at Beddington on the 8th February this year. Of these 159 were rung with the Surrey Association, of which he conducted 43. Out of this number 61 were at Beddington and 27 at Carshalton. The following is a list:—

	No.	Conducted.
Union Triples	7	5
Oxford Bob Triples	7	4
Bob Triples	3	
Bob Major	6	3
Bob Royal	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Grandsire Triples	24	10
Grandsire Caters	27	5
Stedman Triples	30	3
Stedman Caters	17	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	11	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	7	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	20	11
Superlative Surprise Major	3	1
Totals	165	45

HIS WORK AS A COMPOSER.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was closely associated with Dr. Carpenter in much of his work, writes: "By the death of Dr. A. B. Carpenter the Exercise has sustained a great loss in every possible way, and a large circle of friends is the poorer by the absence of a charming and delightful personality. Though the present writer cannot give anything like a connected account of his life, or even of his ringing career, he can point to a few of Dr. Carpenter's achievements in the line of composition. These, we believe, did not extend over a very wide field, that is to say, he did not compose in every known method or even in a majority of them, but the few that he did touch he treated with the hand of a master. In illustration of this we may point to his variation of Holt's original, in which the number of calls is reduced to 115. In Union Triples he composed some notable peals, including several six-part peals, and a very striking one-part, in which there are only 111 calls, including two singles, while every 67, 74 and 46 is "called" throughout. There is also a remarkable six-part peal of Oxford and Double Court Bob Triples, three five-part peals, and so far as the writer knows, the only one-part peal in existence in those methods. Then in Court Bob there is a ten-part peal, four six-part peals, three five-part peals and a one-part. In the province of Stedman Caters, Dr. Carpenter also composed several good peals, of which two will be found in "Stedman," pp. 86 and 87. There is also in the same publication a great work of the utmost utility by Dr. Carpenter, viz., the table of starting and homing courses of Stedman for all course-ends having the treble in second's place. Even a cursory examination will show the magnitude of the task, and the very thorough manner in which it is accomplished. It will be found on pp. 101 to 116 inclusive. He was a member of the Central Council from its inauguration, and it was a matter of great regret to his many friends and admirers that ill-health prevented his attendance at Newcastle."

THE VICAR'S TRIBUTE.

The death of Dr. Arthur Carpenter has left a blank far outside the circle of bell ringers. His father was a leading doctor in Croydon, and he himself has for many years been among the prominent medical men of the town. He was one of the most loveable of men; and the deep affection that has always been felt for him in his birth-place was strikingly shown by the crowded church on the occasion of his funeral at Croydon on October 18th. He had a very wide range of interests quite outside the immediate claims of his profession. All his life he was a scholar: a scholar of Winchester, and a scholar of New College, Oxford: and he never let his scholarship rust: he has been known to make himself quite happy on a holiday with a volume of the Odes of Horace. And few men enjoyed a holiday more. Till his health failed he was an enthusiastic bicyclist: and, though his knowledge of mechanics and engineering made him extraordinarily interested in motors (and he always drove his car himself), he never lost his love for long distance bicycle rides. There were few of the main roads of England which he did not know by experience; and as a companion on a bicycle tour he was simply unrivalled. On such occasions his mechanical cleverness, no less than his unfailing thoughtfulness, made him an ideal fellow-traveller. And this thoughtfulness for others was stamped on his whole life. It came out in his performance of his professional duties, in his social relationships, and in his very beautiful home life: it was instinctive in him to put others before himself. And behind it all he was a keen and strong churchman. For years he had been churchwarden of his parish church, St. James', in Croydon; and that,

not simply as a prominent parishioner who came of a family of church people, but as a sign and seal of his deep, though unobtrusive, Christianity; so that, when his last—and most painful—illness came to him, he went through it all with the serene courage which is given only to those who can say, with St. Paul, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me."

The funeral took place on Saturday, the service being held at St. James' Church, where Dr. Carpenter was churchwarden. The interment took place at Bandon Hill Cemetery (near Beddington Church). Among those who attended the sad obsequies were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (brother), formerly hon. secretary of the Kent Association and Winchester Guild; the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and Cyril Jenkyn; and ringers from both Croydon belfries, Beddington, Mitcham, Ewell, Reigate, Streatham, Hersham, and other Surrey towers. At the close of the service, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave, by: S. Roper (Croydon) 1—2, L. Attwater (Streatham) 3—4, A. J. Perkins (Beddington) 5—6, W. Shepherd (Hersham) 7—8, W. S. Wise (Croydon) 9—10.

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Caters was attempted as a last tribute of respect to Dr. Carpenter, but was unfortunately lost after 1½ hours' excellent ringing. The ringers were: F. Holder, conductor (Beddington) 1, G. Burt (St. Peter's, Croydon) 2, D. Wright (St. Peter's, Croydon) 3, W. H. Joiner (Mitcham) 4, A. Clark (Croydon Parish Church) 5, S. Roper (Croydon Parish Church) 6, Rev. C. D. P. Davies 7, Cyril F. Johnston 8, Rev. G. F. Coleridge 9, C. Kitching (St. Peter's, Croydon) 10.

There was muffled ringing at Croydon Parish Church during the service by the Bletchley ringers, who were on a visit to Croydon, and an attempt for a peal of Stedman in the evening by the local band. This, however, unfortunately came to grief after 30 minutes' ringing.

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to great pressure on our space this week, we have unavoidably been compelled to hold over several items, including letters from the Rev. H. Law James and others on Treble Bob Caters.

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As a last tribute of respect to the memory of the victims, numbering over 400, in the terrible colliery explosion at Senghenydd, Glamorganshire, on the 14th inst., the Llandaff Association arranged to attempt a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Llanbradach, which is situated only 2½ miles from the scene of the disaster on Saturday last. One of the band selected, however, failed to put in an appearance, but a tenor man being available, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately lost. The following took part: J. W. Jones, J. E. Sykes, H. Page, T. Cross, B. Thorp (conductor), F. Chamberlain, T. Page, W. Kathro.

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Yet another has been found who entered upon his peal ringing career with his two peals on the same day. The late Mr. J. W. Lines, of Ipswich, rang 5040 Bob Major at Debenham and a peal of Grandsire Triples at Coddenham on January 13th, 1887. Was Mr. Lines the first to do this, we wonder!

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The recast ring of eight bells, now being hung in the tower at Tickmarsh, Northants, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 p.m. The bells will be opened by the local band, after which the ring will be at liberty for the rest of the evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful and well-attended meeting of the Canterbury district was held at Chilham, on Saturday. In all, 60 members attended, including representatives from the Ashford, Maidstone and Rochester districts. Mrs. Gatehouse, of Headcorn, rang the 6th in some well-struck rounds. The service followed the Association form, and was conducted by the Vicar. Mr. Hammond, the organist, presided at the organ. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and some friends, was served in the Woolpack Inn.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore presided, and most heartily thanked the Vicar and friends for their kindly and hospitable entertainment.—In reply, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Pemberton) expressed the pleasure derived from this, the first meeting of the Association at Chilham, and hoped it would not be the last. He referred to the instruction given by Mr. E. G. Buesden, and hoped another course could be arranged.—Four new members were declared duly elected.—Messrs. P. Cobbold and S. White reported that the ringers of Littlebourne were progressing slowly but satisfactorily.—Mr. Buesden and friends then rang a few touches on the handbells, while others returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in the usual standard methods. A well-struck touch of Stedman is worthy of record, and brought the ringing to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Melbourn, on Saturday week, and was well attended, about 40 members being present, including the Rev. H. B. Woolley (of Long Stanton) and Messrs. J. B. Williamson and W. D. James, of the Cambridge University Guild; T. R. Dennis (general secretary), P. Webb (district secretary), and members from Cambridge, Fen Ditton, Royston, Somersham, Ickleton, Barley, Shelford, and the local men. A short service was held, some of the choir being present, as well as the organist.—The Vicar (the Rev. M. de Courcy, Ireland) gave a very encouraging address. After service, the Vicar kindly invited the ringers to tea, which had been prepared in the schoolroom by several ladies.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sawston, in January.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his kindness in providing the tea, and also to the ladies for attending to the ringers' wants, was proposed by Mr. T. R. Dennis, who went on to say that the Association was on the verge of a great misfortune, owing to the division of diocese, which might take place at any time, and Suffolk would be taken from them to form a new diocese. If the members wished to form a new Association of their own, no doubt they would withdraw from the Ely Association, and if the present Association was to be carried on it meant that everyone must try and get more members in Cambridgeshire to join. Unless that were done, the Association could not be carried on.

The motion was seconded by Mr. P. Webb, who said he fully endorsed all Mr. Dennis had said. He congratulated the Vicar on the work he had done to the church in the short time he had been in Melbourn, the tower and bells having been thoroughly repaired, and the organ attended to. He hoped that all present would give a small sum towards the bell fund, as there was still more money wanted to clear off the debt.—The motion was carried.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Melbourn, and he hoped that now they had got their bells restored they would have many more pleasant meetings there. They had two of the old ringers present with them who were over 70 years of age, and who rang at Melbourn fifty years ago, and they told him the bells had not been rung for about forty years. He could not ask people for any more money, as they had all given so readily, and he believed most of the ringers present had given something towards the fund.

One of the ladies responded for the ladies, and said how they had enjoyed hearing the bells ringing so well that afternoon. The sum of 13s. 6d. was collected after the meeting for the bell fund. The bells have been tuned, rehung, and a new treble added to make six (tenor 15 cwt.) by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the "go" is splendid. The first 720 on the bells was Plain Bob, rung by: A. E. Austin 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, J. Taylor 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, J. B. Williamson 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6. 720 of Cambridge Surprise: J. B. Williamson 1, T. R. Dennis 2, E. G. Hibbins 3, F. Dench 4, A. Wilkerson 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. A course of Norwich Surprise, 720 Kent, and several other touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, etc., were brought round. In the afternoon the Ickleton men made a call at Meldreth, where they were met by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Harvey), who kindly gave them permission to ring. The bells, five in number, had not been rung for five years, and are not in very good order, but 360 Doubles were successfully brought round by: P. Webb (conductor) 1, H. Carder 2, F. Bowtell 3, E. Webb 4, A. G. Lilley 5.

A meeting of the Sudbury branch was held at Monk's Eleigh on Saturday week, when 23 members were present from nine towers. Tea was provided at the Bull Inn, and the business meeting was held at the same place. After the election of members had taken place, there was some discussion about the division of the diocese and its effects on the Ely Association. Several members expressed their views, but the subject was left for further discussion in the future, when members have had time to think it over.

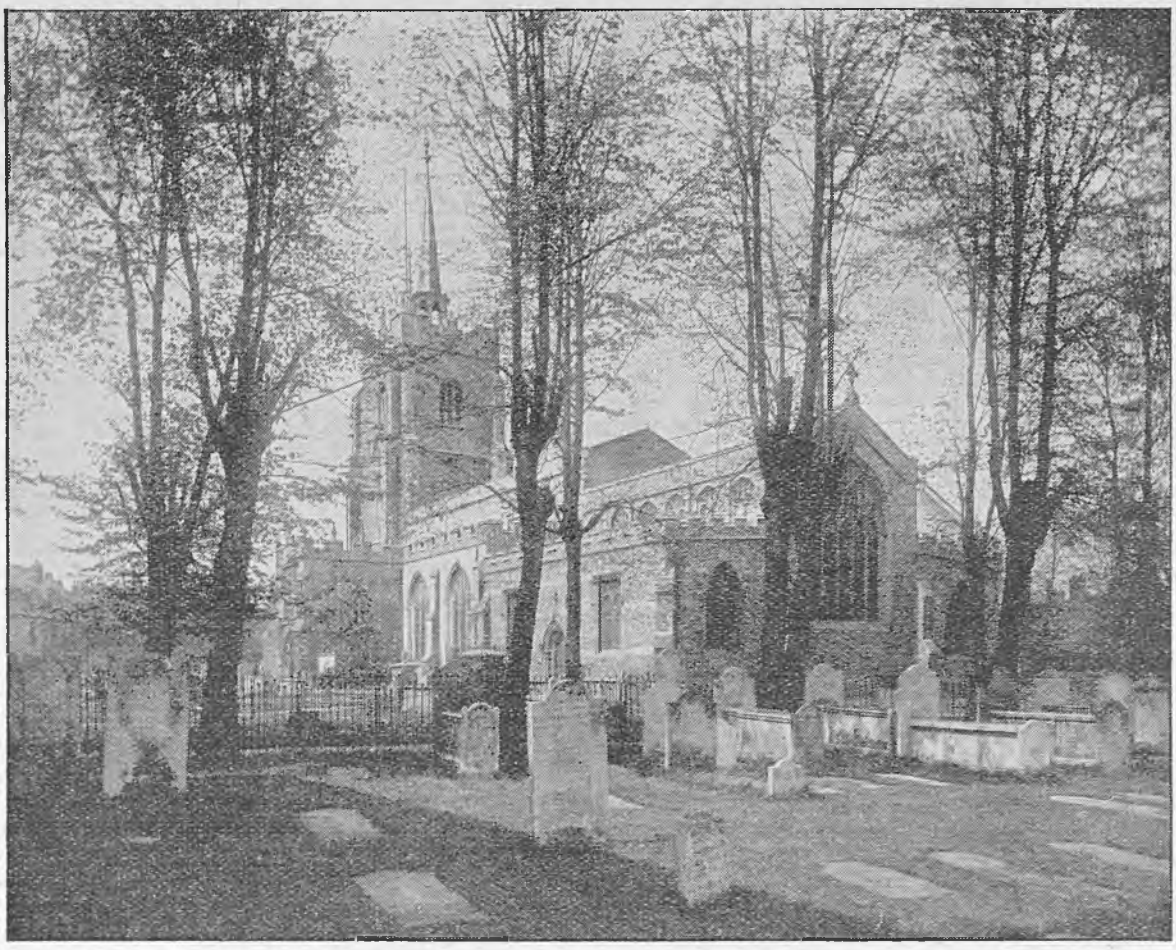
Touches were rung on the tower bells, a nice ring of six, and on the handbells, in the following methods, Kent Treble Bob, a 720, by: H. Whymark 1, V. Cornell 2, G. Debenham 3, A. Symonds (conductor) 4, A. Keeble 5, H. Turner 6. After tea, 720 of Bob Minor, followed by touches of New London, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob. On handbells, courses of Bob Major, Kent Major, Double Norwich Court, and Grandsire Caters.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Ipswich, on Wednesday in last week. The bells of St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Lawrence (5), and St. Matthew's (5) were open to visiting members throughout the day, and were very largely used. Divine service was held at St. Mary-le-Tower, the Rev. E. C. Hopper (a life member of the Association) reading the special prayers and collects, and the Rev. C. L. Kennaway the special lesson. The Rev. Canon Pigot (Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower) presided at the small organ. A large number were present, and listened with close attention to the address given by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway (hon. clerical secretary and treasurer) on "Christian Manliness," his remarks being based on the text, 'The Man: Christ Jesus."

At the close of the service members adjourned to the St. Lawrence Parish Hall, where an admirable luncheon was served by Mr. W. H. Cook. In the unavoidable absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, supported by the Revs. Canon Pigot, E. C. Hopper, W. C. Pearson, and E. C. J. Bowen, Messrs. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), W. W. Worthington (Netherseale), A. Coleman, G. P. Burton, A. W. Grimes, and C. E. Borrett (secretary); District Secretaries F. R. Borrett, F. Day and T. Fitzjohn, and representatives, to the number of 127, from many towers in the diocese.

After the loyal toast, Mr. A. Coleman proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher at the service for his address, and to the clergy of Ipswich for the use of their bells. — The Chairman and Canon Pigot responded, the latter concluding by proposing in warm terms the toast of "Success to the Association." This was acknowledged by the Chairman, who, in the course of his speech, cordially welcomed to the meeting Mr. Taylor and Mr. Worthington.

The Secretary then read the annual report, which referred to the recent passing in the House of Commons of the measure known as the Additional Bishoprics Bill. It was too early to speak of the general effect of the Bill upon existing diocesan organisations, but it must of necessity make changes in many directions. It was clear that when the division took place their territory could not remain as it was. They must either divide and have two separate associations for the two dioceses, or have one association for the two. The latter alternative would mean adding to the present area that part of West Suffolk which, up to now, has belonged to the Ely diocese. The committee was fully alive to the many difficulties surrounding the question, and would give the most earnest consideration to it before recommending to the members a definite course of action.

The last published balance sheet showed their financial position to be satisfactory, and thanks were accorded the district secretaries and the hon. auditor. Particulars were given of the restoration work to bells and belfries carried out in the diocese during the last twelve months, the amount of this work being most encouraging.

REMARKABLE RECORD.

The Association's record of peal performances was an amazing one. During 1912 they scored no less than 265 peals, ranging from Doubles to Maximus. This was 81 peals in excess of their previous best, and as a result they occupied the premier place in the Council's 'Analysis of Peals,' both for number of peals rung, and for their total point value. No other Association had ever secured what might be termed this "double first" in the Analysis, and it was well to remind themselves that this was the third time they had been able to boast of it, the other years being 1905 and 1910. As a comparison it was mentioned that it took more than the first ten years of their existence to ring 265 peals, and for the first 25 years the average was under 42 peals a year. Since the beginning of 1913 they had even exceeded the 1912 figures, and to date they were about 26 peals ahead of the corresponding period of last year. Details were given of the peals rung, and the report concluded by saying that every ringer should ask himself whether he was faithfully subserving or thwarting the work of his parish. The number and quality of their change-ringing performances, however excellent, were but as dust in the balance compared with the value of a good example set by honest and fearless obedience to the principles of Christian faith and practice.—The officers of the Association were all re-elected, Mr. Arthur Coleman, of North Walsham, being elected to the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Mr. W. Taylor, of Leiston.

The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of Mr. E. Borrett as secretary, said that in view of the great increase in the work, the committee that morning had asked their secretary to accept an additional £5 5s. a year for his services.—Mr. Borrett briefly acknowledged his re-election, and thanked the committee for voting him additional remuneration. At the same time he was compelled to say his work had increased to such an extent that he would be unable to hold the office longer than the next annual meeting.

The Chairman then brought forward the matter of the cup, offered by Messrs. Warner and Sons, to the Association at the head of the Council's Analysis of Peals. He said this cup the donors wished to hand over to their custody for twelve months, as they were at the head of the analysis for 1912. They had discussed the matter very thoroughly at a meeting of the committee that morning, and were unanimously of opinion that the acceptance of such a trophy would establish a bad precedent, and tend to lower the standard of their art as a branch of church work. As far as he (the Chairman) knew there was never any thought of competition amongst the leading associations in the country—they rang peals to the glory of God, and for the love of their art, and nothing more. Under such circumstances a cup offered for competition was quite out of place, and it would be a serious retrograde step if it were allowed to be competed for. The committee wished to make it plain that in their opinion Messrs. Warner and Sons made their offer from the best of motives, and with the best of intentions—albeit the committee thought they were mistaken ones.—Mr. F. R. Borrett then formally moved: "That the Association do not accept the custody of the challenge cup, presented by Messrs. Warner and Sons to the Association scoring most points in the Analysis of Peals."—Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, and on being put to the meeting, the motion was unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting, and members were soon at work again in one or other of the towers in the town. The day being gloriously fine, added to the comfort of those attending what was on all hands admitted to be a very enjoyable festival.

DEATH OF MR. NEWLAND ALDERMAN.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death, at the age of 68 years, of Mr. Newland Alderman, who, after only a few days' illness, passed away on October 11th. Affectionately known to all North London ringers as "Father," he will be sadly missed, for no man could possibly have been more amiable and considerate to young ringers. He was never happier than when piloting young beginners through their first 120 of Doubles. Spending most of his leisure time in this way, he had little time left for peal ringing. However, he had rung somewhere about 50 peals in all the standard methods, extending over a period of about 40 years, as recorded upon peal boards in St. Anne's, Highgate, dated 1874 and 1909. He rang his last at Isleworth a few months ago. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, his name occuring in the name book immediately in front of Mr. H. Dains under the date of April 18th, 1871. In addition, he belonged to the London County, and Middlesex Associations and Oxford Guild. He had been a member of St. Anne's, Highgate, and St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, towers, for over 40 years, and the writer has heard many interesting anecdotes relating to the struggles for the first 120 Doubles, by method, which, when at last accomplished, superseded once for all the figures then in use. Mr. Alderman also held for many years the office of steeple keeper, at St. Michael and All Angels', Paddington, having retired with the rest of the band as recently as last year. He rang in the first of the three peals ever recorded upon these bells.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, on Thursday of last week, the interment following at Finchley Cemetery. Among those present were: Messrs. H. Dains, R. Kilby (Willesden), E. Chapman, R. Bevan, E. Bonfield, E. Young, A. Brightman, C. Pryor, P. E. Turl, etc.

Afterwards at St. Martin's, the seven last-named ringers rang the whole pull and stand, and a 720 Oxford Treble Bob (the deceased's favourite method), conducted by R. Bevan. On Sunday, a muffled 720 Kent was rung, and a peal was scored at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, by his brother ringers.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOHEMIAN CONCERT.

The London County Association held its eleventh annual Bohemian concert at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, City, on Saturday week. The programme had been arranged by the hard-working secretary, Mr. F. J. Hardy, and his efforts thoroughly pleased the large audience, of whom half were of the "fair sex." The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. H. S. Ellis filling the vice-chair. The proceedings opened with an overture by Mr. Lewis H. Cheesman, who, besides giving two good songs, acted as pianist for the evening. With such a wealth of talent at his disposal (there were 27 items) the musical director, Mr. L. B. Porter, had quite a busy evening. Special mention must be made of the inimitable Mr. Harry Hudson, who amused the audience in his own droll way. Mr. W. H. King gave excellent renderings of Harry Lauder's "Portobella Lassie" and "Wee Deock and Doris," his accent, his patter and his costume being alike highly entertaining. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston's latest song, 'I cannot keep my trousers nicely creased," delighted the audience immensely, but he regretted that the ringing papers had not the same influence on fashions as they had on ringing matters. Another item which was enthusiastically received was the tune playing on handbells by "The Crescent Handbell Trio" (Messrs. G. Wild and A. S. and A. T. Miller). Other artists who figured prominently were: Messrs. Con Wade, Reginald Turner, A. D. Barker, D. Wright and S. Roper (the two last-named also singing a duet), R. A. Ellis, C. Kitching and Kitching, junr. In spite of the fact that so many ladies were present in the audience, it was remarkable that only one figured on the programme. This was Mrs. R. A. Ellis and her rendering of "The Flight of Ages" was highly appreciated. During the evening, a course of Stedman Caters on handbells was successfully brought round by: W. Wise 1—2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3—4, H. Langdon 5—6, F. J. Hardy 7—8, A. W. Grimes 9—10. The audience enjoyed the concert immensely, and the programme concluded with "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

LINCOLN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH AT DONINGTON.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Donington on Saturday, and was attended by about thirty ringers, from Spalding, Sutton Bridge, Long Sutton, Moulton, Holbeach, Pinchbeck, Surfleet and Bicker, together with the Donington ringers. The business was transacted after dinner at the Peacock Hotel.

The president of the branch, the Rev. F. F. Wayet, of Pinchbeck, presided, supported by the Revs. E. Freeman (Donington), C. A. Payne (Gosberton), and G. H. Clark (Bicker), and Mr. G. W. Hensman (Pinchbeck), vice-presidents of the branch. The Rev. H. Law James, of Surfleet, was unable to be present, to the regret of the company.

The Chairman gave the usual loyal toast of "Church and State," which was duly responded to. The officers were re-elected, with the exception of Canon Bullock, who has resigned owing to his leaving the district, as follows:—President, Rev. F. F. Wayet; secretary, Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck; treasurer, Mr. R. Mackman, Spalding. Two honorary and two ringing members were elected.

Bicker was decided upon as the place for the next meeting, by the casting vote of the chairman.

Mr. R. Mackman gave a resume of the work of the branch since its formation about thirty years ago, contrasting the position of ringers as church workers to-day with what it was then. Mr. Mackman also dealt with the condition of the bells and belfries. The bells had been rehung, and a new bell added at Gedney, Fleet, Pinchbeck, Moulton, Quadring, Gosberton, and Donington; Surfleet, five new bells, three re-cast, new frame and fittings for ten bells; and Spalding two new bells.

A short service, with address by the Rev. Freeman, was held in the afternoon, most of the ringers attending. At the suggestion of the members, the usual offertory was taken, and the Vicar was asked to use it for parochial work. He suggested the amount be added to the Parish Hall Fund.

The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to a tea at the Vicarage.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the reverend gentleman, on the proposition of Mr. R. Mackman.

During the day the bells were kept going in the following methods—Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. A number visited Bicker Parish Church, where touches were rung of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Bob Minor.

SARRATT BELLS.

On Holy Cross Day, the Dedication Festival of Sarratt Church, Herts, the bells were "re-opened," after having been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, who have carried out the work in a highly creditable and expeditious manner. In the course of both the morning and evening services, there was a special ceremony to mark the event, the clergy and choir proceeding to the belfry while a hymn was sung. Appropriate collects were then intoned by the Rector (the Rev G. N. Ryley), and after the versicles, "Sing we merrily unto God our strength" and "Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob," the Rector handed the ropes to the ringers, who chimed the bells. The procession then returned to the chancel. In his sermon in the morning the Rector spoke of the gratitude to God that should be felt by all the parish for His blessings upon the Church's work since last Holy Cross Day, especially for the most satisfactory restoration of the bells, and above all for any eternal good that God may have been pleased to work in the souls of men through the Church in Sarratt. In the evening he dealt with the history and uses of bells and lessons to be learned therefrom. All, he said, were delighted again to hear the bells, which not only sounded much better, but were heard much further.

The peal have been retuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and rehung in a neat steel frame of unique design and quite independent of the walls of the tower, the old frame of oak, which was rotten and was vibrating against the tower walls, having been cleared out. In the new frame two empty bays are in readiness for the addition of two smaller bells, and it is to be hoped that they will soon be forthcoming.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Havant on Wednesday week, when ringers attended from Lee-on-Solent, Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Gosport, Curdridge, Swanmore and Fareham. The bells were rung in the afternoon, and at 5.30 the Guild's service was held, conducted by the Rev. B. C. Taylor, assisted by the Rev. E. Bankes James. In his address the preacher pointed out to the ringers that all work in connection with the service of the church, if carried out in the right spirit, was to the glory of God, whether it be ringing or singing. Tea was afterwards enjoyed in the Institute, about 25 sitting down.

At the business meeting, the Rev. E. Bankes James was voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. Geo. William (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. J. Whiting (district sec.), and E. J. Harding (representative). One hon. member and about a dozen full members were elected. —Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Canon Scott for the use of the bells and institute, to the Rev. B. C. Taylor for the service, and to the organist for presiding at the organ. Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

NOTICES.

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IMPORTANT. — Correspondents and others should note that in future all communications to "The Ringing World" should be addressed to 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 25th. Service in the church at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Bells available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Divine service (Association form) at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector). Tea in St. Paulinus Hall, at 6.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Saturday, October 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Refreshment Rooms 5.30, 8d. per head, followed by business meeting. —A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. A good meeting is desired.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

CROYDON, SURREY.—To wind up the ringing week in Surrey, arranged by W. H. Fussell, a social will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 7 p.m., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, to meet the visitors. All ringers who care to come will be welcome.—Cyril F. Johnston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 25th, 1913. Committee meeting at 12 noon at the Three Tuns Hotel. Service at 1 p.m. in the Cathedral; address by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. Dinner at 2 p.m. at the Three Tuns Hotel.—R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wembdon on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Flitton on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crest, Luton.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, October 25th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

ECKINGTON. — The dedication of the Eckington Parish Church bells will take place on October 26th, as per previous notice, but only chiming will be allowed, owing to the restoration not being quite completed. Ringing will commence on Sunday, November 2nd, 1913, when visiting ringers will be welcomed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, November 1st. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 5. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Will secretaries kindly oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, Oct. 28th, how many may be expected at tea from their respective towers?—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Latts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The 9th annual dinner will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on November 1st, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tickets may be had from Charles F. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 79, Peel Street, Winson Green.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NORTHOWRAM, near Halifax.—On Saturday, November 1st, a new peal of 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston will be duly opened. Ringers cordially invited. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who send in not later than Monday, October 27th, to Mollinson Taylor, Honorary Secretary, Woodfield Cottage, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—The new bell will be dedicated on November 1st at 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Rector will provide tea for ringers who give notice of attending not later than October 27th, 1913.—B. Ridgewell, Hon. Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Glinton on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints' Day). Bells (6) available afternoon and evening until 7.45. Short service at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, November 1st. Church of St. Mary, eight bells, tenor 14 cwt., available 3.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—The new peal of 8 bells at St. Michael's Church, Warfield, Berks, will be open for ringing on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens. All ringers welcome.—H. Bungay, Forest Road, Binfield.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Elford, near Tamworth, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells (6) will be ready at 3 o'clock.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, November 1st. The bells are available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30, for those who notify me not later than the 31st inst.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.—Dedication on November 3rd, at 8.30, by the Lord Bishop of Stepney. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend in State. The formal opening will take place on Saturday, November 8th, when, by an arrangement with the "Fund Committee," a quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held. All ringers and subscribers are heartily invited to attend. Tower open at 2.30 p.m., short service at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30, which will be provided free to all those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, November 5th. Will all those who still have collecting cards for the above object return the same before this date?—F. Bennett, 3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.; H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 8th. The Cathedral will be open during the afternoon and evening. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 276th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, G. W. Wild, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Tower open for ringing: St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursdays, 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. Evening service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.—H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due. Badges may be obtained at 2s. each, post free.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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HERE AND THERE.

The first change ringing on the bells of Great Mongeham, Kent, was accomplished on Saturday week, when the Upper Deal band rang 720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob: N. Jefferies (first 720) 1, E. Kemp 2, J. Trinder 3, L. Ladd 4, F. A. Holden 5, H. C. Castle (conductor) 6. This was quickly followed up by a peal, which, as recorded elsewhere, was rung on Thursday of last week.

Although some of the members have been ringing but a short time, the St. Barnabas, Warmley, company of the Gloucester and Bristol Association are making excellent progress. At their practice on Saturday week they excelled any achievement for some time past in Warmley. The ringing commenced with some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, followed by 360 of Plain Bob, and concluding with a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob rung by: H. Hobbs 1, S. Kilmaster 2, H. Howell 3, C. Gordon 4, C. Harnell 5, G. Wilshire 6.

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Yours faithfully, F T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

CARE IN THE BELFRY.

It is remarkable, and happily unique, that we should have to record in one issue the destruction of two church steeples by fire. Last week disaster overtook Leck Church, in Lancashire, where among other serious damage, was the loss of two of the five bells. On Monday the ancient church of SS. Peter and Paul, West Clandon, one of the oldest churches in Surrey, suffered in a similar way, and five of its six bells were totally destroyed. In each case considerable damage was done to the fabric, and serious loss has been sustained. At Clandon, and we believe also at Leck, the fire originated in the steeple from some unknown cause, and we hope that subsequent events will not prove the outbreaks to be due to carelessness on the part of ringers.

In the past fire has been the destroyer of many ancient and famous bells, and, although conflagrations in churches still account for the obliteration of many interesting bell relics, the advancing times have brought with them greater methods of prevention, and these disastrous outbreaks are much more rare than formerly. Nevertheless we may well pause to consider whether all the care that might be taken is taken to avoid such catastrophes as we record this week. Those who have occasion to carry lights into a belfry, where, particularly in old buildings, there is so much timber, cannot exercise too much caution. A dropped match not properly extinguished, a candle end left burning on the bell frame, or some other thoughtless action may lead to irreparable damage, for it must be remembered that it is not so much the intrinsic appraisement of what is destroyed, but the historic value of the things which cannot be replaced, that counts so much in the destruction of ancient possessions. This applies with much force to churches and bells, and although we know full well that often out of a wreck some new and more extensive scheme may develop, there always remains the feeling of sadness that the cherished possessions, handed down from the dim past, have ruthlessly been destroyed.

As ringers we cannot do too much in exercising care for the preservation of the Church's valuable property for which we are responsible—not only to protect it from the risk of such calamities as have overtaken the churches of Leck and West Clandon, but from the invasion of other means of destruction which neglect brings in its train. In neither of the two latest fires do we suggest that the ringers of the respective towers are to blame, and members of the Exercise will sympathise with them and the church authorities in the loss which has overtaken them. In the case of Clandon we know that the ringers are a devoted band, and the loss of the bells will be a terrible blow to them.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	*Treble*	SAMUEL E. JOYCE	7
HENRY SPRINGALL	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES... ...	8
ERNEST G. FENN	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	4	CHARLES S. BURDEN ...	10
FREDERICK J. HARDY... ...	5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	11
ROBERT W. GREEN	6	HERBERT LANGDON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CRANBSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
SAMUEL BAKER	2	†ALFRED DAVIES...	7
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ...	3	*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	8
WILLIAM FISHER	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JOHN A. BROWN	5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS, and
Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the birthdays of Mr. Herbert Sheppard (the esteemed hon. secretary of the Guild) and Mr. Alfred Davies (the conductor of the peal).

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

WILLIAM C. HART	*Treble*	ROBERT J. DAWE	6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	*CHARLES EDWARDS	7
JOHN CAPP	3	ALFRED J. TURNER	8
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	KEITH HART	9
OLIVER SIPPETTS...	5	*CORPL. D. GILBERT, R.E.	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* Elected members previous to starting.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE	*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	6
JOHN HOLMAN	2	GEORGE HOLLIS	7
SAM THOMAS...	3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	8
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	4	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	9
WILLIAM LAMBERT	5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	*Tenor*

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

This was the first peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells, also by the above Societies, and by all the band except J. Flint. The composition has the 5th and 6th their extent at home.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN CORRIGAN	*Treble*	*GEORGE GARRISON	6
JAMES JONES...	2	JOHN CARTER	7
WILLIAM R. SMALL	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ...	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	JOHN NEAL	9
MORRIS J. MORRIS	5	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The composition is 481 on the Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

ERNEST POPPY	*Treble*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5
WILLIAM ROSE	2	WILLIE ROUGHTON	6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
FREDERICK DAY	4	LEONARD LAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS PRICE	*Treble*	GEORGE VICKERY	5
GEORGE TOMKINS	2	FREDERICK COOPER	6
HERBERT GREEN...	3	FRED G. LEAKER	7
ROBERT LEAKER	4	EDWARD ABRAHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED G. LEAKER.

This was rung as a jubilee peal for the Rector (Rev. J. Ormiston), who has completed 50 years in the ministry.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Canon Hyslop as Rector of the parish.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(LATE LONDON SCHOLARS.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lbs., in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
FRANK BENNETT...	3	JAMES PARKER	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	EDWIN BARNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal on the bells, a musical octave in good going order by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. Rung on the Festival of St. Luke and in honour of the birthday of the donor of the new tower, and to celebrate the completion of the church, a very handsome building commenced in 1875. The band represent eight counties around the City of London. It was W. H. Fussell's 400th peal.

LAVENHAM.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five-and-a half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM R. J. POULSON...	*Treble*	*WALTER GOODAY	5
ARTHUR SYMONDS	2	FREDERICK A. POULSON...	6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ...	7
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	4	THOMAS PRYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the 20th birthday of the ringer of the 6th. F. A. Poulson and F. A. Salter hail from Thetford, and W. Gooday from Great Waldingfield.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW	*Treble*	THOMAS WORSLEY	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	ROBERT WALLWORK ...	6
ALFRED POTTER	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	JOHN MOSSCROP	*Tenor*

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

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT	*Treble*	P.C. PETER CROOK	5
ROBERT ALLRED	2	HERBERT ALLRED	6
*JOHN T. ALLRED	3	JOHN POTTER	7
WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	4	†ARTHUR BURTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY T. COOPER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	5
THOMAS MILES	2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB	6
*ALFRED E. BASSETT ...	3	RICHARD KENDALL	7
ALFRED L. BROWN	4	JOSEPH M. LAMPRILL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* 60th peal. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Master of the Surrey Association. Mr. Thomas Miles rang his first peal 46 years ago at the above church.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A.

EDWARD J. MALLARD...	*Treble*	ERNEST GOWER...	5
EDWARD W. BRAY	2	GEORGE H. HOWSE... ...	6
WALTER PRIOR	3	JOSEPH SHARP	7
EDWARD HANCOX	4	CHARLES GATLAND ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

Mr. Prior, of Stansted, Essex, for whom the peal was arranged, was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STEELE	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	RANDALL GRIMBLE	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	ALFRED FUNNELL	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	4	FRANK R. COPEMAN...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SAM WOOD, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD	*Treble*	FREDERICK WEBB	5
HARRY HOLIFIELD	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	3	WILLIAM JUDGE	7
ALBERT E. LOCK	4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. JUDGE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Chapman, wife of the Vicar of Drayton.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS ...	2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD	6
ERNEST E. GRIMES	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
WILLIAM SEELEY	4	FREDERICK EDWARDS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Ernest E. Grimes on his 21st birthday.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ALBERT E. NEWICK ...	...*Treble*	*ERIC G. FILTNESS	5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	2	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	GEORGE DURLING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

HAROLD LAWTON... ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT BARLOW	5
HARRY HAMPSON... ...	2	FRANK WILD	6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD... ...	3	LUKE HAMPSON	7
FRANK CHAPMAN... ...	4	CHARLES E. PLATT...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON,

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN KAY	...*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	5
WILLIAM MILLS, Junr. ...	2	HARRY JEVONS...	6
FREDRICK EVANS	3	WILLIAM MILLS, Senr. ...	7
THOMAS GRIFFIS	4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. TAYLOR, and
Conducted by HARRY JEAVONS.

First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. G. Swindell, on the completion of his 25th year as Vicar of the Parish Church, Sedgley. J. A. Brown hails from Bilston, the rest belong to the local band.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TRUSSLER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE MILES...	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	CORPL. G. GILBERT ...	6
HENRY BOYLES	3	BARZILLAI HAWKINS ...	7
*FREDERICK MARCHANT ...	4	*JOHN SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs., in C.

*FRANK UNSWORTH ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM BIBBY	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	EDWIN H. LEWIS	6
JAMES MORGAN	3	HENRY W. WILDE	7
*CHARLES E. BOYERS ...	4	*ERNEST CHANNELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling see C.C. Collection No. 23.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' TEN-PART.

C. GITTINS	...*Treble*	R. LEATHER	5
F. THOMAS	2	T. HAY	6
G. HISLOP	3	H. FYLES	7
A. GRACE	4	*H. HUDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. HAY.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells, and in honour of the restoration of the ancient Village Cross. T. Hay, G. Hislop, R. Leather and H. Fyles are ringing members of the original band.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN METHERELL ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN MACKAY	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	ARTHUR STEWART	6
*TOM HAYNES	3	†TOM TEBBUTT	7
FRED WILFORD	4	*WALTER A. GAMMAGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

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

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

*FREDERICK HOLLANDS	*Treble*	*GEORGE H. SPICE	5
SAMUEL TAYLOR	2	†FREDERICK S. MACEY	6
*WILLIAM NYE	3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	7
*WILLIAM E. SPICE	4	WILLIAM SPICE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs., in E flat.

GEORGE BURCH	*Treble*	HENRY EVERS	5
HERBERT T. PYE	2	STANLEY HULL	6
WILLIAM BUTTON	3	ALBERT BURCH	7
RICHARD W. STANNARD	4	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD.

First peal on the bells since being recast by Messrs. Taylor & Co. in the New Year. The above ringers are all members of the local company, and the peal was rung at the first attempt.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

ERNEST DUMPER	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROWE	5
OWEN H. GILES	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
ALBERT MARKS	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Owen H. Giles. The above are all local ringers.

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

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	*Treble*	EDGAR PEMBERTON	5
WILLIAM MOTTS	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM	4	CHARLES A. WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in A flat.

HENRY WOODFINE	*Treble*	HENRY W. WILDE	5
RICHARD JONES	2	JAMES MORGAN	6
GEORGE JONES	3	EDWARD ALLEN	7
WILLIAM BIBBY	4	EDWIN H. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

This is the first peal to be rung in the method.

RUARDEAN, FOREST OF DEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

LENARD HELMES	*Treble*	HOWARD REID	5
JOHN WILCE	2	ERNEST MATTHEWS	6
JOHN AUSTIN	3	WILLIAM BISHOP	7
*JAMES BISHOP	4	HAROLD BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal inside. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the late Admiral Francis Starkie Clayton, who was laid to rest in the Ruardean Parish Churchyard the same afternoon.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT ROE	*Treble*	*BENJAMIN KIRBY	5
†HAROLD PEGG	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
JOSEPH CADLE	3	THOMAS START	7
WALTER FERN	4	*THOMAS HOPKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

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

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY MARCHANT	*Treble*	ALBERT REED	5
WILLIAM JENNER	2	JAMES A. HART	6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT	3	CHARLES BRASIER	7
ARTHUR CAUSLEY	4	FREDERICK J. CHARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
ISAAC CAVILL	2	WILLIAM SABAN	6
WILLIAM J. KEMP	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

This was the 100th peal rung by the conductor during the present year.

HORWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt., in G.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON	*Treble*	PETER NUTTALL	5
WILLIAM H. HUNTER	2	†PETER CROOK	6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON	7
JOHN NUTTALL	4	*JOHN STUBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. John Stubbs was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb.

W. H. ETTE ... ...*Treble*		A. SMEATHERS 5	
†J. BACKWOOD 2		J. C. SHATFORD 6	
*G. M. ETTE 3		J. H. MAIN 7	
†H. PETTITT 4		*A. TOMPKINS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by J. H. MAIN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th belong to Wellingborough.

WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT ... ...*Treble*		JOHN WELSBY 5	
ROBERT WALWORK 2		TITUS BARLOW 6	
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3		*GEORGE PINCOTT 7	
*GEORGE POWNELL 4		JOSEPH RIDYARD ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by SAM WOOD, and
Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Pincott.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, Otober 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDFIL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

WILLIAM MORGAN ... ...*Treble*		ALBERT HUNT 5	
FRANK CHAVE 2		FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 6	
CHARLES H. PERRY 3		ALBAN E. SLATTER 7	
CHARLES PALEY 4		P.C. JOHN COLE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Rung muffled as a last tribute of respect for all those who perished in the lamentable colliery disaster at Senghenydd, Oct. 14th, 1913. Mr. Perry was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST GOWER 5	
WALTER S. INWOOD 2		EDWARD W. BRAY 6	
CHARLES INWOOD 3		WILLIAM HART 7	
JOSEPH SHARP 4		KEITH HART ... ...*Tenor*	

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Inwood and Edwards hail from Aldenham and Farnham respectively. Mr. Inwood was elected a member of the association before starting. The band wish, through the "Ringing World," to thank the Vicar, Rev. W. C. Streatfeild, for the use of the bells, and the local band for having everything ready.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDRICK HOLLANDS ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM NYE 4	
JAMES NYE 2		THOMAS JULL 5	
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3		WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS *Tenor*	

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Woodbine, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

H. W. CATTERWELL ... ...*Treble*		WALTER NICE 4	
H. CANSELL 2		ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5	
LEWIS WISEMAN 3		GEORGE E. PANNELL ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST PEARSON ... ...*Treble*		HARRY CANSELL 4	
ERNEST TURNER 2		ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5	
LEWIS WISEMAN 3		*GEORGE E. PANNELL ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by G. E. PANNELL.

* First peal as conductor.

RUNCORN.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*EDWARD MURPHY ... ...*Treble*		FRED. J. HANCOCK 4	
JOHN A. CALLAND 2		THOMAS MATHER 5	
*JABERS SCRUTTON 3		B. TRIVETT ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by B. TRIVETT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor for all, except the ringers of the 2nd and 4th, and the first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Duchess of Fife.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*J. NAYLOR ... ...*Treble*		A. DOWNES 3	
E. DOWNES 2		J. K. ARMSTRONG 4	
†J. E. LEWIS ... ...*Tenor*			

Conducted by J. E. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal ever rung on the bells.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt

THOMAS W. BOND ... ...*Treble*		ERNEST GIBBS 4	
JAMES HEMMING 2		FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 5	
FREDERICK JORDAN 3		LEONARD NICHOLS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Hubert Salisbury, an esteemed ringer, and who on the above date was married at Elmley Castle, to Miss Ethel Annie Steed. After the peal the Rector (the Rev. W. D. Lowndes) entertained the band to tea at the Rectory.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwts.

*EDWARD JORDAN ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM ROBERTS ...	... 4
EMMANUEL BEDDOES ...	2	WILLIAM SHORT ...	... 5
†CHARLES MINTON ...	... 3	*GEORGE ROBINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES MINTON.

* First peal. † First as conductor.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR	...*Treble*	JOHN B. HALLIFAX ...	... 4
GEORGE LADD	... 2	GEORGE R. TRUSS ...	... 5
ARTHUR J. FARR	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

H. STANFORD	...*Treble*	C. STREET	... 4
F. CHIPPER	... 2	C. GOLDRING	... 5
G. BRADEN	... 3	C. HARDING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. GOLDRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Braden, and this was his first peal with a bob bell.

WERKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

MATTHIAS HOBBS ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT BLACK... ...	... 4
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	... 2	CHARLES W. BIRD ...	... 5
GEORGE LINES	... 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

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

On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of College Single, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

FREDERICK S. TUBB ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WEBB... ...	... 4
FREDERICK GRISDALE ...	2	BERTRAM TUBB	... 5
GRORGE M. KILBY	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung, after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob, as a birthday compliment to W. H. Tubb, the oldest member of the local band, on his 69th birthday.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four 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.
Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES POWELL	...*Treble*	ERNEST GIBBS	... 4
CHARLES WEOBLEY	2	*ANDREW LAYTON	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW LAYTON.

* First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently.

THOMAS BANHAM	1	STANLEY E. ANDREWS ...	3—4
HORACE BANHAM	2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	5—6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

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

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT 54, BEACHCROFT AVENUE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S.

*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: C. EDWARDS.

* First peal on handbells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 26, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF H. GIBSON,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently.

JOHN R. BARTON	1—2	ALBERT COATES	3—4
HARRY GIBSON		5—6	

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.
Witness, MRS. GIBSON.

Rung to celebrate the 59th anniversary of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, also as a birthday compliment to H. Gibson and the conductor.

"COMING-OF-AGE" PEALS.

The three following peals were rung in celebration of the coming-of age of Miss Elsie L. Bennett:—

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5011 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	5—6
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
FRANK BENNETT	9—10		

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires: MISS ALICE WHITE and A. FLUCK.
Witness: H. THORNLEY.

LONDON.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Arthur Shepherd ...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Frank I. Hairs	7—8

Composed by Frank Hopgood, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Frank I. Hairs	5—6
John D. Matthews ...	3—4	Frank Bennent	7—8

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.
Witness: Miss Nora Hairs.

THE SURREY WEEK.

The following seven peals were rung during the week's tour of the County, embracing eleven attempts, October 20th to 25th, 1913.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

Josiah D. Harris ...	...*Treble*	George Preston	5
William H. Fussell ...	2	George Williams	6
Lionel H. Page	3	Edwin J. Harding	7
William J. Nevard	4	James H. Shepherd	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by Geo. Williams.

Rung after an attempt of 2 hrs. and 28 mins. at St. Mary's, Leatherhead, for a peal of Stedman Caters in the morning.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 33 cwt., in C.

George Williams ...	...*Treble*	William H. Fussell ...	6
George Preston	2	John Evans	7
Alfred W. Grimes	3	Keith Hart	8
William J. Nevard	4	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ..	9
John C. Truss	5	James H. Shepherd	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by Geo. Williams.

An attempt for Stedman Triples at All Saints', Carshalton, in the morning failed in the eleventh course. Rung on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

William J. Nevard	...*Treble*	John Evans	5
*Lionel H. Page	2	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ...	6
William H. Fussell ...	3	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7
George Williams	4	Keith Hart	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by Keith Hart.

*First attempt for a Surprise peal.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

George Williams ...	...*Treble*	John Evans	6
Keith Hart...	2	William H. Fussell ...	7
Alfred W. Grimes	3	James H. Shepherd ...	8
William J. Nevard	4	John C. Truss...	9
George Preston	5	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	...*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves, and
Conducted by George Williams.

A peal of Double Norwich at Banstead (1 hr. 5 mins.) and a peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington (30 mins.) were lost on Thursday.

BENHILTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

George Preston ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
William H. Fussell ...	2	Ernest C. Lambert ...	6
George Williams	3	John C. Truss...	7
Lionel H. Page	4	Alfred W. Grimes...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

Mr. Grimes has now scored a peal in 100 towers. Mr. Bennett's 100th peal of Superlative. Mr. Shepherd also rang here, completing 100 towers during the present year.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of Christ (or Christ Church on the Downs),
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

James H. Shepherd ...	...*Treble*	*Ernest C. Lambert ...	5
William H. Fussell ...	2	William J. Nevard ...	6
John Evans...	3	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7
Frank Bennett...	4	George Williams ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton, and
Conducted by G. Williams.

* First peal in the method.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs.

George Williams ...	...*Treble*	William J. Nevard ...	6
George Preston	2	John Evans	7
Charles Dean	3	George A. Card	8
Ernest C. Lambert	4	James H. Shepherd ...	9
William H. Fussell ...	5	James Parker	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by George Williams.

The peal at Edenham on October 12th was rung in two hours and forty-seven minutes, not two hours and twenty-seven minutes as published.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The tower chosen for the October meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was Iden, where there is a nice ring of six. The beautiful bells and glorious weather, however, failed to bring but few to the gathering which was held on Saturday week. On each occasion that the Guild has visited Iden, the muster has been poor, but the reason of it is unexplainable. Hawkhurst, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower were represented, and the ringing consisted of a 720 of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.—At the business meeting it was decided to endeavour to procure Ashford bells for a peal of Grandsire Triples, while the next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on the 15th November. —A vote of thanks to the Rev. —. Bates for the use of the bells concluded the proceedings.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

CONTEST AT BATLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and district Association was held at Batley on Saturday week, when about 60 members and friends were present. Seven companies took part in the contest, the ringing being good throughout. Tea was served during the afternoon, and the meeting took place in the Parochial Hall at the conclusion of the competition. Mr. Cotterell (the president) was in the chair, and was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. —. Lowe) and the society's officers.—It was decided that the next meeting for practice be held at Batley Carr, the secretary to make arrangements and advertise the date in " The Ringing World."—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Goodall, and seconded by Mr. Idle, to the local branch, and the ladies for the excellent manner they had entertained the visitors, and Mr. Scholey suitably replied. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed from the chair, and seconded by Mr. Drake.

The result of the contest was then announced by Mr. Broadley as follows:—Brighouse, 225 faults; Hepstonstall, 214 faults; Calverley, 150 faults; Earlsheaton, 148 faults; Kirkheaton, 156 faults; Bustall, 350 faults; Halifax, 171 faults. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared winners.

The Vicar, in replying to the vote of thanks, expressed his great pleasure at being among the ringers. He knew nothing about the science of change ringing, and some of the terms he had heard used that evening were " Double Dutch " to him, but he knew when the bells were rung properly, and he had been visiting at the far end of the village that afternoon, and thought how nice they had sounded. It was, he considered, part of the clergyman's duty to get amongst the ringers as much as possible, because they were all working for the glory of God. He had great pleasure in presenting the cup to the conductor of the winning team. — Mr. Hardy received the cup, and suitably thanked the Vicar.—This brought to a close another successful and enjoyable meeting.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

The first peal in this method, of which the figures are appended, was rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on Friday last.

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21435687
12346578
21436587
24163857
42613875
24168357
42618375
46213857
64123875
46218357
64128375
61482735
16842753
61487235
16847253
16482735
bob
18642735

Any Plain Bob composition, produced by bobs only at W. M. H., will run to Little Albion, or half of any peal of Little Bob, which has two singles only, will run by omitting the single. Any composition of Little Albion, by inserting leads of Little Bob, may be shortened as desired.

TO THE MEMORY OF LIVINGSTONE.

On Saturday week, the unveiling of a memorial tablet to David Livingstone took place at Hadley, Middlesex. The proceedings commenced with a service in Hadley Church, at which the Bishop of Willesden was the preacher. Afterwards the choir and clergy, together with the congregation, marched in procession to a house on Hadley Green, once the residence of the great missionary-explorer, where had been erected the tablet, and the unveiling ceremony was performed by the doctor's only surviving daughter, Mrs. Livingstone Wilson. 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung for the service by the following members of Hadley and Barnet bands: W. Parker 1, R. Roffey 2, A. Trappett 3, J. Wicks 4, W. Daniels (conductor) 5, T. Lilley 6. Ringing also took place during the evening, in which the above and J. Sumpter and W. Childs took part, the methods including Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor.

HANDBELLS IN THE CHURCHYARD.

At Blunsden, Wilts, an entirely novel way of marking the harvest festival was observed. The church bells are now at the founders, and, therefore, could not be rung, but three ringers (Messrs. J. Vincent, E. Ball and H. Weston) gave selections of sacred music on handbells in the churchyard, before both morning and evening services.

The second bell of the old ring of four was cracked on Easter Day, during the ringing, and at a meeting of parishioners held subsequently, it was decided to have the front three recast, and to two more trebles to make a peal of six. The contract has been placed with Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry.

In the case of Blunsden, at any rate, out of evil has come good.

"RINGERS' WANTS."

SLOUGH'S EXAMPLE TO OTHER CHURCHES.

An important gathering took place at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Slough, the other day, and as this was probably the first occasion on record that such a unique combination of interests have been brought together to consider the question of " Ringers' Wants," the proceedings are here set forth, as an example to other parishes, where scant attention has hitherto been paid to the man in the belfry.

The ceiling of the ringing room consists of stout joists, matchboarded on the underside, and covered with a water-tight lead flat, the space between being filled in with slagwool, a modern highly approved material for deadening sound. The new peal of eight bells are carried on steel joists some 6ft. above this ceiling, which is the only floor between the ringers and the bells. The usual result followed this arrangement—particularly so in the case of a spire—there was too much clash and din in the ringing room when the bells were being rung or chimed for service.

The parish authorities from the Rector and churchwardens, down to the humblest member of the Building Committee, all agreed it was a noisy apartment, but referred to other important requirements about the church, and the serious need of a fund to provide a second floor. Thus it seemed that St. Mary's tower (like many others throughout the country), a beautiful structure, fresh from the hands of the architect and the builder, was to be a permanent annoyance to the ringers for all time. To the lasting credit of the donor of the new tower and bells, it may be recorded that as soon as he was aware of the fault a general meeting was called to test on the spot by practical and personal experience the best way to remedy it. There were present the Rev. Canon Elliott, M.A., R.D., Rector; Mr. Fred Parker, churchwarden; Mr. James Elliman, the donor; Mr. Wm. Wilder, steeplekeeper; Mr. C. Scott, F.R.I.B.A., the architect (in succession to his father, the late Mr. Aldred Scott, F.S.A.).; Mr. H. D. Bowyer, the contractor; Mr. A. H. Hughes, for the bell founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel; and the following members of the St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers.—Messrs. Purdue, W. H. Fussell, A. Leader, Smith, G. T. Leader, Hooper (conductor), Flaxman, and Perryman.—A short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung with the distinguished visitors in the belfry, and afterwards they inspected the higher floor. The result of their investigation was a direct order to the Rector to do what was necessary, and provide a second floor, and this will speedily be carried out by the builder.

Later, a well-struck 504 was brought round with the steeplekeeper and bell founder ringing, and the company dispersed, little knowing that the happy results in this particular case may, perhaps, lead to similar needed improvements being carried out in many a distant parish church.

REVIVING INTEREST AT STAMFORD.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Stamford on Saturday week, members attending from Grantham, Bourne, Surfleet, Colsterworth, Ingoldsby, Belton, and Deeping, together with the local men. The towers of All Saints', St. Martin's and St. Michael's were open for ringing, the methods rung including Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. A special object of the meeting was to try and revive the art of change ringing amongst the local men, and the officials of the branch were heartily supported by Mr. and Mrs. Henson, of the Crown Hotel, who very generously invited the whole party, numbering about 30, to tea.—At the business meeting following, the Rev. H. Law James occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston.

Barkeston was chosen as the place for the annual meeting of the branch, to be held in January. Seven performing and three life members were elected.—Upon the proposition of the Rev. H. Law James, a vote of sympathy was accorded to the president of the branch (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter) on the death of his brother, Dr A. B. Carpenter.—A hearty vote of thanks to Host and Hostess Henson for their kindness in providing tea, to the Rev. H. Law James for presiding, and to the various incumbents for the use of the bells, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

WEIGHTS AND NOTE OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, C. Adiere, opens up an excellent subject for debate. The craze of the five-tone system of tuning is responsible for the breaking up of some of our fine old rings of bells which can never be replaced. I have had the opportunity of hearing and ringing on a number of new rings of eight, ten and twelve, and with the exception of one or two peals of eight they are, in my estimation, miserable failures.

Of course there are many ringers who like them because the large bells make a big bellowing noise, but where are the small bells? In all cases that have come under my observation the front bells are much too light. Will these bells be as good in a hundred years' time as they are now? Certainly not, then why are they tolerated? Let us hand down to our descendants as good bells as our forefathers handed down to us. I should like to see a much abler pen than mine take up this matter, and explain why the trebles of peals of ten and twelve have to be so small if tuned on the Simpson five-tone principle.

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YOUTHFUL RINGERS.

A fortnight ago we recorded a 720 Grandsire Minor rung at Bridgwater, where the bells have a 25 cwt. tenor, in which some very youthful ringers took part. The 720 was rung with 7-8 covering by C. V. Fry 1, Ruth Coles 2, H. J. Jennings 3, H. West 4, C. Sanderson 5, A. E. Coles (conductor) 6, E. Stockham 7, and E. Tucker 8. It was the first 720 by all except the conductor.



H. Leo Jennings (aged 15) — Cecil Sanderson (aged 14) — H. West (aged 18)
Miss Ruth Coles (aged 12) — C. V. Fry (aged 14)

This week we have pleasure in giving the photograph of these youthful ringers, four of whom are still at school.

ODD CHANGES.

Mr. Alf. Grimes has achieved an unique distinction by ringing, on Saturday last, his 100th peal this year. This exceptional record is the more remarkable inasmuch as it is the second year in succession that Mr. Grimes has scored a century, a feat, we believe we are right in saying, that no one has before succeeded in. Interest in his performances for the rest of this year will centre in the possibility of his surpassing the record of 127, put up by Mr. J. W. Washbrook about a quarter of a century ago.

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To beat this previous best performance Mr. Grimes has nine weeks left in which to ring 28 peals. It is a formidable task, but it is one which is not beyond the realms of possibility, especially when one has such an insatiable love of peal ringing and the opportunities that Mr. Grimes has. More power to your elbow, Alfred, if you are out for records!

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The charming little bell pendants which Mr. J. Comber, jeweller, of Woking, has put on the market, as a badge of the craft, have proved just the thing that ringers have been looking for. The neatness of the design appeals to those with artistic tastes, and the ready sale which the pendants are obtaining is proving their popularity. Mr. Comber's advertisement on another page give particulars as to prices, etc.

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There was a triple event in the century line at Benhilton last Friday during the Surrey tour. It was the 100th peal of Superlative by the conductor (Mr. F. Bennett); the 100th tower in which Mr. A. W. Grimes has rung a peal; and the 100th tower in which Mr. J. H. Shepherd, who did not take part in the peal, and whose greatest hobby is new towers, has rung this year.

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The six bells of Cookham, Berks, which are being restored and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who are recasting the treble and fourth, are to be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Berks on Sunday, December 7th, and opened by the local ringers.

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We understand that Mr. James George, of Rugby fame, has decided to celebrate his 60th birthday, which occurs on November 27th, by arranging for a series of peals in the Birmingham district, and by a social gathering on Saturday, November 29th. Many of his ringing friends will be joining him in these peals, but as there will be a large number who cannot possibly get to Birmingham, we feel sure Mr. George would deeply appreciate any peals that might be rung in his honour by ringers in different parts of the country.

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A tablet in commemoration of the record peal of Stedman Caters rung at Loughborough on Easter Monday, 1909, will be unveiled on Saturday, November 15th, at 3 p.m., at All Saints' Church. Ringers who appreciate the magnitude of that great performance — 18,027 changes rung in 12 hrs. 18 mins.—will be glad to learn that a permanent record of the event is to be provided in the tower where the peal was rung.

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The new ring of eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at Pontypridd, Glamorganshire, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff on Tuesday, November 4th, at 3.15.

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The historical ring of bells at Peterstone, Marshfield, Mon., which have not been rung for about 100 years, are being restored by Messrs. John Warner and Sons. Several of the peal have been recast, and two more added to complete the octave, and they will be rung for the first time on Saturday, November 8th. All ringers are invited to attend.

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In connection with the dedication of Shoreditch bells on Monday next it should be clearly understood that there will be no general ringing on that occasion. The ringers' day will be on Saturday, November 8th, when the tower will be open to all, and, as the date coincides with another important event—the College Youths annual dinner—there will doubtless be a large number of visitors. Particulars will be found in our notice columns.

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Chelmsford Cathedral will not long be the only church possessing a ring of 12 in the county of Essex. Tenders have been invited and received for four trebles to be added to the ring of 8 at Saffron Walden.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, October 19th, 1320 Bob Minor: E. Baker 1, A. Brown 2, R. Billings 3, G. Avis 4, E. Billings 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6.

BELLS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

WEST CLANDON STEEPLE BURNED DOWN.

One of the most historic churches in the country—that of West Clandon, near Guildford—the family church of the Onslows, was seriously damaged by fire on Monday morning.

The outbreak occurred in the shingle steeple, which with five of the six bells, was completely destroyed. The alarm was at once taken to Onslow Park, the Earl of Onslow's residence, which is about 300 yards distant, and his lordship and his private fire brigade were on the scene within ten minutes and rendered most effective service. Their efforts were soon supplemented by the Guildford Fire Brigade, but the fire was not got under until the steeple had collapsed, and the contents of the tower were destroyed.

The altar, altar vessels, a valuable antique fresco, and the parish registers, which date back to 1536, were rescued, while the old oak Onslow pews and the chancel window were found to be uninjured. The church is insured.

The bells, three of which were by Thomas Lester, and dated 1741, were rung for service on Sunday evening. Shortly before the outbreak, a clock winder went into the belfry to wind the clock, but apparently noticed nothing amiss.

Clandon has had for some years one of the best six-bell bands in the Winchester Guild, and they have rung a number of Surprise peals.

The bells of West Clandon Church were not, of course, anything like as old as the building itself, but three of them dated back to 1741. Originally all the six were of this date, but in 1875, the 3rd, 4th and 5th were recast. The bells bore the following inscriptions:—

Treble: At Propper times my Uoice Il Raies unto my Bennifactor Praise. Thomas Lester Made Me 1741.

2nd: Thomas Lester of London Made Me 1741.

3rd: Ring out the False. Mears and Stainbank Founders London 1875.

4th: Ring in the True. Mears and Stainbank Founders London 1875.

5th: My tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. Mears and Stainbank Founders London 1875.

Tenor: Thomas Lester of London made us all 1741.

The weight of the tenor bell was 17½ cwt., its diameter across the mouth being 46½ ins.

LANCASHIRE CHURCH BURNED DOWN.

Leck Parish Church, near Kirkby Lonsdale, was destroyed by fire last week. The roof and tower collapsed, and two of the five bells, the communion plate and altar ornaments were melted. The damage, amounting to £5,000, is covered by insurance.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

VETERANS LEAD THE WAY.

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at Wandsworth on Saturday. The bells were raised about 4 o'clock, and it speaks well for the interest the older members still take in the doings of their Guild, that the average age of the first five members to arrive was sixty. They immediately proceeded to raise the back five in peal, and were subjected to much good-humoured banter at their combined total of 300 years.

Tea was partaken of at the St. Mary's Refreshment Rooms, and it is a matter for regret that more members did not put in an appearance at this, the hostess having provided very bountifully, with the result that a good deal was left on her hands.

The business meeting followed the tea, the Vice-President, Mr. Samuel Reeves being in the chair. Routine matters having been disposed of; the Secretary gave the requisite three months' notice of his intention to propose an alteration to rules at the next meeting, while Mrs. Preston, on behalf of Mr. C. Dickens, gave similar notice.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, good touches in the standard methods being accomplished.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Cam, near Dursley, on Saturday last. Over 30 members attended from Berkeley, Dursley, Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, Stinchcombe, Slimbridge, Stone and Wickwar, and the local band was also well represented. Several six scores of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before tea, which was provided in the schools. The business meeting was subsequently held, when Mr. F. K. Howell (chairman of the branch) presided, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Roberts) for so kindly placing his bells at the disposal of the members, and for providing such an excellent tea. He deeply regretted the absence of the Vicar, who was confined to the house owing to a slight chill, and trusted he would have a speedy recovery.—Tortworth was the place decided on for the next monthly meeting.—Two of the local band were elected members of the Association.—The tower was then again visited, and the bells (six in number) kept going in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob till late in the evening.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On July 13th, for evening service, 672 changes, Bob Major: G. Thornton (conductor) 1, W. Idle (Dewsbury) 2, H. Bradley 3, H. Gill 4, G. Wilson 5, J. Bradley 6, W. Foster 7, Ted Wigglesworth 8.

THE ART IN AMERICA.

BOSTON RINGERS MEET ENCOURAGEMENT AND CRITICISM.

By Dr. A. H. NICHOLS.

Upon the evening of October 3rd, the Boston Guild (U.S.A.) rang, by invitation, the bells of Memorial Tower, Hingham, upon the occasion of a public reception held to mark the success of the mission to Hingham, England, to present a stone to be set in the market place of the mother town. Among several touches rung were 360 Grandsire Triples: Alexander Matthew 1, Stephen J. Perkins 2, Ernest E. Randall 3, James F. Laker 4, Gordon Mackman 5, William Bashford 6, Philip J. Allfrey 7, Richard Newton (conductor) 8. This is the longest touch achieved by Mr. Matthew, the first pupil of the Guild.

That the Boston band is gradually establishing an honourable position, and supplying a genuine demand, in the community, will appear from its engagements for the current week, as follows:—

October 7th.—Public performance on handbells at Tremont Temple at the Convention of the Sons of St. George, a British organisation.

October 8th.—Exhibit ringing of one hour at Christ Church by invitation of the American Bankers' Association, a national institution holding its meeting in this city. For this especial service they will receive an honorarium of ten pounds, which will serve, it may be hoped, as precedent for future remuneration when our work is not voluntary.

October 12th.—P.M. Service ringing at Christ Church.
October 13th.—A.M. Attempt at a complete peal at Christ Church.
P.M. Quarter-peal at the Perkins' Institution for the Blind.

If our progress has been upon the whole fairly successful, we have not failed to encounter a few snags, the removal of which has called for the exercise of both patience and tact. It is a poor rule to "talk back," however unreasonable our adverse critics, who have in reality been very few. Protests from homes in which sickness was prevailing have been quieted by sympathetic visits and temporary suspension of practice. Again, where certain artisans employed by night required sleep by day, their disturbance has been avoided by a concession as to hours of meeting. A more difficult problem consists in meeting the novel complaints of individuals prevented by the noise of the bells from the use of the telephone; and it is conceivable that we might obstruct the transmission of an important communication.

Good bells being exceptionally sonorous, are apt to be noisy in the immediate vicinity of the tower when not hung at a considerable altitude. Painswick bells, for example, famous for their mellow sweetness, emit one jargon of sounds when heard in the churchyard below the tower. How, then, are we to treat these bells which to those dwelling near by may constitute a veritable nuisance? It seems certainly a pity to smother such instruments by bricking the belfry arches, and thus impairing their carrying power which may be their chief merit. A more legitimate treatment would consist in the use of clappers of less weight or softer material. Why not modify the harsh, metallic impact of the clapper by some process similar to that employed in handbells?

Again, if towers are noisy then it must be admitted that long-continued ringing is inexpedient, and hence prolonged performances are inadmissible except upon holidays, or rare occasions of rejoicing.

Now, inasmuch as all our towers are open to the objection of noise, and while introducing our art to a new field, our policy is to avoid above all things giving offence to even a few, we cannot aspire, for a time at least, to the achievement of many peals; for our experience is, that the interest of the public is to be gained by good striking rather than by demonstrations of physical endurance. While we have no disposition to say anything in disparagement of the long performances which have commanded such universal admiration, we are of the opinion that there are also other tests of meritorious work. It is pertinent, therefore, to enquire, if orators, singers, musicians and certain other artists are estimated by the merit, rather than by the period of continuance, of their productions, why should ringers assign for themselves a totally different standard of measurement?

Customs change, modified by climate, environment and local prejudices; and as change ringing extends to our American cities, the tendency will doubtless be to propitiate and attract the public by exhibit, rather than by peal performances. Indeed the very interest awakened by the art proves an estopper to peal ringing. Thus it not infrequently happens that our friends in their desire to watch the men engaged at the ropes, or the bells in motion, flock to the towers, like boys to a circus, an intrusion which must be submitted to, however obstructive to any concentrated mental action.

It is by such methods, however, that we are amplifying our relations with influential people, who have extended many tokens of encouragement. Among these may be mentioned a recent offer of a gift of a ring of heavy bells, made with the design of fostering our art.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: *S. Champion 1, W. Haigh (conductor) 2, F. Ockwell 3, *H. Manctelow 4, F. H. Champion 5, W. Easter 6, W. J. Walker 7, C. Belsey 8. First quarter on the bells since being rehung. * First quarter.—On October 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: S. Champion 1, W. Easter 2, F. Ockwell 3, F. H. Champion 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. Belsey 7, R. Tucker (first quarter) 8.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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THE REV. H. LAW JAMES REPLIES TO CRITICS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When I wrote the note to the peal rung here on September 13th, I fully expected that it would lead to a discussion, and I am agreeably surprised to find that the discussion is covering more ground than I expected. It has actually raised four questions:—

i.—What's in a name?

ii.—What is the relationship between scientific language and ordinary language?

iii.—What is the relationship between theory and practice? Which involves the further question: What is a Cater method?

iv.—What is Treble Bob?

Now, these four questions are all important, and I propose to try and answer them one by one, with a view to showing, as far as possible, where we really do stand.

i.—What's in a name? There is an old saying, "give a dog a bad name and hang him," and there is a large amount of truth in it. In theory, the name does not matter; but in practice a good name helps a method forward, while a bad name holds it back, and we want as far as possible to use names in order to encourage the ringing of good methods, and discourage the use of bad ones.

ii.—What is the relationship between scientific language and ordinary language? I answer, that in ringing, the relationship between these two must be exactly the same as it is in all other matters. We still talk about sunset in ordinary language, but when we wish to be accurate we avoid the term; and so in ringing we shall still talk about Oxford Treble Bob Caters, when we need to speak of it, but when we want to be accurate we shall call it a nine-bell method, and declare that it is not Caters.

iii.—What is the relationship between theory and practice? etc. This is the most important question of all, and here more people go astray than anywhere else. It is so nice to be perfectly logical on the one hand, or so easy to throw them to the winds on the other, but the result of doing either of these is fatal. Change ringing is certainly mathematical, but at the same time we must remember that it is applied not pure mathematics. It is well worth while to find out what things ought to be in theory, but we must always test our theory by practical considerations.

And now I come to the further question, What is a Cater method? In order to get a satisfactory answer, we had better take a wider outlook. We find that changes on five bells are called Doubles, on seven Triples, on nine Caters, and on 11 Cinques, and these names imply that the whole of the bells except one change every time. We find that changes on six bells are called Minor, on eight Major, on ten Royal, and on 12 Maximus, and these names do not imply anything about the nature of the changes.

Now, in theory, undoubtedly the best methods follow the rule that the largest number of bells possible should change every time, and so the man who wishes to be logically correct is tempted to state that Doubles must be all double changes; Minor, triple and double changes alternately, and so on. But when we consider the matter practically this will not do. If we confine our attention to Plain Major methods the result is quite satisfactory, but the moment we turn to Treble Bob methods it breaks down. I have 125 pure Treble Bob Major methods in which the changes are Caters and Triples alternately, the first of these is Oxford Treble Bob, and not one of the whole group is anything better, from a musical point of view, than Oxford; they all part the tenors hopelessly. I have also 246 Mixed Treble Bob Major methods in which the changes are not alternate Caters and Triples. The first of these is Kent, and although in strict theory these are not so good as Oxford; in practice they are very much better.

The three old standard Surprise methods tell us the same thing. Superlative keeps the rule, but produces very bad music. Cambridge and London break the rule, but are far better methods. Now, up jumps the man on the other side, who ignores facts and wishes to be consistent, and he says if the theoretical rule must not be applied to Major it must not to Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. Why not? Oh, because it is inconsistent. As if that had anything to do with it. Let us look at these odd bell methods. On five bells we have one method, new doubles and its reverse variation, which are not all double changes, and yet is worth ringing, and this is the only exception. On 5, 7, 9 and 11 bells every other odd bell method worth ringing keeps this rule, and this is not simply my opinion, it is the result of the actual experience of the whole Exercise for the last 200 years—the only methods which have been generally rung on odd numbers of bells keep this rule. Therefore, I maintain, that when we are making accurate statements we must abide by this rule on odd numbers, because both theory and practice suggest it; but on even numbers in Treble Bob methods we must aim at breaking this rule, because methods which keep it are practically useless.

iv.—What is a Treble Bob method? A Treble Bob method, as we know it on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, is a method in which the treble dodges in all possible dodging positions. We wish to extend this to nine bells. How can it be done? I answer, in nine bells the treble must dodge in all possible dodging positions, and there are only four, the same as in Major, and an odd place left over.

What are these four. 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9
or 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8
or 1-2, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9
or 1-2, 3-4, 6-7 and 8-9
or 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 8-9

—five possible arrangements.

If the method is to be Treble Bob, the treble must follow one or other of these arrangements, and this involves four blows in the odd place, wherever that odd place be. The first and second arrangement will not do, because they involve four blows in front and four blows behind, and this involves a triple change. The third arrangement forces the treble to make 3rd's place, both up and down, the fourth forces her to make 5th's, and the last, 7th's, and either of these will satisfy the conditions. I therefore submit that the peal rung at Surfleet on September 13th, 1913, is really the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung, for, of course, we all know that a Single produces a Triple change in any peal of Caters, and no one but a mere pedant would object to that.

Finally, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters are both rather threadbear; Double Norwich Caters is not much rung, probably because of the odd and even dodging position in the same method; here is a new thing. It is Treble Bob, and every Treble Bob ringer will be able to learn it in a few minutes and ring it. The plain course is all Cater changes, the work is interesting, and the music good.—Yours truly,

H. LAW JAMES.

Dear Sir,—Do Mr. Trollope and Mr. A. Paddon Smith really think that the nomenclature for changes produced on odd numbers of bells merely came about in a haphazard way. The words Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, are very significant. These words are defined in the Glossary as the changes produced on Five, Seven, Nine and Eleven bells respectively, in which Two, Three, Four and Five Pairs of bells respectively interchange at each permutation, and speak for themselves. It would be interesting to know what the eminent living members of the C.C. Committee, who were responsible for the drawing up of the Glossary, have to say on the subject. In the words of your leading article in the last issue, Mr. Editor, "there are those who desire to see the theoretical side put upon a firm and logical basis." Why have these descriptive names if we do not adhere to what they clearly mean? With regard to singles used in odd bell systems, they are in some cases necessary to obtain the extent, or to turn the course of the changes. Mr. Trollope refers to even-bell systems, but they have nothing to do with the case, neither are their names indicative of the number of changing pairs. With regard to our friends' criticism of Grandsire Triples, may I just point out that extents in this method, containing all triple changes, have been obtained and rung.—Yours truly,

CLEMENT GLENN.

Dear Sir,—The letters appearing in your columns on the above subject have interested me greatly, but I do not wish to enter into the controversy as to the right of Mr. James to call his peal the first of Treble Bob Caters.

What I am concerned about is the attitude taken up by the Birmingham men. We all recognise the genius of Thurstans and Johnson, but great as they undoubtedly were, they were not infallible. If I judge aright from the tone of the letters of Messrs. Carter and Smith, they will refuse to recognise any system of Treble Bob Caters, no matter how good, because those two masters have handed down to us a form which the most lukewarm supporter of legitimacy would term irregular.

I may be doing Messrs. Carter and Smith an injustice, in which case I humbly apologise. If, however, my interpretation is correct, they will see the unfairness of the position they have taken. The method must be judged on its merits, without regard to the composer, or what Mr. James has said or done.

If they believe with me that it is the best form into which regular Treble Bob Caters can be cast, and that the hunt is a basis for the formation of many good methods, they will realise that it is to the best interest of the Exercise that the ringing of the method should be encouraged.

Everyone knows the keenness of the Birmingham men in promoting the art of change ringing, and their attitude towards it will greatly influence the reception of the method by the Exercise. They are, therefore, bound to judge it impartially, without regard to any claim they may make as to the Treble Bob Caters already rung by their Guild, and not to discourage the ringing of it without good reason. Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Dear Sir,—On reading Mr. Trollope's letter in your issue of October 17th, I could not help feeling that it was somewhat misleading, and that I should like to say something further on the subject. It must always be borne in mind that the names were not given to complete peals, but to the methods only. Thus, Grandsire, Stedman, etc., are names given to methods which contain Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques changes in the various plain courses.

The plain courses of such methods having been worked out true to their respective principles, it became desirable to ring a higher number of changes than the plain course contains, and thus it became necessary to invent calls (Bob and Single) which are a departure from

the various methods, so far as to introduce changes which are not in the methods. From this it consequently follows that all methods which do not contain in the plain courses Doubles, Triples, etc., changes, are illegitimate. JOHN CARTER.

Dear Sir,—You have published some very interesting letters upon this subject, but as there are one or two items of interest yet untouched, I, as an old member of the Methods Committee, should like to supplement them.

Treble Bob Caters is a compound term, and does not seem to fit. Whether a method will be found that properly unites them is highly problemetical, and I will therefore first consider them separately.

"Caters." This term ("Clavis," page 187) is derived from the Latin word "Quatuor" (i.e., four-times). Applied to change ringing it signifies that "four pairs" of bells exchange positions in every "pair of rows." There are many good old compositions in both the Grandsire and Stedman methods obtained without the use of singles, and when one such composition is rung, then it is and then only that a peal of "pure Caters" is obtained. This was the class of peal which I first stood in in the '70's and '80's, and they were good old peals, too. In later years, we rang peals with singles. These peals are, strictly speaking, made up of both Triple and Cater changes, and as we do this in one method why not in another? If there was nothing worse in the old methods rung in Birmingham years ago, I for one, cannot see why they should be tabooed, and shall vote against such a proposition.

Surfleet seems to be a good Cater method, but by what law, rule or regulation, Mr. James tells us it is Treble Bob, I cannot make out, and so I favour the view of my old friend John Carter, and say Treble Bob it is not and never can be.

Triples having been mentioned, it may be recalled that Mr. H. W. Thompson had decided the impossibility of a 5040 without a single, and so I think the only peal of pure Triples we have is Shipway's Nonpariel, which is said to be an unlawful composition. As to pure Treble Bob, I can only recall two old methods of this class. These are, "Imperial Bob" and "Oxford Treble Bob." The first is not on the lengthening lead plan, but it has a Treble Bob hunt, and so is a Treble Bob method. "Clavis" on page 184, tells us that Mr. Francis Roberts, of grateful memory, was the first to discover and use a "single" in a touch of Grandsire Caters, and bring the bells round at hand, while the first peal rung with singles was rung at Fulham, Middlesex, in 1770, called by George Patrick. HY. DAINS.

A COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.

ANOTHER LADY'S PEAL RINGING PERFORMANCE.

The coming of age of Miss Elsie Bennett was celebrated last week by five handbell peal attempts, three of which, as chronicled elsewhere, were successful. Miss Bennett, as is well-known, follows the art only on handbells, but she has proved herself an exceedingly skilful exponent of this branch of ringing. Of the five peal attempts made to commemorate her 21st birthday, the first two, unfortunately, resulted in failure. On Monday there was an attempt for Grandsire Caters at Fulham, but this was lost through a shift course, after halfway. On Tuesday, at Clapham, a peal of Bob Major came to grief through a similar cause. Wednesday, which was Miss Bennett's birthday, brought a change of luck, and a capital peal of Stedman Caters was rung—a most praiseworthy performance on the young lady's part. For Friday a peal of Bob Royal had been arranged, but owing to one of the band being delayed by fog, Bob Major was started for, and a fine peal rung. On Saturday another creditable peal of Bob Major was rung, and brought the celebrations to a close.

THE BELLS OF HOO.

The historical peal of six bells of Hoo St. Werburgh, Kent, having been silent for about twelve years, were re-opened last week, after having been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who has carried out the work in a very creditable manner. The bells have all been quarter turned and hung with new fittings—wheels, gudgeons, bearings, clappers and steel girder headstocks—and the old oak frame has been thoroughly braced with tie bolts and angle brackets, making it perfectly rigid. On Thursday evening last week, and on Saturday, several ringers from Rochester Cathedral and Gillingham tested the bells, and several good touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob and Treble Bob Minor, including two 720's of Kent, were rung, the following taking part: Messrs. Allen, Paine, Winser, Garrett, Hone, Rolls, Tulett, Harvey, Haigh, and A. Bowell. The bells are a very good six, with tenor about 19 cwt., and they go splendidly.

CHELMSFORD NEW PEAL OF TWELVE.

The first monthly ringing meeting took place at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday last, and was attended by 30 members. During the evening, courses of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Cinques were rung; also a 396 of Grandsire Cinques, by: G. Sorrell 1, H. W. Kirton 2, A. Edwards 3, F. W. Edwards 4, W. Keeble 5, H. Richell 6, H. Allen 7, F. Gill 8, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 9, H. Head 10, W. Lincoln 11, A. Whight 12. All agreed that the evening had been most successful.

On October 12th, for evening service, 1152 Grandsire Caters was rung, by: H. R. Dawson 1, A. Spellar 2, H. Richell 3 F. Gill 4, H. Allen 5, A. Richell 6, H. Head 7, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 8, A. Whight 9, A. Head 10. Longest touch on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, at Durham. This being a full-day meeting, visitors made an early start, and the bells were to be heard in the morning. Rather unfortunately, the Cathedral bells are not allowed to be rung on account of the weak state of the tower. However, there are two six-bell towers of St. Nicholas and St. Oswald, and full advantage was taken of these. Taking into consideration the drawback of not having good ringing facilities to draw members to Durham, there was a capital attendance.

The committee meeting was held in the Three Tuns Hotel, and afterwards the ringers wended their way to the Cathedral. A service is held in connection with this meeting each year at Durham and Newcastle, alternately, and the Association was honoured by having the Dean to address them—an honour which was appreciated by the members to its fullest extent. The address was most impressive, and all were touched by the Dean's encouraging words. He spoke of the bell ringers' duties, and put them on the same standing as all church workers. He was in full sympathy with the Association and its objects, and the good it was doing, saying what a grand thing it was to see bodies of men working together for the good of the church.

The Dean has become a patron of the Association, and the members hope he will always take a keen interest in their work, and that this will not be the last occasion on which he will address them.

Fifty members afterwards sat down to dinner at the Three Tuns Hotel, and the general meeting followed. After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, that of "The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses," coupled with the name of the Dean of Durham, was submitted.

The Secretary then read his report for the year, which was most encouraging. It showed the Association had passed through a record year of progress. In the secretary's own words, "the Association has never in its history stood upon such a firm foundation as it does at the present moment." The balance sheet showed a comfortable margin on the right side. The number of peals rung was not large, but they were better in quality. The results of Ferry's scheme for Sunday service ringing have turned out exceptionally well, and the first three towers are to be congratulated on their success. Certificates were presented to them.

Following the general secretaries' report, there were those from the four districts, north, east, south and west. These were, on the whole, satisfactory, but there is still room for better attendance at district meetings, which are held for practice, the idea being to help beginners.

After the retiring officers had been thanked for their services, they were re-elected.

The business of this meeting kept the members occupied till six o'clock, when they retired to the belfries for ringing.

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A practice meeting, organised by the Western District secretary (the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield) was held at Lanchester. There were representatives from Consett, Stanley, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, and the local band, and four ringers scored their first touch. A 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by: W. Irwin (first 720) 1, F. Eales 2, A. Parry 3, Rev. A. W. Lister (first 720) 4, J. Selkirk 5, J. Robinson (conductor) 6. F. Chinnery and W. Plews rang their first 360 Bob Minor. The Vicar, the Rev. A. Hetherington, kindly provided tea, which was highly appreciated, and on the motion of the Rev. A. W. Lister, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality.

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern branch took place at Badsey on Saturday last, the following towers being represented: Evesham, Pershore, Hampton, Bengeworth, Bretforton, Cropthorne, etc. Evensong was held in the church at 5 p.m., the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Allsebrook giving a most eloquent address from Psalm cxxii. Tea was provided by the Vicar at the Frape Restaurant, and at the subsequent meeting the Vicar presided.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting, and also a united practice meeting at Cropthorne, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Badsey, with Mr. J. Addis as conductor.—Mr. H. Middleton was re-elected ringing master for the ensuing year.—Mr. J. Hemming, the present secretary, wished to resign office, but after considerable discussion, he again accepted office upon the distinct understanding it would be for only one more year.—Mr. F. Jordan was re-elected on the Central Committee.

The Chairman reviewed the work done by the Association, and proposed a vote of thanks to the branch officers for the way they had carried out their duties.—Upon the proposition of Mr. J. Hemming, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells, for his excellent address at the service, and for providing such a splendid tea. Mr. Hemming also congratulated him upon a son and heir being presented to him and Mrs. Allsebrook.—The Vicar briefly replied, and the meeting then terminated.

PRESENTATION AT PUDSEY.

On Saturday last, a tea and social evening took place at the White Cross Hotel, Pudsey, on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. Thomas Maude, the participators being the Yorkshire band of ringers, who with Mr. Maude, have on many Whitsuntide week-ends made ringing excursions to various parts of the country at Mr. Maude's invitation. During the afternoon, a peal, attempted at the Parish Church, was regretably unsuccessful, after about 40 minutes' ringing.

After tea had been more successfully handled than the bells, Mr. Bolland was voted to the chair, and asked the company to drink to the health of Mr. Maude. He said how pleased he was to do honour to the guest of the evening, and to see him amongst his ringing friends. He was sure all would join him in wishing Mr. Maude many happy returns of the day, and health and long life for both him and Mrs. Maude.—Mr. Maude, in reply, thanked the company for their good wishes, and remarked how he had been spoiled in his attempt to arrange a handbell peal for the occasion.

After a course of Grandsire Major on the handbells, Mr. Bolland asked Mr Maude to accept as a token of the company's esteem a solid silver flower stand, with cut-glass vases, and hoped it would be handed down in his family, and serve to remind him of the many pleasant hours they had spent together on numerous occasions. — Mr. Maude, in accepting the gift, remarked that he had been taken completely by surprise, and thanked the company for the goodwill shown towards him. The present would always remind him of the happy past and would be treasured in his home.—Mr. Williams, in supporting the chairman's remarks, said he would give place to none in his estimation of Mr. Maude's character and goodwill towards the ringers. Men of his stamp, who would go out of their way to help and encourage ringers were few and far between.—Mr. Cotterell, Mr. Holgate, and Mr. Johnson also expressed their appreciation.

Touches on the handbells in 6, 8, 10 and 12 bell methods, including a fine course of Oxford Minor, were brought round, after which a very happy evening came to a close.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Totnes division of the Devon Guild was held at Plympton St. Mary and Plympton St. Maurice, where the bells at both towers were kept merrily ringing the whole of the afternoon. Great praise was bestowed on the excellent tenor bell at St. Mary's. Many who are capable of judging say that for quality and purity of tone this bell cannot be surpassed. Like the ninth bell at Exeter Cathedral, it was cast by Purdue, an eminent founder of olden times. At five o'clock tea was partaken of in the Churchroom, Plympton St. Maurice, lent for the occasion by the Rev. H. T. Hole, who, despite his 80 years, was present. The president of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly), who previous to 1876 was Rector of St. Maurice; the Vicar of St. Mary's (the Rev. J. M. Cox); the Vicar of Holbeton, and the hon. secretary of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell) were also present. In all 57 sat down to a capital tea, and after several votes of thanks had been passed, and hearty congratulations expressed, it was conditionally resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Tavistock and Whitchurch.

THE LATE DR. CARPENTER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The editorial in last week's "Ringing World" voiced very truly that which many ringers all over the country feel at the loss of one of the greatest exponents of change ringing in all its branches. Dr. Carpenter's death has created a gap in the Surrey Association, which we shall be unable to fill as it has been filled for a very long time. "The doctor" (as we used to speak of Dr. Carpenter) was loved sincerely by all. Many ringers knew him more intimately than I knew him, and could say more about him than I can do, but it is nearly a quarter of century since I first rang with him in a plain course of Grandsire Triples, and I have met him very many times since. His presence was always wished for either in the belfry or at the meetings, which he generally attended. Can we not do something to perpetuate his memory? I hope that some steps to this end may be taken.—Yours truly,

JOHN BRAMS.

On Tuesday of last week, an attempt for a half-muffled peal was made at Croydon Parish Church, as a token of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter. The attempt, unfortunately failed, but a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was afterwards rung by: W. S. Wise 1, D. Wright (conductor) 2, L. Page 3, A. T. Jones 4, W. States 5, H. L. Garfath 6, C. F. Johnston 7, S. R. Roper 8.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

Kenwyn ringers visited Gulval church on October 17th, for their annual outing. The visitors were met by Dr. Symons, Penzance (Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild), who successfully conducted them through a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 minutes. This is the first quarter peal which has ever been rung on Gulval church bells. Those taking part were: F. Cawrse 1, F. Mitchell 2, H. M. Smeath 3, Dr. Symons, Penzance (conductor) 4, E. C. Freund 5, W. P. Trestrain 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, C. Sleeman 8. After the ringing, Mr. W. P. Trestrain, who has been conductor of Kenwyn ringers for 23 years, was the recipient of a silver-mounted walking stick, the gift of the ringers, for his services. Mr. H. M. Smeath (captain) made the presentation.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

LADY RECRUITS AT EVERTON.

The third quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Everton, on Saturday week, when 43 members and friends were present from Anston, Blyth, East Retford, Gainsborough, Misterton, Misson, Ordsall, Rotherham, Worksop and Everton. On arrival, the visitors received a hearty welcome. As the writer wended his way to the belfry the bells were ringing sweetly in the low tower, which in height reaches but a short stage above the nave roof. The bells are a musical little ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.) by Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and although they were placed in the tower more than 30 years ago, the "go" of them is excellent. A stroll round the church was particularly interesting, but time and space forbid a description. Suffice it to say, it is extremely well kept, and bore evidence of loving care, in great contrast to what is sometimes found in churches far more favourably situated. At 5.15 p.m., the visitors assembled in the spacious dining hall of the vicarage, where a number of ladies had been busily preparing tea, and fully enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Vicar (the Rev. Alfred Rose).

The business meeting, which followed, was presided over by the Rev. A. Rose, who, in rising to give a warm and cordial welcome to all assembled, spoke of the special purposes of bells, and of the importance of the ringers' office. He believed as bell ringers they were working together to improve the science of change ringing, and, admirable as it might be to advance the art, which needed a great deal of mental and physical control on the part of the individual, yet the association had a higher aim than the mere production of skilful ringers. Bell ringing was not only an end, but the means to an end, and that was the raising and elevating of the general tone of the ringers.

Mr. John Segar, junr., then tapped on handbells a 360 of Carlisle Surprise, after which Mr. Arthur Hague, Miss Winifred Hague and Mr. J. Monks, of Rotherham, together with Mr. Butler, of Gainsborough, rang several courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, whilst Miss Hague played a selection of tunes in a very effective style, to the large audience who had assembled on the Vicarage lawn.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. H. Haigh said he could not find words sufficient to express his thoughts and feelings to the Vicar for what he had done that day, for the use of the bells, for the splendid arrangements, and his kind hospitality. The ringers owed him a debt of gratitude, and it would live in their memories until the end of time.—Mr. H. Warburton briefly seconded, and the Vicar made a humorous reply.—After the speeches and entertainment, tracks were again made for the tower, which was soon packed to the utmost by ladies of the district anxious to get a glimpse of the lady ringer manipulating the tower and handbells, and to receive their initiation into the mysteries of change ringing. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob and Violet, and a 720 of Kent, by: J. C. Tinker 1, C. Baker 2, J. T. Barham 3, H. Stenton (conductor) 4, G. W. Stevenson 5, G. Brown 6.

It is gratifying to know that a junior band of ringers have made a start, and have each been presented with a silver badge for being able to manage their bells and ring for Sunday service, whilst, in addition, a few of the ladies are taking it up in real earnest.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEDALLIONS FOR RINGERS.

A pleasant little meeting took place at Sonning, on Thursday of last week, the occasion being the presentation of medallions to those ringers who had taken part in the opening touch and the subsequent peal on the bells after restoration, in July, 1912. Ringers came to join their Sonning friends from Caversham, Hurst, and the three towers in Reading. Touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung, after which refreshments were kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. G. P. Crawfurd) at the Vicarage. Mrs. Crawfurd, assisted by Mr. George Wright, of Sonning, then presented the medallions, which had been fashioned in excellent manner by Messrs. Taylor and Co. from the old canons of the bells, and gave great pleasure to the recipients.—The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Crawfurd for their kindness and hospitality, which was heartily accorded.

NEW CHIME AT BRENTFORD.

The new chime of six bells was dedicated at St. George's, Brentford, on Friday, by the Lord Bishop of Kensington. The bells have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the tenor weighing 6½ cwt. Long before the hour fixed for the service the church was well filled with parishioners, anxious to welcome the Bishop and to hear the first sound of the new peal, which was acknowledged on all hands to be of a most sweet and harmonious character. His Lordship, in his address, dwelt upon the usefulness of bells in various capacities, more particularly emphasising the call to God's House, which was conveyed by them.

The authorities could not be prevailed upon to have the bells hung for ringing, and so they are chimed automatically by a machine fixed on the floor below, which was started by the Bishop, who ascended the tower for that purpose before delivering his sermon.

DEDICATION OF ECKINGTON BELLS.

The dedication of the bells of the Parish Church of Eckington, took place on Sunday during morning service. The Lord Bishop of Southwell performed the ceremony, and shortly before his sermon, accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.), and the choir, proceeded to the belfry, where the local ringers, together with visiting ringers from Beighton and Worksop, were in readiness.

A good congregation, intensely expectant, looked on, and complete silence reigned while his lordship solemnly pronounced the Dedication sentences. The bells were then chimed for a few minutes whilst the Bishop, Rector and choir resumed their places in the chancel.

In his sermon, the Bishop spoke of the call of the bells and of their message to those who heard them. He added that the people of Eckington had done well to put the church in order, and, having got back their bells, let them learn to respond to their call.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On a recent evening, the ringers of the Parish Church of St. Michael's, East Peckham, were entertained to dinner by the Vicar (the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley). A most delightful evening was spent, and the company had the privilege of meeting the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association).

The Vicar, in proposing Mr. Helmore's health, spoke of the pleasure he had in welcoming him in their midst, and said how much he valued the friendship of one whom he had known for over thirty years, and who had done him many good turns which he could never possibly repay. Indeed, but for Mr. Helmore he would not have been in the position to entertain them that evening.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, replying to the toast, expressed his pleasure in meeting the ringers, and strongly urged that each ringer who had not already done so should become a member of the County Association. He also spoke of his intimate acquaintance with their host, and the circumstances under which Mr. Ryley had been able to accept the vicariate of the parish.

The Vicar next proposed "The Health of the Ringers," and thanked them for their services during the past year. He was proud of them, and of the way they attended the services after they had finished their duty in the belfry.—Mr. W. Pope responded thanking the Vicar for his kindness.—The rest of the evening was spent with songs and recitations and other amusements.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

Among the touches rung for harvest festival services have been the following:—

SITTINGBOURNE.—On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: L. B. Grant 1, J. Excel 2, W. Burley 3, E. J. Bottle 4, H. E. Simpson 5, F. S. Macey (composer and conductor) 6, E. J. Dobbie 7, F. Holdstock 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: E. J. Bottle 1, E. J. Dobbie 2, H. J. Tidy 3, W. Burley 4, J. Excel 5, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 6, F. S. Macey 7, A. Burley 8.—On Wednesday, Oct. 8th, on the occasion of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Sittingbourne, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., by: E. J. Bottle 1, W. Burley 2, H. E. Simpson 3, J. Excel 4, F. S. Macey 5, E. J. Dobbie 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, A. Burley 8.

LONDON.—The Ancient Society of College Youths.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, for evening service, 1440 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 59 mins.: E. Gibbs 1, H. Springall 2, C. H. Hughes 3, F. G. Perrin 4, W. H. Taffender 5, A. Jones 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, C. W. Grimwood 8, A. D. Barker 9, F. J. Hardy 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1280 changes): W. H. Taffender 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. G. Matthews 4, R. N. Runham 5, J. Cornford 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. J. Hardy 8.

EXTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: L. Phillips 1, W. Hoyle 2, C. Wyatt 3, W. Bennett (conductor) 4, W. Phillips 5, H. Gale 6

CLENT, WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, 1008 Bob Major: Miss F. Thatcher 1, G. Popnell 2, W. Boughton 3, C. Boughton 4, A. Walker 5, Wm. Shilvock 6, C. Sheriff 7, J. Barber (conductor) 8.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Hubble 1, G. Popnell 2, J. Parton 3, W. Shilvock 4, A. Pardoe 5, H. Martin (conductor) 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Le Clercq 1, Dr. T. E. Harwood 2, G. Upshall 3, A. R. Elkins (first quarter of Stedman with a bob bell) 4, F. A. Barnett 5, T. Upshall 6, C. Edwards (conductor) 7, H. Kimber 8

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for evening service, 1248 Superlative Surprise Major, in 48 mins.: G. Gunner 1, C. Willshire 2, H. Hutton 3, W. Smith 4, C. H. Dobbie 5, C. Hazelden 6, B. Chorley 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

HIGHGATE.—At St. Anne's Church, on Oct. 16th, 416 Double Norwich and 504 Stedman Triples: C. L. Walker (first 500 Stedman) 1, C. Pryor 2, E. Bonfield 3, A. Brightman 4, E. F. Cole 5, R. Bevan 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Young 8.—On Sunday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: E. Bonfield 1, C. Pryor (first in the method) 2, W. G. Matthews 3, R. Bevan 4, E. F. Cole 5, A. Brightman 6, E. Chapman 7, F. Smith (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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IMPORTANT. — Correspondents and others should note that in future all communications to "The Ringing World" should be addressed to 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, November 1st. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 5. Tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar.— A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Latts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER. —The 9th annual dinner will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on November 1st, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tickets may be had from Charles F. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 79, Peel Street, Winson Green.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NORTHOWRAM, near Halifax.—On Saturday, November 1st, a new peal of 8 bells (tenor 16 cwt.) by Gillett and Johnston will be duly opened. Ringers cordially invited. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Mollinson Taylor, Honorary Secretary, Woodfield Cottage, Hipperholme, near Halifax.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Glinton on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints' Day). Bells (6) available afternoon and evening until 7.45. Short service at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Secretary, St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, November 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—The new peal of 8 bells at St. Michael's Church, Warfield, Berks, will be open for ringing on Saturday, November 1st, at 3 p.m., by kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens. All ringers welcome.—H. Bungay, Forest Road, Binfield.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, November 1st. The bells are available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30, for those who notify me not later than the 31st inst.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ALAMGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Barnsley meeting, fixed for November 1st, is unavoidably cancelled. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Next meeting at Grappenhall Saturday, November 1st, at 3.30 p.m., with service. Tea 9d. each.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Honorary Secretary.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—The new bell will be dedicated on November 1st at 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. J. H. Barrow, M.A., Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral.—B. Ridgewell, Honorary Secretary, The Street, Rayne.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.—Dedication on November 3rd, at 8.30, by the Lord Bishop of Stepney. The Mayor and Borough Council will attend in State. The formal opening will take place on Saturday, November 8th, when, by an arrangement with the "Fund Committee," a quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held. All ringers and subscribers are heartily invited to attend. Tower open at 2.30 p.m., short service at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30, which will be provided free to all those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, November 5th. Will all those who still have collecting cards for the above object return the same before this date?—F. Bennett, 3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.; H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on November 4th and 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 11th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WENTBRIDGE (NEAR PONTEFRACT), YORKSHIRE.—The new chime of bells from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry will be dedicated at a special service in Wentbridge Church on Friday, November 7th, at 10.30 a.m., by the Lord Bishop of Beverley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 4. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, November 8th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, Mon., on Saturday, November 8th, at 4.30. The restored ring of eight bells will be rung for the first time, and will be available for ringing all the evening. Marshfield (8 bells) also available. Tea will be provided free. Will those intending to be present kindly advise the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., not later than Tuesday, November 4th.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 8th. The Cathedral will be open during the afternoon and evening. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, November 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the schoolroom. Nearest station is Goudhurst.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 276th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, G. W. Wild, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th. Tea (followed by meeting) will be provided at the Chappell Hotel at 5.30, 6d. each to members giving notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Little Square, Braintree.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A meeting will be held in Reading on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ring at Caversham (8) at 2.30, and afterwards at St. Lawrence (10), and St. Giles' (8). Tea at the "Rising Sun," at 4.30. Gentlemen are cordially invited. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants, before Nov. 10th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, November 15th. St. Leonard's tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Other details later.—Cyril F. Johnston, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 15th, 1913. Bells available from 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, November 15th. Service at 5 o'clock. Short address by the Rev. J. W. House, Rector of Fryerning. Tea and meeting at 5.45 at the Spread Eagle Hotel, 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. All outstanding subscriptions ought to be paid at this meeting. Ingatestone bells (5) at 3.30, and during the evening. Fryerning bells (5) 3.30 to 4.30, and 7.30 to 9. Members requiring tea kindly notify me not later than first post Wednesday, November 12th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary, Oakley.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursdays, 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. Evening service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.—H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due. Badges may be obtained at 2s. each, post free.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

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THE LATE CAPTAIN GLEN-KIDSTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see in your issue of September 26th a letter written by Mr. Leonard Lewis, who was disappointed to find only one muffled peal rung in respect to the late Capt. A. Glen-Kidston, by the Hereford Diocesan Guild. I must say I was rather disappointed myself, after what the deceased gentleman had done for the Guild, but I do not think it improves matters by rushing into print. Mr. Lewis knows quite well that the peal was not rung by an entire local band, and I question if a peal would have been rung at all, if I had not written to Mr. Hyett, two or three days before the funeral, suggesting that a peal ought to be rung, and offering my services if required. I received a wire late on the night before the funeral asking me and my brother to go. As my brother could not do so, I took another of our ringers with me, and he rang before the funeral service, but he was not wanted in the peal afterwards. I think, therefore, we did our best considering it was impossible for us to get six of our own ringers together to go for a peal.—Yours truly,

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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE BELLS OF SHOREDITCH.

A famous peal of twelve will be heard again to-morrow, rung as in the days of old, for the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, known even to the children through the nursery rhyme, will then be opened after complete restoration. It is long now since their voices resounded in the permutations of a peal, but this enforced silence is at an end. Thanks to the energies of Mr. H. J. Bradley, the tower keeper, the authorities were stirred into action, and it says much for the enthusiasm with which the Vicar and his wardens have taken up the proposal that the work, a stupendous task in so poor a parish, has been carried to such a successful issue. It is the outcome of dogged perseverance, and is a fine example of what can be achieved by determination and united effort. It is a matter not merely for congratulation, but of sincere gratification that one of the most famous peals of bells in London is once again in a ringable condition.

From a ringers' point of view few bells have a more interesting past than those of Shoreditch, for campanological history has been made upon them. Many long peals have been rung in that tower, and more than a century and a quarter ago the College Youths and Cumberlands were vieing with one another in establishing records of their prowess. In February, 1777, the former rang 10,000 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, and the Cumberlands followed it up in May by ringing 10,200, only to see this record go by the board a few days later when the College Youths, "insatiated with glory," as the tablet records, rang a peal of 11,080 changes. The crowning achievement, however, was accomplished by the Cumberlands in the year 1784, when they rang 12,000 of Oxford Treble Ten—a record which stands to this day in Treble Bob Royal. All these peals were rung at Shoreditch, and if for no other reason, they make the bells a ring in which the Exercise has a more than passing interest.

But there is more in it even than this. The renovation which has been carried out restores to London one more of her peals of twelve. There are eight such in the metropolis, and seven are now available for ringing. The one that seems to be gone for good beyond the command of ringers is St. Bride's, Fleet Street, sacrificed to the growing pressure under which we work and live in these days. Situated in the centre of newspaperdom, where work practically never ceases, the bells have been silenced for the sake of those whose strenuous profession calls for the utmost concentration of mind. But if St. Bride's are lost, there is great gratification in knowing that Shoreditch have once more come into their own, and there will be, doubtless, quite a "gathering of the clans" at the inauguration to-morrow.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON	...*Treble*	*ERNEST H. CLARKE	6
ALBERT H. WARD	2	*JOHN FLOWER	7
HERBERT DAY	3	*SAMUEL MASKREY	8
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	*FRED HICKLING	9
J. CHARLES DICKEN	5	*HENRY LETTS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung on the Festival of All Saints.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE R. PYE	..*Treble*	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW	6
CHARLES T. COLES	2	FREDERICK PITSTOW	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ERNEST PYE	9
WILLIAM PYE	5	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung to commemorate the Festival of All Saints.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

FRED G. MAY	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. PEARCE	6
*WILLIAM G. NIPPER	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	7
ALBERT STOWELL	3	HENRY I. HOWELL	8
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	4	ISAAC LONG	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	JOHN H. B. HESSE	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Royal and first attempt. The peal was rung on All Saints' Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM ORSLER	...*Treble*	HOBART E. SMITH	5
*EDWARD JENKINS	2	WILLIAM FLORY	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
*W. STANLEY CLARK	4	JOHN C. SELF	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

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

On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	GEORGE SPENCER	7
*WILLIAM J. NEW	4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Tuesday, October 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*SAMUEL CORBETT	...*Treble*	JESSE SCREEN	5
ALFRED ROWLEY	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
HARRY S. SMITH	3	SAMUEL BAKER	7
WILLIAM R. SMALL	4	†EDWARD F. MITCHELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † Proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. Rung on the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude. Mr. Gough, who hails from Coseley, has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*G. ROBERT MILES	...*Treble*	*DAVID LEGGETT	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	6
ARTHUR WEBBER	3	CHARLES E. FISHER	7
ALFRED E. ACFIELD	4	HARRY R. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for A. Webber, of Great Yarmouth, who rang his first course on the same bell over 40 years ago.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
FRANK V. H. SINKINS	2	†HERBERT COX	6
ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	*JOHN BURT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Dymoke, of Old Windsor, and Mr. W. H. Hammond, who were married on the above date at Lucknow, India.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY DANIELS	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE	2	SAMUEL NEWMAN	6
HAROLD HOLFORD	3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	7
WALTER YEEND	4	ALBERT MARTIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ex.-Sergt. J. Williams, also to Mrs. Newman, mother of the ringers of the treble and 6th.

LONDON.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method, which was composed by Mr. Geo. Baker, and published September 23rd, 1899.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*REV. W. E. COLCHESTER	*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
HENRY WHITE	2	WILFRED ANDREWS	6
ROBERT C. MAYO	3	CHARLES H. RUSSELL	7
WILLIAM H. CRUTE	4	*WALTER BUTT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*CECIL R. CHAMBERLAIN	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
ALFRED FUNNELL	2	ALBERT G. WARNES	6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	3	WILLIAM STEELE	7
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	FRANK R. COPEMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method This was the 50th peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight in December, 1908.

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

ALBERT BOXALL	...*Treble*	EDWARD E. DODD	5
J. H. WHITE	2	ALFRED CLAYTON	6
ALFRED BOXALL	3	JOHN WEBB	7
ROBERT GRIMWOOD	4	JAMES WARWICK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WEBB.

Rung for evening service on the vigil of the Festival of All Saints.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	...*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	5
*EDWARD J. STAFFORD	2	JOHN C. ADAMS	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	THOMAS J. ELTON	7
*ALBERT LITTLE	4	WILLIAM FISHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method and also first in the method on the bells. Rung for the Festival of All Saints and also for the 26th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

DANIEL GILDEN	...*Treble*	MARK BEND	5
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	SIDNEY PROCTOR	6
FRED TURNER	3	SAMUEL BAKER	7
ARTHUR W. WARD	4	THOMAS H. HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Messrs. Turner, Proctor and Hall were elected members previous to starting. Rung on All Saints' Day.

HULL.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS W. DALE ...	...*Treble*	*DAN MEADLEY	5
HENRY JENKINS...	2	*AUSTIN B. COOK	6
CHARLES JACKSON	3	THOMAS WHITFIELD... ...	7
†ERNEST CUTSFORTH... ...	4	JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, M.A., and
Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung on the Festival of All Saints' and in honour of the birthdays of Mr. A. E. West, churchwarden (Sutton) and Mr. T. Harrison, steeplekeeper. The composition is B, page 204, "Grandsire," now rung for the first time.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY & LAWRENCE,
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL WESLEY	5
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	2	THOMAS RILEY	6
EDWARD ROBBINS	3	JOHN FLINT...	7
CHARLES MASON	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung in honour of the opening of the Bazaar in aid of the new Church Hall, by Her Grace the Duchess of Portland.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD	*Treble*	THOMAS BULL	5
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	6
HARRY HOLIFIELD	3	JOHN MONK	7
ALBERT E. LOCK...	4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

Rung in honour of All Saints' Day.

BETCHWORTH.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILLIAM B. JUDD ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HOLMAN	5
JAMES H. JUDD...	2	†THOMAS ARROW...	6
WILLIAM FULLER	3	HENRY A. HOAD	7
GEORGE F. HOAD	4	JAMES SHORT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM ...	...*Treble*	R. HENRY BARTRAM ...	5
SAMUEL COTTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
T. LEONARD ALLEN	3	*FRED STANIFORTH	7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	4	JOSIAH MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. J. Morris' 100th peal and his son's 68th, the odd changes being the combined total. This composition contains the 6th her extent W. and R. and is now rung for the first time. Rung on the Festival of All Saints' Day.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH	*Treble*	JOHN RANCE	5
ARTHUR BAILEY	2	JOSEPH HANDS...	6
SAMUEL PAICE	3	HENRY SIMMONDS	7
FRANK LUSH	4	WILLIAM J. PAICE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival. First peal on the bells by a lady ringer.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD JENNER ...	...*Treble*	*ERNEST LEIGH	5
ALBERT BELTON	2	GEORGE MALYAN	6
JAMES HEASMAN	3	HERBERT MARKWELL ...	7
*WILLIAM LEIGH	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Major. This peal was rung to celebrate the Festival of All Saints', also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. Somers-Cocks (Vicar).

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER...	...*Treble*	*JAMES T. WARD	5
JAMES HOUGHTON	2	*WALTER J. GERMAN ...	6
ALPHÆUS PERKINS	3	†JOHN J. MAWBY	7
JAMES GARRATT	4	WALTER PERKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung at the first attempt. This was the 160th peal on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HENRY W. KIRTON ...	...*Treble*	JAMES WALDEN...	5
ARTHUR EDWARDS	2	JOSEPH ROOTE	6
ARTHUR CHURCH...	3	WILLIAM ALLEN	7
PERCY LETCH	4	JOHN WOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

This peal was rung on the Festival of All Saints' by the local company, and was the first in the method on the bells. It was also the first in the method by all but the ringers of the treble and 2nd, and the first peal on eight bells by the ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 38 cwt.

HARRY FRY	...*Treble*	*HARRY LAWRENCE	5
FREDERICK IBEY	2	GEORGE H. PRUEN... ...	6
WALTER WORGAN	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	7
WALTER FARLEY...	4	WILLIAM CRANDON, JAMES CORAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells. Great credit is due to all the band, especially the conductor, for the way this peal was rung. The back bells go badly, and the excessive noise of 7 and 8 in the belfry, makes peal ringing very difficult.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Messrs. Trollope and Peck were elected members previous to starting.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. M. SKINNER *Treble*	BERTIE F. TURNER 4
JOHN SNELLING 2	FREDERICK SEAGER 5
FREDERICK MANSER 3	GEORGE SNELLING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

F. Manser's 50th peal.

NEWTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK LIGHTNING ...*Treble*	STANLEY E ANDREWS ... 4
*ARTHUR WM. WENLOCK ... 2	THOMAS HAINES 5
HARRY PIGGINS... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First 5040 on tower bells. F. Lightning is the first local ringer to ring a 5000 on these bells. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Stanley Andrews, a much respected member of the Wisbech band, to which all but the ringer of the treble belong, and it was his tenth peal of 5000 changes and upwards.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's of College Single, one of Canterbury Pleasure, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

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

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Kilndown, the Rev. D. W. W. Carmichael, M.A.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1913. in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, Cambridge, Ipswich, London and York. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDRICK DORAN ... ...*Treble*	HARRY TORBLE 4
†ALFRED PRIOR 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	JOHN MOULE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the 80th anniversary of the consecration of the church. Three of the above methods belong to Class III, the rest to Class IV.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PERCY WEBB ... ...*Treble*	*HERBERT WILCOX 4
*ERNEST LANE 2	PERCY MERSON 5
*HERBERT WEBB 3	BARRY WEBB ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs.

FREDERICK A. LICENCE ...*Treble*	CPL.-GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 4
*SAMUEL PETTER 2	HUBERT CHAFFEY 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3	HENRY A. BLACKMAN ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. CHAFFEY.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the Festival of All Saints'.

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

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Exercise, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT E. WOOD ... ..*Treble*	OSCAR GILBEY 4
JOHN SHERLOCK 2	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ... 5
FREDERICK BASHFORD ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Delight, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

*LESTER L. GRAY ... ...*Treble*	DAVID LEGGETT 4
GEORGE ABLITT... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER... ... 5
*GEORGE R. FINCH 3	*WILLIAM B. REEVE... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal in six methods.

CLENCHWARTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. BEAUMONT ... ...*Treble*	W. PAINTER 3
W. STRIKE 2	J. R. WELTON 4
S. G. VINCENT ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by S. G. VINCENT.

Rung to celebrate the home-coming of the Rev. J. P. S. Harris and his bride, after their honeymoon. The Rector is captain of the band.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JAMES HENDRY ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE LINES 4
HENRY W. GAYTON... ... 2	*REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 5
HARRY MEADOWS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven treble bob methods.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE *Treble*	SIDNEY J. PECK 4
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 2	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... 5
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 3	HERBERT FIELDS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

Rung on All Saints' Day.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	HERBERT G. PRATT 5
THOMAS CRANE 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung for the festival of All Saints'.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*ERNEST BROWN... ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR SYMONS 4
ERNEST BULL 2	WALTER FUDGE 5
PERCY MERSON 3	THOMAS SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the Festival of All Saints', and as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Thomas, a former member of this band, who was married on the previous Wednesday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 30, 1913, in Two Hours.
AT THE LION HOTEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

GEORGE PANNELL ... ... 1—2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3—4
OLAVE BROYD... ... ... 5—6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
Umpire: ERNEST PEARSON.
Witnesses: GEORGE WALFORD and FREDERICK ARTISS.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MERVYN DUCK... ... ... 1—2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER... 5—6
ALBERT COATES ... ... 3—4	FRANK S. HODGSON ... 7—8

Composed by GEORGE CROSS and
Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

PAID NOT TO RING.

BELLS THAT DID NOT ACCLAIM THE KING.

The small and ancient town of Southam is situated in a rather inaccessible part of the county of Warwickshire, but the Church of St. James' now possesses a nice ring of eight bells, and the Rector, the Rev. J. Hart-Davies, is most anxious to see change ringing established firmly in the tower. The original ring was one of six bells, the first three of which were recast by Mears and Co. in 1863, while the last three are dated 1615, 1650 and 1676 respectively. The fourth is by Watts, of Leicester, the fifth by John Martin, of Worcester, and the tenor by Henry Bagley. Recently Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were requisitioned to provide two new trebles and rehang the whole ring. This has been done in the firm's usual satisfactory way, and the only disadvantages felt at present are the very small dimensions of the ringing chamber and rather too much noise.

A somewhat unusual note is found is the churchwardens' accounts for 1641, as follows:—

Paid to the King's footmen, who sealed up the church doors for not ringing when the King came to town ..... 6s. 8d.
Paid also to them for not ringing when the King went out of the town ..... 5s. 0d.

The door of the tower and the trap-door of the ringing chamber—the latter apparently constructed for men of only normal size—were wide open, however, on Saturday week to the members of the Warwickshire Guild for their quarterly meeting, and two things, no doubt, were responsible for bringing together a very representative company. First, favourable cycling weather; and, second, the fact that it was the first opportunity for many to have a ring on the new octave. The ringers present numbered about thirty, and hailed from Allesley, Coventry, Rugby, Fenny Compton, Walsall, Northampton, Stratford-on-Avon, and Southam, and including Mr. J. W. Taylor of Loughborough. The President, the Rev. Alan Williams, also motored over from Warwick, and presided at the committee meeting before tea, and also at tea. The latter was partaken of at the Craven Arms Hotel, and the business meeting held afterwards. Chilvers Coton was selected as the place for the next quarterly meeting, in January, 1914, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Southam for his kind permission to use the bells, and for his interest in the Guild.

The Rev. C. C. Cox, on behalf of the members, expressed to Mr. J. H. White, of Coventry, their appreciation of his efforts to instil the Art into the minds of the local ringers. He was appointed instructor to the band a short time ago, and it speaks volumes for his energy and abilities that after eight weekly visits his pupils were able to ring their first six-scores of Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering. The best wishes of the Guild were given him in his work.—Mr. White thanked the members present, and looked forward with much hope to obtaining a good set of change ringers in Southam.

Some good touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, in which the local men took part, and the methods included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

ECKINGTON BELLS OPENED.

The opening of the bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Eckington, Derbyshire, took place on Saturday, the first touches—504 Grandsire Triples and 336 Bob Major—being rung by the following Sheffield ringers: Messrs. G. O. Dixon and J. Atkin (Parish Church), G. F. Sarel, J. Dixon (St. Maries'), W. Biggin, E. James, F. Allen, T. O'Hara and A. James (Norton). Ringers from Killamarsh and Staveley afterwards joined the company, and touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were brought round by mixed bands.

The restoration has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, who have erected a new steel frame, and retuned the bells. The rehanging has been admirably carried out, the "go" of the bells being everything that can be desired. The Rector (the Rev. W. H. H. Hewson) and the Church authorities are to be congratulated, not only upon the restoration of the bells and frame, but also of the fabric, a sum of about £1,100 having been spent altogether This was a gigantic undertaking for a mining district.

The once capable band at Eckington have been split up by death and other causes, and it now depends upon the young men to fill their places, so that the Rector and those who have done so much to carry out the restoration will not have spent their labour in vain.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Cuckfield on Saturday, and was very well attended, over forty members being present. The bells were kept going until five o'clock, when a short service—led by the choir—was held in Church. The members then assembled at the Institute for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Fisher), who afterwards gave a brief history of the capital peal of bells which Cuckfield possesses.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—Eight new members were elected.—A discussion followed as to whether a quarterly peal should be attempted, and it was decided that one should take place at Cuckfield, the Divisional Secretary to make arrangements.—The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea for the members, and welcoming them to Cuckfield, to which Mr. Fisher replied. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going in various methods (including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise) until close on 9 o'clock.

A very gratifying feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present. The following towers were represented: Brighton, Crawley, Burgess Hill, Lindfield, Balcombe, Twincham, Hurstpierpoint and Ifield, strongly supported by the local band.

Although the attendance was about the average, it is felt that more should take the opportunity of benefiting by the combined practice obtained at these meetings.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Sept. 28th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: C. Aylett 1, A. Wilson 2, H. Hastings 3, J. Taylor (first with a bob bell) 4, R. Green 5, H. Kettle (conductor) 6. First 720 by a local band. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by H. Kettle.

PRESENTATION TO A SUSSEX RINGER.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED.

For more than 25 years, Mr. Alfred J. Turner has been connected with the belfry of Southover Church, Lewes, and for 21 years now he has acted as " captain " of the ringers there. Indeed there have been periods in the vicissitudes of the Southover Guild when, but for his perseverance in getting new members and teaching them the elements of the art, the society would have ceased to exist. It was fitting, therefore, on attaining his " majority " in the leadership of the band that the members and friends should recognise his services in some tangible way.

Mr. Turner is widely known among Sussex ringers, and has rendered good service to the Sussex Association, for whom he has rung upwards of 250 peals. On Wednesday of last week the annual dinner of the Southover Guild was held at the headquarters, the King's Head, and the opportunity was taken advantage of to present Mr. Turner with a gold watch chain and bell pendant. This little ceremony was one of the most pleasing features of a very enjoyable evening. The proceedings were presided over by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Windle), who is president of the Guild, and among those present were the Rev. A. S. Dendy (curate), Messrs. J. R. Lusted, J. T. Glandfield, H. E. White and F. A. Walston (vice-presidents), A. J. Turner (captain), E. J. Pannett (hon. secretary), H. W. Coupe, G. H. Sturt, F. S. Sturt, C. Errey, G. W. Moppett, E. Bish (Ditchling), J. Feist (Ditchling), J. Hart (Uckfield), etc.

After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the Rev. A. S. Dendy submitted " Success to the Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild." He said he had been in Australia for 35 years, and the bells he heard out there were principally cattle and sheep bells (laughter). In the churches there was usually only one bell, and that was generally cracked (laughter). He had, however, learned to appreciate a good toned bell, and he, therefore, appreciated Southover bells. The position of a bell ringer, he continued, was a very sacred one, and the bells themselves were all the time giving out some message. His wish was that the bells might never grow fewer, that their tone would always be pure, and that the sound would always be carried forth calling men and women to the worship of God. The Church was under a deep obligation to the bell ringers, and recognised their arduous task.

THE PRESENTATION.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Mr. E. J. Pannett replied. The Southover Guild, he said, had 18 active members, but they had not made the progress in the art of change ringing that he would have wished. The only way to improve was by regular attendance. Nevertheless, with help from outside, several peals had been rung during the year.—Mr. Glandfield having spoken in appreciative terms of the services of the ringers, the Chairman handed to Mr. A. J. Turner a gold watch chain, with a gold bell attached. He made the presentation on behalf of the members of the Guild and friends, and said that during the few months he had been in Southover he had very much appreciated Mr. Turner's leadership of the bell ringers. The captain of the Guild was the most important member, and a great deal depended on him. He must show personal influence and example, so that when the time came for him to retire from his captainship there would be another who would be capable of the position he was to be elected to. He hoped, however, that Mr. Turner would be spared for many years to captain the Guild (applause).



MR. A. J. TURNER.

The gift was from members of the Southover Bell Ringers' Guild and friends, and the bell bore the inscription " Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild. Alfred J. Turner, 21 years captain. October, 1913." The gift was accompanied with an address, on which were the names of the subscribers.

Mr. Turner, in reply, said the gift was the best he had ever received. It was not only the value of the gift he appreciated, but what came with it. It showed their friendship. For what little he had done he was amply repaid that night, and when the time came, as the Rector had said, when he would have to go, that gift would always remind him of the very happy times he had spent with the Guild. As long as he could he would do everything in his power for the Guild, and he would never forget the tribute they had paid him that evening (applause).

" The President and Vice-Presidents " was proposed by Mr. F. S. Sturt, and was replied to by the Chairman, and Messrs. Lusted, Glandfield, White and Walston.—Mr. J. R. Lusted said he was pleased to say the Guild was prospering now more than it had ever done. He congratulated the energetic hon. secretary on the excellent work he did, and hoped Mr. Pannett would be spared for many years to be among them. He hoped the ringers would all become members of the C.E.M.S., and that he would have the pleasure at the next monthly meeting of proposing them all as members, so that the Rector could admit them (applause).

The toast of " The Hostess " was also honoured, and when the Chairman had to leave his place was taken by Mr. Glandfield, who heartily thanked Mr. Lusted for his work on behalf of the Guild.—During the evening a capital musical programme was enjoyed.

TREBLE BOB CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Let me hasten to assure Mr. Parker that I have not the slightest wish to discourage the ringing of Surfleet Caters, even if I could do so. I am not deeply concerned as to whether Mr. James' method is, or is not, Treble Bob, but I am concerned about his claim (made nearly a century too late) to have rung the first peal of Treble Bob Caters.

Personally, I do not agree that " Surfleet " is Treble Bob at all, but I do not intend to enter into any discussion on this point, feeling, as I do, that it can very well be left to the recognised experts in method building, most of whom are apparently of the same opinion as myself.

What I do intend to do is to maintain, both now and in future, that the first peal of Treble Bob Caters ever rung was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 7th, 1817, by members of the Guild of which I now have the honour of being secretary. In this connection I thank Mr. Armiger Trollope for his straightforward statement of the fact that " The Birmingham men were correct when they called what they rang Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Caters."

The entry recording this peal in our Peal Book, with its footnote, " This is the first peal of Caters ever rung in this method," will be handed on to our successors exactly as it was handed down to us by our forefathers.

In conclusion, will those ringers in different parts of the country who have written me personally expressing approval of my action in defending the performances of the men of a bygone age, kindly accept my best thanks, as I really cannot undertake to acknowledge each one individually.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Hon. Sec. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Hunts District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Huntingdon on Saturday week. There were about 20 ringers present, the attendance including the Rev. K. D. Knowles, Vicar of Brampton; the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton (district secretary); Messrs. J. Goss and G. W. Coleman (committee), and ringers from Huntingdon (2), St. Noets (3), Chatteris (2), Brampton (7), Pondsbridge (1), Long Stanton (2), Ramsey (1) and Somersham (1). The proceedings commenced with a short service at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gardner (Vicar of Huntington), at which the Archdeacon of Huntingdon gave a most interesting address.

The tea and meeting which followed were held in St. Mary's Parish Room. The Rev. W. R. Gardner was in the chair, and the following were elected members of the Association: Messrs. William and Edward Abraham, William and John Allen, G. H. Boyce and William Henley (Brampton), and Mr. J. Willis (Pondsbridge).—It was decided to hold the next meeting if possible at Hemingford Grey towards the end of January.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Huntingdon for kindly making the arrangements, and presiding, and also to Archdeacon Vesey.

The touches included at St. Mary's, 336 Grandsire Triples: R. Gamble 1, J. Smart 2, H. Fields 3, F. Creasey 4, G. D. Coleman 5, E. C. Chasty 6. W. J. Goss 7, J. Willis 8: also 224 Bob Major, both conducted by G. D. Coleman. At All Saints', 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Creasey 1, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 2, D. Crashley 3, E. C. Chasty 4, H. Fields 5, F. Rowlinson 6: and 216 Bob Minor conducted by E. C. Chasty.

DEDICATION OF SURREY CHURCHES

Mr. J. Beams, of Banstead, writes to point out errors which have been made by those recording Surrey Association peals recently at two Surrey Churches. The Church at Redhill, he says, is dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, and not St. John the Baptist; and that at Hammerwood to St. Stephen, and not to St. Mary.

Our own view of these matters is that they entirely lose their value when they are inaccurate.

JOSIAH MORRIS' 100 PEALS.

The following is the list of 100 peals rung by Mr. J. Morris, of Leicester: Grandsire Triples, 17: Major, 2; Caters, 10, including, 7001; Bob Minor, 1; Triples, 2; Major, 17; Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 17, including 10,176; Royal, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 1; Stedman Triples, 6: Caters, 5: Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 17, including 11,008 and 17,104 Record: total, 100. Rung in 24 towers.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

"BOSTON STUMP."

We give on this page a picture of St. Botolph's Church, Boston, Lincs (familiarly known as "Boston Stump"), where a peal of Stedman Triples was rung recently under most difficult conditions by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. There does not appear to be any authentic record of a previous peal having been rung here, but tradition has it that a peal was rung after the Battle of Waterloo, and that as it was the only one accomplished in celebration of the event, the ringers were taken to London, and feasted and made much of. Mention has already been made in these columns of the unique ringing chamber, which is a tremendous size, and of the dome which rises in the centre and hides nearly all of each ringer from the one opposite. The bells swing so near overhead



"BOSTON STUMP."

that a tall man could almost touch them if there were no floor. Naturally the noise is terrific, and the most brazen-throated bob-caller can, with difficulty, make himself heard, which means, of course, that a peal can only be accomplished practically without a trip. The sallies are worn down to the bare rope with passing round the wheels, and every rope, from treble to tenor, must be slipped through the hand from the sally pull, or they will cast wheel; and, in addition, not the slightest amount of slack rope must be allowed. In damp weather the task of keeping the ropes on the wheels is almost hopeless. The very short draught appears to account for the liability to cast wheel, for the wheels themselves seem fairly true.

St. Botolph's Church is one of the most striking and majestic in the kingdom. Its impressiveness arises from the glory of its lofty tower, and the vastness of its interior. The body of the church is mainly pure, rich decorated of the time of Edward III, and the tower is one of the finest examples of perpendicular work in existence. The exquisite octagonal open lantern at the top of the tower served the purpose of a beacon light to guide mariners entering the Witham from the Wash. The interior of the tower is open to a height of 156 feet, culminating in the dome mentioned above, and the total height to the top of the lantern, from which a magnificent view is obtained, is nearly 300 feet. On a clear day Lincoln Minster, 30 miles away, and Tattershall Castle may be plainly seen. The following divisions of time are represented in the building: 60 steps to the chancel roof (seconds and minutes); 24 steps to the library (hours); seven doors to the church (days in the week); 52 windows (weeks in the year); 12 pillars (months in the year); and 365 steps in the tower (days in the year).

In addition to the ring of eight, there are four additional bells, which were cast out of a former carillon set of thirty-six.

1 and 2. H. Ingram, G. Bryan, W. Bonsfield, Churchwardens, 1785, T. Osborn, Fecit.
3.—1772.
4.—John Gamble, Edward Bell, John Jessop, Churchwardens, 1710.
5.—All Glory Bee to God on High, 1657.
6.—Robt. Wilby; Mayor, Thos. Hardwick; Samuel Obbinson and Jno. Scrimsher, Churchwardens; Jno. Calthrop, Vicar; Jno. Linton, Lecturer, Tho Gayre Pryotechnus, de Kettering, Fecit 1758.
7.—John Calthrop, Vicar; Thomas Cheyney, John Lowe, John Betts, Churchwardens, 1772.
8.—G. B. Blenkin, M.A., Vicar; W. Gee, J. E. Ridlington, R. M. Dingwell, Churchwardens. Blessed is the People that Know the Jouful Sound. Me Fudit. A. L. Vandengheyn, Lovanii, MDCCCLVII.

ODD CHANGES.

Last Saturday the Irthlingborough ringers celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of the bells by ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise on them. It was the 160th peal on the bells, and the inquiry comes: Is there any other tower where there have been more peals rung in the time? Irthlingborough's is certainly a good record. Where is the next best?

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A party of eight visited Rock, Worcestershire, last week end and rang Stedman Triples on Saturday night, Double Norwich for morning service on Sunday, and Superlative for evening service. Not a bad week end! The bells at Rock have just been restored, the tenor recast and two trebles added by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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At Irthlingborough on Sunday the bells were rung half muffled for those who perished in the colliery disaster at Senghenydd. Five Surprise methods were rung during the day, including London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and a new Surprise method introduced by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Double Norwich and Stedman were also rung. Those who shared the ringing were W. Perkins, W. German, J. Houghton, A. Perkins, J. Garratt, J. Mawby, H. Horn, J. Ward, A. Tyler and G. Dawning.

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It spells enthusiasm when ringers will cycle 72 miles for a peal, as did Mr. C. Edwards, of Farnham, Surrey, and Corpl. Gilbert, of Aldershot, before ringing the peal of Stedman Caters at Lewes, Sussex, on Saturday week. But those who know what Mr. Edwards has done to stir up interest in ringing in the towers round about Farnham will not be surprised at such keenness in him.

We hear that the scheme for providing St. Peter's Church, Brighton, with a new peal of bells is well advanced. It is proposed to have a ring of ten with a tenor of about 25 cwt. They will be hung in a two-tier frame, much lower in the tower than the present peal, thus substantially reducing the present long draft of rope. The funds necessary for the new bells and erection have been already subscribed or promised, and the only liability is about £40 for alterations to clock hammers, deadening floor, guides in the ringing room, etc. It is hoped that the opening may take place immediately after Easter.

CAVERSHAM MAJOR.

MR. WASHBROOK AND HIS METHOD.

HIS VIEWS ON STEDMAN.

The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn writes as follows:—With Mr. Washbrook's permission, indeed I may say at his suggestion, I am asking you to publish the letter enclosed, which I have received from him on the subject of the classification of the method composed by him and recently rung by the Caversham band, and published as Surprise Principle. I think his letter will be of considerable interest to many of your readers, as will also the announcement that by the desire of the performing band, and with the consent of the composer, the method shall be called, "Caversham Major."

The letter Mr. Washbrook addressed to the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn is as follows:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—I was glad to get your letter re the new method. I am quite willing to leave it in your hands to select the name. I am sorry not to have been able to satisfy the majority of people that the method is a Surprise Principle, but, as the trouble seems to be merely in the name, I don't know that it matters.

I built the method for the purpose of giving the Exercise something more difficult and interesting to ring, and at the same time taking care that it should contain the finest of bell music. In my opinion, the construction of the thing is much more elaborate than any other Principle, as it contains all that is necessary to warrant my first idea of a name for it. While it embodies the natural work of a Principle it has the work of a Surprise at the same time.

The modern idea of what is a Surprise and what is a Principle is

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altogether. The old masters who built up these things had quite a different meaning. It was this: any method with alteration only at the treble lead was a plain method; methods with places when the treble was in other positions were called Delights and Exercises, but a method that had places in Surprise positions, made all kinds of ways, was a Surprise. Is that not so? Now, how comes the idea that a Principle, which word indicates that all the bells do the same work (i.e., have no "guiding bell") could not have its Delights, Exercises and Surprises? I am sure that it should be so; they should have them. Perhaps we have hardly arrived at this point of understanding yet.

Now, I would like to say a few words about Stedman, which Mr. James argues is not a Principle, and was not intended to be used as we use it, and that the quick six should be a bob six. If this is true, how was it that Stedman used a quick six to start his method? It is simply natural that he should do so. When he started to build a method on the three-bell plan, with no experience of back and hand leads, he would most certainly write off in this way: 1 2 3, 2 1 3, 2 3 1, 3 2 1, 3 1 2, 1 3 2, 1 2 3. Here you have what we call a quick six, but he found that he could not break away from this only in the middle of the six owing to the bells coming home. Then the idea of the slow six probably dawned upon him, and he used it to form a shunt in a Principle exactly the same as he used the 3rd's place to form a shunt in Grandsire; however admit that the use of 5th's place in Stedman Triples was a step in the wrong direction, as the bob shunt in all systems should be merely an extra plain shunt. Therefore, when Stedman was extended to Triples it should have been three quick sixes and one slow, and whenever a bob was used it should alter a quick six to a slow. Of course the men who altered the thing did it in the interest of simplicity, by not altering the front works.—Yours truly,

J. W. WASHBROOK.

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Amount already acknowledged, £7 13s. 10d.; Mr. Turner, Rayne, 5s.; J. Clayden, Rayne, 2s. 6d.; G. Barnard, Rayne, 2s.; L. Richardson, Rayne, 2s.; E. Chalk, Heydridge, 1s.; G. Margetson, Chigwell, 2s. 6d.; W. Watts, Stansted, 1s. 6d.; P. Sayer, Great Totham, 1s.; Widford Ringers, 3s.; Barking Ringers, 5s. 6d.; Harlow Common Ringers, 5s.; Walthamstow St. Saviour's, 2s.; Great Tey, 3s.; Great Baddow, 4s. 3d.; Danbury, 5s.; Wanstead, 4s. 6d.; total, £10 3s. 7d.

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I perused the Rev. E. S. Powell's amusing letter, and while I don't mind the colour of his language, I consider he should master the elements of the subject before adjudicating. His letters are nearly as good as false peals, as a charge of piracy was never made. On the contrary, it was pointed out to the gentleman concerned, in friendly terms, that such variations or extracts were obtainable by a more simple process than actual composing, and here was the opportunity for a graceful retreat from the untenable position he had taken. But to favour his vain contention, as the reverend gentleman did, is to encourage would-be composers to follow the same line, and hand over a premium for plagiarism.

After evading my query with sublime simplicity almost he actually asks my opinion upon the four 5040's, as given in Vol. ii, page 232. In answer to this, I may say I replied to this question during our correspondence, and do not care to make a second statement. Further, I do not feel inclined to appraise the 5040's variations, extracted from the original peals of 9720 changes by myself and old friends, as I am doubtful if I could do justice, although truthfully I should say "Well done, old chap, you have reduced a long peal to a short one very nicely, and its a clever cut."

Lastly, I am asked to pass judgment upon my own and colleagues' views in the late controversy on this subject, and while I do not care for the job, kindly let me say there are no two gentlemen in the Exercise, who are more respected and none better acquainted with the subject and points at issue, and none better qualified to give sound judgment in this matter than Mr. Hattersley and Mr. Pitstow. I would advise the Rev. E. S. Powell to read up the correspondence again and revive his memory. Should he not clearly see and understand the justness of our claim, let me here tell him plainly that any conductor or bob caller adding a bob to Lockwood's 9120 Treble Bob, as mentioned in my first letter, and claiming it as his own composition, would be branded as a peal snatcher outright, and no one knows this fact better than the gentlemen concerned in the 5040's under notice.

H. DAINS.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Blagdon, some 47 members being present, representing Blagdon, Bridgwater, Burnham, Berrow, Cheddar, Congresbury, Midsomer Norton, Weston-super-Mare, East Brent, Uphill, Kewstoke, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a capital address was given by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Lambrick). Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, after which the business meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Rector, in the absence of the President.—Four honorary and two performing members were elected. Burnham and Kewstoke were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and Burnham was selected.—The next intermediate meeting will be held at Kewstoke.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. M. Lambrick for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for his able address, and for presiding at the meeting.—During the meeting a letter was read with regard to the restoration of Butcombe Church, and a collection was made on behalf of the fund by which a sum of 13s. 6½d. was realised.

During the afternoon and evening several good touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

BIBLICAL BELLS.

"Anxious Inquirer" is informed that so far as we are aware there are only three chapters in the Bible where bells are mentioned, viz., in Exodus xxviii, 33, 34; and Exodus xxxix, 25, 26, in the description of the robe of Aaron; and in Zechariah xiv, 20: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses Holiness unto the Lord."

GUILDFORD SURPRISE PEAL FALSE.

To the Editor

Sir,—I am sorry to have to withdraw the peal of Guildford Surprise, rung at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on October 17th, which, through no fault of Mr. F. A. Holden, whose composition I called, is false. I quite understood that all peals of Bristol and Treble Bob would be true, but this is not so. I should like to take this opportunity, through "The Ringing World," of thanking Mr. G. Lindoff for his trouble and the kind manner he pointed this out to me. I can only offer my humble apology to the company, and hope we shall be able to make another attempt as soon as the bells are obtainable.—Yours faithfully,

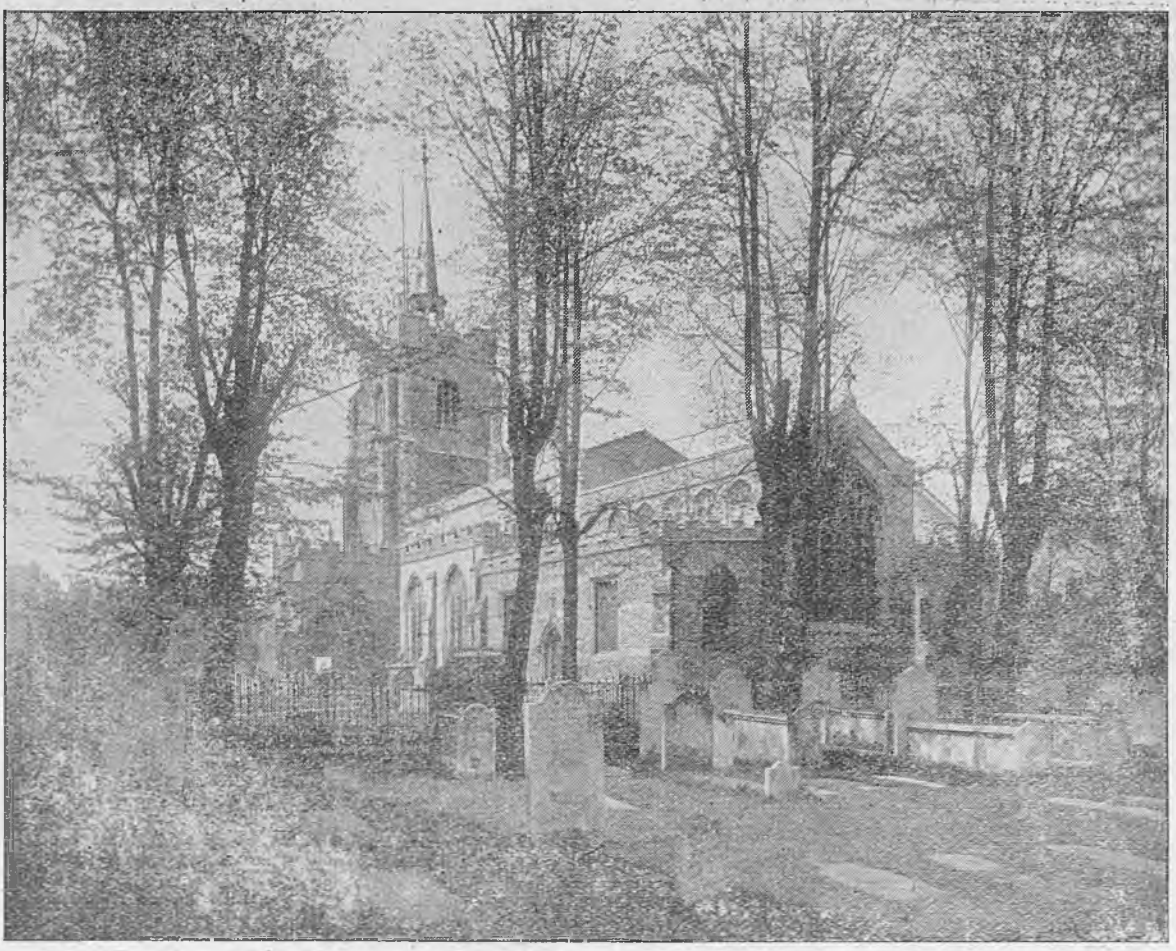
A. H. PULLING.

PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Peterborough Association was held at Glinton, on Saturday. Mr. F. T. Cooke presided, in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. F. Almond), and two new members were elected.

Ringers were present from: Maxey (2), Fleet (1), Yaxley (2), Stamford (4), West Deeping (1), Littleworth (2), Bourne (2), Edenham (1), Castor (1), Peterborough (6), and the local band (6). After tea, the members attended evensong, at which the Rector officiated. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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

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SHOREDITCH BELLS.

RE-OPENING TO-MORROW.

The famous bells of Shoreditch are to be re-opened to-morrow. On Monday they were dedicated by the Bishop of Stepney at festal evensong, a large congregation being present, including the Mayor and members of the Borough Council.

At to-morrow's opening the bells will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m., and at 4.30 there will be a service, at which the Rev. G. F. Coleridge will be the preacher.

A very successful concert in aid of the bells fund was held at Shoreditch Town Hall, on Thursday of last week.

The restoration, as is well known, has been carried out by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

The four old trebles have been recast, and all the bells have been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and St. Leonard's thus possesses the only ring of 12 bells in London tuned by this method. The whole of the oak framework has been cleared out of the tower, and one of Messrs. Warner and Sons' special pattern all-steel bell frames in two tiers has been erected. This steel frame is on the same principle as that for the new ring of twelve at Chelmsford Cathedral, but with the difference that seven of the ring are below and five above, and, notwithstanding this fact, it is entirely independent of the walls, being built up from the four main girders which are built into the walls just above the old floor. Provision has been made in the frame for a semi-tone bell to be added at a later date, so as to obtain a light ring of eight bells based upon a 10¼ cwt. tenor in the key of G.

The bells are all fitted with cast iron headstocks, and latest pattern fittings, together with Messrs. Warner and Son's new patent self-aligning bearings, fitted with oil rings and grease boxes, which have been such a great success at Chelmsford Cathedral.

It will come as a great surprise to ringers when they visit the belfry to find such an extraordinary revolution in what has become to be regarded as the standard type of bell frame, as the new framework for St. Leonard's Church is designed upon the latest practice in constructional engineering.

Appended are the inscriptions:—

Treble.— E. R. Ford, Vicar; W. Field and R. Howard Wall, Churchwardens. The expense of recasting me was borne by the Right Honourable Humphrey Napier, Baron Alington, K.C.V.O. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1913.

2nd.—The treble and this bell were given by the Royal Cumberland Youths, 1807. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1913.

3rd.—Cast 1765. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1913. This ring of 12 was restored through the efforts of Hubert J. Bradley, Steeplekeeper.

4th.—Cast 1765. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1913. The expense of recasting me was borne by Jeremiah Rotherham and Co., Ltd.

5th.—Tho Lester made me 1739.

6th.—At proper time my voice il raise and sound to my subscribers prais—Tho. Lester.

7th.—Thomas Lester made me 1739.

8th.—Thomas Lester made me 1739.

9th.—Thos. Dunn, Wm. Goswell, Builders of the Church. Thomas Lester made me 1739.

10th.—Henry Wheatley and Joh. Hart, Churchwarden, 1739. Thos. Lester.

11th.—Richard Tillsley and John Hiller, Churchwarden, 1739. Thomas Lester made me.

Tenor.—William Blews and Son, Founders, Birmingham, 1875. This bell was recast and the whole of the peal placed in an efficient condition in the above year by voluntary subscription. Rev. T. S. Evans, M.A., Vicar. Committee: A. G. Critchfield, L. R. Sackell, (Churchwardens), J. J. Lascelles, J. Pettett, F. M. Wemborn, E. Moffatt, H. V. Chichester, T. W. Hodges, Overseers. G. Davis, Secretary to the Committee.

The weights and notes of the bells are as follow:—

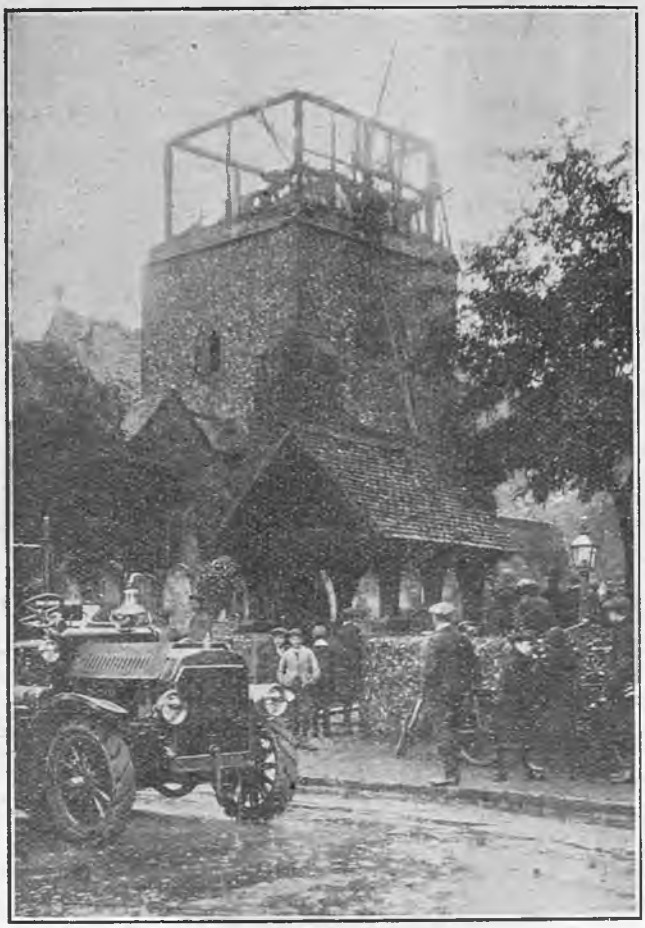
	Notes.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
Treble	G.	4	1	0
2nd	F.	4	1	26
3rd	E.	4	2	22
4th	D.	5	0	16
5th	C.	6	1	26
6th	B.	6	2	10
7th	A.	8	2	0
8th	G.	10	1	8
9th	F.	11	2	2
10th	E.	13	0	6
11th	D.	18	2	0
Tenor	C.	28	1	14
Tons	6	1	3	18

In connection with the opening of the bells, ringers will be welcomed at the Spitalfields Foundry, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12 o'clock. The foundry is reached from Bishopsgate Street, by way of Brushfield Street, Commercial Street, Church Street, Brick Lane, Heneage Street, and Spelman Street; from High Street, Shoreditch, by way of Commercial Street and Hanbury Street, into Brick Lane.

THE DESTRUCTION OF CLANDON TOWER.

The striking photograph which we give on this page shows the destruction wrought by the fire at West Clandon Church last week. As reported in our last issue, the steeple, which reached to a height of about 130ft., and everything inside the tower was destroyed, but happily the damage is covered by insurance. It is rather remarkable that only on the night before the fire a cheque was signed and dispatched to the Ecclesiastical Insurance office, increasing the amount of the policy on the building, and although the remittance had not reached the insurance office when the fire broke out, the company, having had the circumstances laid before them, have generously agreed to regard the new policy as in force at the time of the fire, and to pay the claim accordingly.

It is expected, therefore, that the authorities will be able to proceed



almost immediately to restore the steeple and replace the bells, to repair the organ, which was damaged by water and steam, and to carry out minor repairs to the decoration, furniture, etc., of the church. Sufficient metal was recovered to recast the three largest bells, and now that the work has, perforce, to be undertaken, it would be an excellent opportunity to increase the peal to the full octave. At any rate, the six bells will be replaced, and we are glad to hear that the peal boards will also be renewed.

In our picture the charred beams of the bell frame will be seen resting on the tower walls. The picture was taken before the fire was finally subdued, and the Guildford Motor Fire Engine at work can be observed in the foreground, while a fireman mounted on the top of an escape is directing a delivery on to the burning building.

PLYMOUTH. — The Devon Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 52 mins.: F. Lewis 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. Mitchelmore 3, W. Richards 4, W. Hambyn 5, W. Shears 6, G. H. Myers (conductor) 7, G. E. Parr, senr., 8. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

WEST EALING.—For the evening service, at St. Stephen's, on Oct. 12th, various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung, conducted by J. R. Mackman and J. A. Trollope, the following ringers taking part: Miss Alice Jones, J. Crocker, Geo. Edwards, A. Harding, Geo. Harbour, H. Lidbetter, H. Noakes, Geo. Spencer and W. Lawrence.

GLOUCESTER SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following methods on ten and twelve bells are produced by exactly the same laws of construction that make Gloucester Surprise Major, and if there are such things as Gloucester Royal and Maximus these are they. The question I should like to have answered is this: Is the work of the individual bells sufficiently alike to call all three by the same name—Gloucester Surprise? There is another version just as close to the Major in construction, but hardly so near in work.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
21436587	2143658709	2143658709te
12435678	1243567890	1243567890et
21346587	2134658709	2134658709te
23145678	2314567890	2314567890et
32416587	3241658709	3241658709te
23146857	2314685079	2314685079e
32418675	3241860597	32418605t7e9
23481657	2348165079	2348165079e
32846175	3284610597	32846105t7e9
32481657	3248165079	32481650t9e
23846175	2384610597	23846105t7e9
32486715	3248601957	3248601t5e79
23847651	2384069175	238406t1e597
32846715	3284601957	3284601t5e79
23487651	2348069175	234806t1e597
24378561	2340896715	32408t6e1957
42735816	2304987651	2304t8e69175
24738561	3204896715	32048t6e1957
42375816	2340987651	2340t8e69175
24735186	2439078561	324t0e896715
42371568	4293705816	23t4e0987651
42735186	2493078561	32t40e896715
24371568	4239705816	234te0987651
42317586	2437950186	243et8078561
24135768	4273591068	42e39t705816
42315678	2473950186	24e3t9078561
24136587	4237591068	423e9t705816
21435678	2473519608	2439e7t50186
12346587	4237156930	42937e5t1068
21345678	4273519608	2493e7t50186
12436587	2437156980	42397e5t1068
14263857	4231759608	243795e1t608
	2413576980	4273591e6t80
	4231567890	247395e1t608
	2413658709	4237591e6t80
	2143567890	24735196e8t0
	1234658709	423715698e0t
	2134567890	42735196e8t0
	1243658709	243715698e0t
	1426385079	42317596e8t0
		241357698e0t
		4231567890et
		2413658709te
		2143567890et
		1234658709te
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		1243658709te
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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade Branch of the Beds Association was held at Old Warden, on Saturday, when nearly 20 members attended from Potton, Sandy, Northill, Blunham, Biggleswade and Clifton, together with several of the local band. Good practice in various methods was had upon the bells, a nice peal of six by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

At the meeting held in the belfry, and presided over by Mr. W. J. Mayes, of Old Warden, one member was elected, and the resignation was received of the branch secretary (Mr. F. Blood), who will be leaving the district in a few weeks. His resignation was accepted with regret.—Mr. H. Rowlett, of Biggleswade, thanked Mr. Blood for all he had done for the branch, and said how sorry the members were that he was going to leave them, because he had worked extremely hard to better the condition of the Art in that part of Bedfordshire. At the same time they wished him success wherever he went.—Mr. Blood, in reply, said how sorry he was to leave them all. He would always carry with him the memory of his stay in Bedfordshire, and he hoped the work he had helped to start would continue and prosper, and that the branch would be a great success.

Mr. E. Stratton, of Biggleswade, was elected secretary pro tem.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, and to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells, terminated the meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch of this Association held its quarterly meeting on Saturday. By the kind invitation of the branch president (the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill), the gathering took place at Leigh-on-Mendip. Ringers began to arrive about 3 p.m., and soon the tuneful peal of six was set going to Grandsire, etc. A very bright service, conducted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, was most heartily enjoyed. After service, the members, about 50 in number, adjourned to the Church Institute, where a most substantial repast, generously provided by the popular president, was vigorously attacked and promptly disposed of. Subsequently, the usual business meeting, with the President as chairman, took place. New members were elected, and the place of the next quarterly meeting was discussed. Camerton was ultimately selected as the rendezvous, the meeting to take place on the last Saturday in January, 1914. The business proceedings concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Honnywill for their great kindness in so very many ways to the Branch, and particularly for their generosity that day, the members being keenly alive to the fact that they are most fortunate in having such a genial and warm-hearted gentleman as their President. — A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the hon. secretary (Mr. I. B. Holmyard).—Both votes of thanks were suitably responded to. Business concluded, the ringing chamber was again the general resort, and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and Bob Minor were well struck and much enjoyed.

Among the towers represented were: Frome, Nunney, Wanstrow, Doulting, Leigh-on-Mendip, Camerton, High Littleton, Chewton-Mendip, Stow Easton, Midsomer Norton. As the evening wore on, the members began gradually to disperse, and it was the general opinion that the day had been thoroughly enjoyable, and the meeting one of the most successful in the history of the branch.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Crayford, on Saturday week. Owing to the accident on the S.E. and C. Railway, a good number did not reach the church in time for the service at which an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. Gustavus Jones (Rector) from St. Matt. xxi, 28. "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

Tea followed in St. Paulinus Hall, to which 69 sat down, including the Rector, the Revs. W. B. Lord, and W. J. Bloomfield, and Mr. E. R. Stoneham (churchwarden). At the business meeting, which followed, the Rector presided. St. Margaret's, Lee, and Lewisham, were proposed as the place of the next quarterly meeting, the latter being carried by a large majority, for the third Saturday in January, 1914.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge, senr.) then read his annual report, which was adopted, and a vote of thanks accorded him for it. He was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. W. J. Jeffries was re-elected district representative.

A discussion then took place on the Benevolent Fund, and the District Representative was asked to move the insertion of an amending word at the coming committee meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his address, the use of the bells, and presiding, to the Revs. Lord and Bloomfield, and Mr. C. R. Stoneham for meeting the ringers, to Mr. P. C. Bex and the local band for making the arrangements, to the organist and choir for their services in church, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited on the party at tea.—The Rector, Mr. P. C. Bex and Mr. C. Barnett, senr., replied.—The tower was afterwards again visited.

After the peal at Edenbridge, on Saturday, rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. H. Somers-Cocks and Mrs. Somers-Cocks entertained the band to a splendid supper at the Vicarage. Subsequently a pleasant half-hour was spent listening to the Vicar's adventures in the Holy Land, and viewing relics, including a small portion of rock from Mount Moriah.

NOTICES.

IMPORTANT. — Correspondents and others should note that in future all communications to "The Ringing World" should be addressed to 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.—The formal opening of these bells will take place on Saturday, November 8th, when, by an arrangement with the "Fund Committee," a quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held. All ringers and subscribers are heartily invited to attend. Tower open at 2.30 p.m., short service at 4 p.m., with an address by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. Will all those who still have collecting cards for the above object return the same before this date?—F. Bennett, 3, Harts Lane, New Cross, S.E.; H. J. Bradley, The Parish Church, Shoreditch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on November 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 11th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30; the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 4. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, November 8th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, Mon., on Saturday, November 8th, at 4.30. The restored ring of eight bells will be rung for the first time, and will be available for ringing all the evening. Marshfield (8 bells) also available. Tea will be provided free. Will those intending to be present kindly advise the Honorary Secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., not later than Tuesday, November 4th.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Winchester on Saturday, November 8th. The Cathedral will be open during the afternoon and evening. Evensong in the choir of the Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Tea in St. Maurice Hall at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Road, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsmonden on Saturday, November 8th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Business meeting in the schoolroom. Nearest station is Goudhurst.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 276th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, G. W. Wild, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. Towers open for ringing: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th. Tea (followed by meeting) will be provided at the Chappell Hotel at 5.30, 6d. each to members giving notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Little Square, Braintree.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A meeting will be held in Reading on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ring at Caversham (8) at 2.30, and afterwards at St. Lawrence (10), and St. Giles' (8). Tea at the "Rising Sun," at 4.30. Gentlemen are cordially invited. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants, before Nov. 10th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, November 15th. St. Leonard's tower open for ringing at 3 p.m Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after; all in the Schoolroom adjoining the Church.—Cyril F. Johnston, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 15th, 1913. Bells available from 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

OLDHAM SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Oldham Society will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, November 15th. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at Hitchin. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, November 15th. Service at 5 o'clock. Short address by the Rev. J. W. House, Rector of Fryerning. Tea and meeting at 5.45 at the Spread Eagle Hotel, 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. All outstanding subscriptions ought to be paid at this meeting. Ingatestone bells (5) at 3.30, and during the evening. Fryerning bells (5) 3.30 to 4.30, and 7.30 to 9. Members requiring tea

kindly notify me not later than first post Wednesday, November 12th.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Guildford district will be held at Guildford on Wednesday, November 19th, 1913. S. Nicolas' bells (10) available at 4 p.m., service at S. Nicolas' Church at 5.30, preacher: Rev. G. Dandridge, M.A., Rector. Tea at the Star Hotel at 6.15, Chairman: His Worship the Mayor of Guildford (G. S. Odling-Smee, Esq., J.P.). Tickets free to members, 1s. to visitors.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary, Oakley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. O. Walpole) in Biscoes Schools at 5.30.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursdays, 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. Evening service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.—H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried cut by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

CARE OF BELLS.

The question of the care of bells, or rather of the responsibility for their care, loomed largely in the speeches made at the College Youths dinner last Saturday, when to celebrate the 276th anniversary a record gathering of ringers assembled. The keynote was touched by the Master, who having, in proposing the toast of "The Church," enumerated some of the responsibilities of the ringers, also referred to the responsibilities of the Church towards the bells. The Archdeacon of London took up the cue, and was followed by the Master of the Oxford Guild, who, speaking from a wide experience, referred to the sad fact that despite all that had been done and was still being done, there existed cases in which the belfry was a most sadly neglected part of the Church. He quoted an instance, which came under his personal notice, of a parson whose attention was called to the accumulation of sticks and rubbish in the belfry—brought there by jackdaws—and who, when it was suggested that something should be done to keep the birds out of the tower, calmly replied that he did not mind about them getting into the belfry as long as they kept out of his garden.

It is almost unbelievable that in these days such indifference to a portion of the consecrated church could exist. Happily this kind of neglect is rapidly passing away, and, as Mr. Faulkner put it, in a large measure owing to the efforts of the ringers themselves. We agree with him that much of the reform that has taken place has come from within and not from without, and that it has been owing to the persistent efforts of the ringers to interest the clergy in the part of the service which they render, that changes have come about which not only have improved the belfries but have raised the standard of the ringers. Some day, perhaps, in every church throughout the land the belfry will be as much cared for as the chancel. The movement in that direction is going on apace, and the public who know and love their parish churches little realise how much of this is due to the ringers.

Our associations and their members have a growing sense of their responsibility to the Church, and Mr. Faulkner was certainly only doing his duty when he held up, on the other hand, the responsibility of the Church to the ringers. Not infrequently, even in these days, those who undertake to ring the bells meet with scant encouragement. They seldom, if ever, see their parson in the belfry, and these are the cases, generally, where the parson seldom sees the ringers in the church. Wherever the clergy interest themselves in the ringers—and they are now doing so more than ever before—one usually finds that the belfry is well cared for and the ringers are the best of Churchmen. There is a lesson even for the clergy to be gained from this.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. WHITE	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ...	7
HARRY HOLIFIELD	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	8
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ...	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

* First peal of Caters.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	...*Treble*	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	7
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	REUBEN SANDERS	8
THOMAS KING	4	HENRY TORBLE...	9
GEORGE R. PYE...	5	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Messrs. Grimes, Davis and King were elected members previous to starting.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¼ cwt., in D.

SHIRLEY BURTON... ...	...*Treble*	R. HENRY BARTRAM ...	6
ERNEST BARTRAM	2	H. EDWARD NORMAN ...	7
EDGAR VALLANCE	3	RICHARD MOUNT	8
SIDNEY PROCTOR	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	9
WILLIAM G. THORPE... ...	5	RALPH B. HUBBARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal by ringer of treble and first in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 7th and tenor. Messrs. Bartram and Mount belong to Melton, Proctor and Thorpe hail from Grantham, the rest from Leicester.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

*SIDNEY CHAMPION ...	...*Treble*	†JOHN H. CHAMPION... ...	5
WILLIAM HAIGH	2	WILLIAM EASTER	6
*FREDERICK OCKWELL ...	3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	7
*ALBERT MANKTELOW ...	4	*CHARLES BELSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and rung at the first attempt.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHIDDINGFOLD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Octobr 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CLAUD REMNANT...	...*Treble*	GEORGE LUFF	5
THOMAS ATTWELL	2	WALTER G. BROCKHURST	6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	3	HERBERT J. ELLIS	7
THOMAS W. BURDOCK ...	4	THOMAS LUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to the Rector and Mrs. Ward, the happy event taking place on Saturday, October 25th.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs.

THOMAS J. SALTER ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE...	5
JOSEPH PIGOTT	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
WILLIAM PAGE	3	WILLIAM SHORT	7
JOHN WITHERS	4	JOHN SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	JOHN SMITH	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	SAMUEL GROVE...	6
JOHN WITHERS	3	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Sunday, November 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN SMITH	...*Treble*	JOHN WITHERS	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	WILLIAM SHORT	6
JOSEPH PIGOTT	3	WILLIAM PAGE...	7
SAMUEL GROVE	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

SAMUEL GLADWIN ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD HIBBERT	5
WILLIAM LOWERY	2	JOHN W. HARTLEY	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	3	WILLIAM WALKER	7
WILLIAM BUTLER	4	THOMAS RAMSEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Churchwarden Warrington's daughter.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*LEONARD OSBORNE ...	...*Treble*	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	5
*MISS ETHEL GOODSHIP ...	2	*FRANK GRIFFIN	6
*ARTHUR BAILEY...	3	†WILLIAM DORMER	7
AMBROSE OSBORNE	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

YATELEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS BEATRICE STILWELL	*Treble*	HAROLD TICE	5
†GEORGE BUTLER	2	JAMES R. BUNCH	6
*ALBERT HEARMON	3	SYDNEY RIDDELL	7
*WILLIAM G. BUNCH ...	4	*CYRIL BUNCH	..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the President of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P., of Hilfield, Yateley, Hants.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FLEMING ...	...*Treble*	JOHN W. AVISS...	5
ALLEN F. BAILEY	2	F. GORDON THOMPSON ...	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	7
WILLIAM DREW...	4	GEORGE HARDY... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*WALTER S. INWOOD ...	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SMITH	5
THOMAS R. SCOTT	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ...	6
RICHARD DARLOW	3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ROBERT E. STAVERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Thomas R. Scott, who, to the regret of his Bushey friends, is leaving for Rudgwick, Sussex.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE	...*Treble*	ROBERT ALLRED	5
HERBERT ALLRED	2	P.C. PETER CROOK... ...	6
PETER NUTTALL	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
JOHN NUTTALL	4	JOHN STUBBS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P.C. PETER CROOK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Allred and Peter Nuttall.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	...*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	... 2	†J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	... 6
FRANK E. KEMPTON	... 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON	... 7
WALTER RADLEY	... 4	FREDERICK DENCH	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss C. E. M. Boughey (daughter of the Rev. A. F. H. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild), and Mr. A. P. Scott, which took place at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on the previous day.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY	...*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	... 5
WILLIAM BATES	... 2	ALBERT H. WARD	... 6
ARTHUR BRAINES	... 3	*HENRY LETTS	... 7
GEORGE DAWSON	... 4	HENRY BEARDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY LETTS.

* First peal as conductor in any method.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND NORWICH SCHOLARS.

On Thursday, Novomber 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS	...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	... 5
CECIL R. CHAMBERLIN	... 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN	... 6
ALBERT G. WARNES	... 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	... 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	... 4	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP, and
Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER	...*Treble*	JOSEPH BRETTELL	... 5
THOMAS J. SALTER	... 2	WILLIAM EDGINGTON	... 6
ERNEST GIBBS	... 3	WILLIAM PAGE	... 7
*GEORGE HINTON, Junr.	... 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. R. Newman (honorary secretary of the above Association), to Miss A. Jones.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ARTHUR H. WHITE	...*Treble*	RICHARD STREDWICK	... 5
JOHN CAPP	... 2	ALBERT D. STONE	... 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN	... 3	WILLIAM C. HART	... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	... 4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

On Friday, November 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*THOMAS J. BARKER	...*Treble*	CHARLES S. BIRD	... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT	... 2	WALTER S. INWOOD	... 6
HENRY W. COWLEY	... 3	*CHARLES I. EDWARDS	... 7
HENRY H. CHANDLER	... 4	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. S. Bird. It was the conductor's 900th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

WILLIAM MORGAN	...*Treble*	GEORGE JONES	... 5
HENRY WOODFINE	... 2	JAMES MORGAN	... 6
RICHARD JONES	... 3	EDWARD ALLEN	... 7
ALBERT E. RICHARDS	... 4	HENRY W. WILDE	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

FRED DAVIES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LAMBERT	... 5
HERBERT DAY	... 2	THOMAS W. GORE	... 6
JOHN P. TARLTON	... 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	... 7
CHARLES MASON	... 4	JOHN FLINT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt., in E flat.

GEORGE H. HOWSE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STEED	... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE	... 6
ALBERT HARMAN	... 3	KEITH HART	... 7
*ARTHUR R. MILES	... 4	*ARTHUR GROOMBRIDGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Taylor & Co. Rung as the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division, six towers being represented.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	...*Treble*	JOHN SADLER	... 5
WALTER SADLER	... 2	ERNEST NEWMAN	... 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH	... 7
FRANK CLAYDON	... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

W. Keeble and J. Sadler were elected members previous to starting.

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

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

JOHN STOPFORD	...*Treble*	TOM WILDE	5
ALFRED BARNES	2	JAMES SHAW	6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON	3	ALBERT HOUGH	7
GEORGE D. WARBURTON ...	4	SAMUEL BOOTH... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by ALBERT HOUGH.

First peal in the method on the present peal of bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	HENRY W. WILDE	5
ERNEST SMITH	2	CHARLES PRICE	6
JAMES DILLON	3	EDWIN BREEZE...	7
ARTHUR WATKIN	4	ERNEST E. CHANNEL	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for Messrs. Dillon and Breeze, of Port Sunlight; and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE ...	...*Treble*	JONAS S. AMBLER	5
REV. C. C. MARSHALL ...	2	JAMES COTTERELL	6
JOHN LAWSON	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ...	4	FRED SALMONS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. James Smith, of Sowerby, on his attaining the age of 70 years and completing 50 years' service as a stationed ringer at Sowerby Church. After the peal, at a tea and social, he was presented with a marble timepiece as a mark of recognition from his fellow-ringers and members of the church.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ALFRED J. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
GEORGE H. HOWSE	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	6
ALBERT HARMAN...	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
ROBERT J. DAWE	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE... ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. TOOK	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	JOHN LARTER	5
JAMES SPALDING	3	FREDERICK W. WATLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES WEBLEY ...	...*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER BOWEN ...	4
E. WILLIAM TURNER... ...	2	ANDREW LAYTON	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ANDREW LAYTON.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung on All Saints' Day.

WALTON, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A "SILENT" PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR...	...*Treble*	JAMES MARTIN...	4
JOHN WILKINSON	2	HERBERT H. BARKER ...	5
JAMES W. BELL	3	HENRY FYLES	...*Tenor*

Umpires: JAMES MARSH (Ormskirk), and THOMAS MURRAY (Liscard).

The peal was rung "silent" and non-conducted, and the umpires were quite satsified that the peal was perfectly true and rung in strict accordance with the rules. This is the first "silent" peal by all the band, the first rung in Liverpool, and the first by the Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Kent called differently, and 720 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure and Oxford.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM K. SHARPE...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. WHITE	4
HENRY C. GILLAM	2	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER ...	5
GEORGE A. STEELE	3	JAMES W. WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. WHITE.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Leonard.

SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN COLMAN	...*Treble*	*CHARLES WM. NEWTON...	4
HAROLD PALMER	2	HARRY PALMER...	5
ARTHUR SWAIN	3	JAMES KIRK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PALMER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Kirk.

WRENTHAM. SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM ...	...*Treble*	*ERNEST W. HALL	4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON	2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	5
JOHN SPENCER	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in two methods.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT ATKINS	...*Treble*	ERNEST C. WOOD	4
WILLIAM PARDOE	2	HERBERT DAVIS	5
SIDNEY R. DUGGAN	3	SIDNEY MILES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ATKINS.

First peal by all the band and first peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. R. Newman (the esteemed secretary of the above Association), and Miss A. Jones.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE EASTHAUGH	...*Treble*	JOHN LARTER	4
JAMES SPALDING	2	*WALTER AYERS	5
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	3	FREDERICK W. WATLING	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. WATLING.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOSEPH FARBY	...*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	4
WILLIAM C. LEWIS	2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ...	5
FRANK H. TALBUTT	3	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. CHAPMAN.

This was the conductor's 100th peal, and contained the first extent of Cambridge on the bells.

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

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM BEESON	...*Treble*	*JOHN HUMPHREY	4
ALBERT E. WOOD	2	FRED BASHFORD	5
*WILLIAM OLLIVER	3	FRANK HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. BASHFORD.

* First peal.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS DOROTHY D. STEELE	*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON... ...	4
ERNEST G. MYNARD	2	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ...	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	3	EDWIN S. MYNARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

Miss Steele was elected a member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

ARTHUR TITMUSS	...*Treble*	CHARLES JEFFS...	4
JAMES PAYNE, Junr.	2	RICHARD CHALKLEY... ...	5
JOHN MALYAN	3	FREDERICK JEFFS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal by all in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

HANLEY CASTLE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*JOHN GODFREY	...*Treble*	*SIDNEY ANNIS	4
*WILLIAM REED...	2	FRANK GODFREY	5
GEORGE DOLPHIN	3	†JOHN DOLPHIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN DOLPHIN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor as conductor. All the ringers belong to the Pershore band.

BELTON, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BELTON ST. PETER'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St Clements, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court and Single Court.
Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs., in G.

*J. HENRY CHURCHILL	...*Treble*	†THOMAS H. ATKINS... ...	4
J. JAMES JACKSON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
†CHARLES E. REEVE... ...	3	ALBAN JARMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Gough, of Belton House. Quickest peal yet rung on the bells. The conductor hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Witnesses: MRS. BENNETT and H. THORNLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples in hand.

The peal rung at Bolsover on Nov. 1st was published last week without the method. It was 5056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Double Norwich at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on October 27th, was Charles Edwards, not Charles Inwood.

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THREE SOUTH WALES PEALS RESTORED.

CALDICOT.

Saturday week was a great day in the annals of the Parish Church. Caldicot, Monmouthshire, for the bells, which have just been rehung and retuned, were then rededicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the church being crowded for the occasion. A large number of surpliced clergy from the neighbouring parishes were present. Evensong was sung by the Vicar, and after the hymn, "Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him," the formal dedication took place. A special hymn followed, and the Bishop then delivered a most impressive address. During the offertory, the hymn, "For all the Saints who from their labours rest," was sung, and the Benediction, pronounced by the Bishop, brought to a close a beautiful and memorable service. The offertory, which amounted to £6 10s., was for the restoration fund.

The opening ringing consisted of a few rounds by the local band, and this was followed by touches in the Standard methods, rung by visitors from all over the Diocese, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom to all the ringers, and, as the Bishop entered, a hearty welcome was accorded him. He was pleased, he said, to see so many ringers present, and urged them to carry out their duties in a manner worthy of church workers.

As regards the nature of the work done, it consisted of retuning the whole of the bells, rehanging in a new steel and iron frame, with new fittings throughout. It has been executed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the firm deserves the highest praise for the way in which the contract has been carried out. The tenor, which is a Pre-Reformation bell, weighs 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 6 lbs.

PONTYPRIDD.

Tuesday of last week was a red-letter day in the annals of Church life in Pontypridd, and a day also full of interest, too, and long to be remembered by the entire community attached to the Church of England or otherwise.

The donor to St. Katharine's Parish Church of the beautiful ring of eight bells was Mr. Hopkin Morgan, a worthy Nonconformist citizen. The gift was in memory of his parents, and came unspoilt by petty denominationalism, and extended beyond vexatious parochial limitations.

The special dedication service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in the presence of a crowded congregation, which included Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. The Bishop's pastoral staff was carried by the Rev. Connop L. Price, the Rector of Caerphilly, and joint hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, and his lordship was also accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. T. P. Griffiths, M.A.), and other clergy. The Rev. T. C. Phillips intoned the service, and the lessons were read by the Vicar and the Rev. C. E. M. Williams-Miller. After the dedicatory prayers, the Bishop occupied the pulpit, and gave a most impressive address.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells struck out merrily, and were kept going by members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, under the leadership of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones. Various touches in the Standard methods were rung, Mr. J. W. Taylor, the founder, taking part.

Tea, partaken of at a local restaurant, had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens. Afterwards, a return was made to the tower, and the bells kept going for the remainder of the evening.

The greatest possible credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the manner in which the work has been carried out, the "go" and tone being alike excellent. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs., and is inscribed in Welsh as follows:—"Gogoniant i ddww (Glory to God), Ac Er Cof Am Thomas a Margaret Morgan, o'r dref hon Rhoddwyd y clychau Lyn Gan Hopkin Morgan, Y.S.W., Bronwydd, Pontypridd, 1913." The other bells are also suitably inscribed.

PETERSTONE.

At Peterstone, Mon., on Friday, the dedication took place of the restored ring of bells, which have been silent, so far as actual ringing is concerned, for about a hundred years. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the service was impressive, the keynote being one of thanksgiving. A special form of service was used, and was intoned by the Vicar, the choir being augmented by choristers from Marshfield Church.

During the singing of a hymn, the Bishop, together with the clergy and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, where the dedication was performed. The Marshfield ringers, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, then rang the bells in rounds, whilst the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel. The congregation then sang beautiful hymns, specially composed for the occasion by the Vicar. The bells long silent now are sounding. At the conclusion, the Bishop gave a brief address upon the use and purpose of church bells.

The original six bells were placed in the tower in 1722, Mr. Nathan Chapman being the donor. Mr. Henry Radcliffe, J.P., of Drindstone, generously promised to make himself responsible for the recasting, rehanging and retuning of the bells, and whilst these negotiations were taking place, the hon. secretary of Llandaff Diocesan Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) approached the Vicar, and appealed to him to make an effort to complete the octave. The Vicar, in turn, approached Messrs. George and Francis Stubbs, descendants of the original donor of the bells, with the result that they promised to add two trebles as a memorial to their late father. The ring is now one of eight bells, and only two of the original six remains, namely, the 6th and tenor, the others have all been recast. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London. The frame is of iron, of the very latest improved type, with iron headstocks and all the necessary fittings of the very latest pattern. The bells are tuned on the Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and are a beautifully sweet-toned lot, reflecting the very highest credit on the founders.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells struck out joyously, and were kept going to the tune of Grandsire Triples at intervals for the whole of the evening.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Peterstone, Mon., on Saturday, and the great number who attended would have done credit to an annual meeting. Representatives from practically all the towers in the Diocese were present, no doubt, attracted by the fact that the new ring of eight bells were to be rung for the first time. Some of the visitors went first to Marshfield Church, but by 5 o'clock all had met at Peterstone, where the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Stanley) heartily welcomed the ringers.—At the business meeting, the Vicar acted as chairman.—Arising out of the minutes were a few items which were discussed and dealt with.—Mr. Atwell gave notice that he would at the annual meeting bring forward a motion dealing with life membership.—New members were elected, and the place for the next meeting discussed, but it was decided to leave settlement of this matter until the annual meeting, which is to be held at All Saints', Newport, on Boxing Day.

On the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary, it was resolved that a record be placed in the minutes of the Association, that the best possible thanks of the Association be accorded the Rev. H. G. Stanley, Vicar of Marshfield with Peterstone, for his successful efforts in bringing about the restoration of both Marshfield and Peterstone bells, each of which has now a complete ring of eight bells. When the rev. gentleman came to Marshfield both rings were then of six bells each, and were in a deplorable condition—in fact, neither of them were supposed to have been rung for at least a hundred years. Not only were the bells in such a sad condition, but both fabrics as well. Now, happily, things are very different, both churches having been restored inside and out, and the two old rings of six thoroughly restored, and the octave completed in each case. It must be remembered, too, that this is not a thickly populated industrial centre, but a purely agricultural district, which made the success of the Vicar's efforts all the more remarkable.

The Vicar, replying, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to his parish, and he thanked them for the kind things said of him concerning the restoration of the bells. He also said that he would be most pleased to grant the use of either ring for a peal at any time, but he would like all who took part to be members of the Association, and not "black legs," by which he meant, of course, non-association ringers.

The opportunity is now taken of giving the Vicar the best thanks for providing such an excellent tea to all who were present.

The bells were afterwards kept going in the Standard methods, and the ringers were struck with the very last additional sweet-toned ring of eight bells now at the disposal or use of the Association.

BERTRAM PREWETT'S 900 PEALS.

	On Tower Bells. Rung.	On Tower Bells. Conducted.	On Hand Bells. Rung.	On Hand Bells. Conducted.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3			
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	5	1		
Stedman Cinques	48	2	16‡	
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	14	3		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	13	1		
Stedman Caters	121*	14	29	
Grandsire Caters	1			
Bristol Surprise Major	55†	14		
London Surprise Major	62			
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5		
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	5		
Superlative Surprise Major	160	41		
Norfolk Surprise Major	1			
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	35	12		
Kent Treble Bob Major	36	25		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	7	3		
Bob Major	6	2		
Stedman Triples	243	85	12	5
Grandsire Triples	9	1		
	843	214	57	5

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
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Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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SHOREDITCH BELLS OPENED.

LARGE GATHERING OF RINGERS.

After an impressive dedication service on the preceding Monday, the opening of Shoreditch bells took place on Saturday last, some 300 ringers, many from distant parts of the country, visiting the famous church and sharing in the interesting event. As was mentioned in our last issue, the work, carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons, has been the recasting of the four trebles, the tuning of the whole peal on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and the rehanging of the bells, with new and modern fittings,



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in a frame of unique design. This frame is based upon the most approved principles of constructional engineering, and rising to a height of 15 feet, contains the bells in two tiers, the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 10th being on the top. It is constructed on shipbuilding lines, and more than one capable critic agreed that it ought to be called a "Dreadnought" frame. The bearing of the bells are Warner's patent self-aligning bearings, and those who tried the bells were perfectly satisfied with their "go," while there can be no two opinions as to the great improvement effected by the retuning, and the splice is eminently satisfactory. The tenor is 28½ cwts. in C. The opening of the bells actually took place before the work was completed, and as the results pleased the competent critics, Messrs. Warner & Sons are certainly to be congratulated.

The opening touch on the bells was 250 Stedman Cinques, rung by the Cumberland Youths, the band being Henry Dains 1, Benjamin Foskett 2, Miss E. K. Parker 3, J. D. Matthews 4, A. Hardy 5, F. Hairs 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, E. Barnett 8, G. Card 9, J. Hunt 10, J. Parker 11, H. Flanders 12. Afterwards touches, rung by mixed companies, were called by Messrs. T. Faulkner (Master of the College Youths), J. E. Groves (Birmingham) and W. A. Cave (Bristol).

A four o'clock service was held, at which, it is computed, a thousand persons attended. The special Psalms were the 149th and 150th, and appropriate prayers were offered. The preacher was the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whose text was: "I am doing a good work," Nehemiah vi, 3. The work of Nehemiah was a work, he said, of effort and endeavour, and effort and endeavour had also characterised the life of St. Leonard, to whom Shoreditch Church was dedicated. The life of a Christian should also be one of effort and endeavour, and effort and endeavour was the main thought which was theirs that day. Effort and endeavour had been responsible for much restoration in their old churches, and were always to be seen in building up that which was new. Effort and endeavour showed what had been accomplished that day, when the ringing world at large was rejoicing in the restoration of an historic peal of bells in the old tower of an historic church. With lapse of years decay must come to the framework of bells, even as it comes to the framework of the human body. Modern Nehemiahs, in spite of much parochial poverty, and in spite of many hindrances, had put their hand to the work determined not to desist till the work was finished and paid for. Effort and endeavour had accompanied desire, and the work was pushed. For long years the bells flung their melody far and wide, preaching to those who never heard the voice of a living preacher, warning the sinner, cheering the Saint, calling to worship, and marking Fast and Festival, days of rejoicing and days of sorrow. Then, when age had laid its heavy hand upon them, when decay had set in, they said in effect, "We cannot come down. Lay the restoring hand upon us and we will fulfil our duty midway 'twixt the earth and sky." The people had responded to the call of the bells, and their restored peal were now given back to the service of the Most High.

Tea followed the service in the Parish Hall, over 250 sitting down. Afterwards, the Vicar (the Rev. Edward Birch) explained that about £80 was needed to pay for the work that had been carried out, but they hoped to raise a sum of £150, so that they might put in an extra bell to make a light octave, and to supply a chiming apparatus. He added that the bells had rung most joyously that day, but they would ring more gloriously still when all the money had been raised. He thanked Messrs. Warner and Sons for the way they had carried out the work.—Mr. Robert Warner responded, and Mr. Herbert Bradley and Mr. J. Parker (Master of the Cumberland Youths) also spoke.

In the evening the bells were again rung.

The windows of the bell chamber are to be filled with armoured glass to deaden the sound in the street, and this, when completed, will doubtless effect a great improvement outside.

During the morning a number of visitors inspected Messrs. Warner's establishment, where they viewed with keen interest the up-to-date machinery employed in a modern bell foundry.

On Sunday, for morning service, 531 Stedman Cinques was rung by: A. N. Hardy 1, J. Thomas 2, B. Foskett 3, F. C. White 4, H. Burton 5, G. Lucas 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, J. Parker 8, J. Hunt 9, A. W. Grimes 10, H. Flanders 11, T. Powell 12. A touch of 262 was also rung.

For our photo of the beautiful tower of St. Leonard's, we are indebted to Mr. F. C. Dawe.

THE HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

Last week, we were able to publish the inscriptions on the peal of bells as they now hang in the tower, and Mr. J. R. Jerram has now very kindly supplied us with some further particulars with regard to their history. In 1708, he writes, there were only five bells in the steeple. These were sold in 1739 for £219, with which sum, aided by subscriptions, a peal of eight was purchased from Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel Foundry, the total cost being £800. The peal was augmented to ten in 1765 by Lester and Pack, and early in the last century to twelve, the two treble being given by the Cumberland Society. Thomas Mears, junr., recast the tenor in 1820, and this bell was once more recast in 1875. No more important alterations seem to have taken place since that work was performed, until the restoration now carried out by Messrs. Warner and Sons. Mr. Jerram points out that the date given on the new second bell (1807) as that of the gift of the two trebles by the Cumberland Youths does not tally with the

date on the old trebles (1823). Possibly, for some reason or other, he adds, the original bells may have been unsatisfactory, and were recast in the latter year, and he inquires if some local authority is able to explain this.

We have in previous issues referred to the historic ringing events which have taken place in Shoreditch tower, and some of the old records in the belfry are worth reproducing. We are indebted to Mr. J. R. Jerram for the information.

Wednesday, March 28th, 1750, the SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS rung in this Steeple a true Peal of 5040 changes of NEW DOUBLE TRIPPLES, it being the only Peal that was ever compleated in that method, and was performed in three hours and half by ye following persons, viz.:

John Gable	treble	Jno. Purlement	5th
William Mattriss	2nd	Saml. Haddon	6th
Wm. Thornton	3rd	George Patrick	7th
Wm. Listre	4th	Chas. Hart	tenor

Mr. Chas. Gillim, Mr. James Walkington } Churchwardens.

COLLEGE YOUTHS.—This tablet was erected by the Society to commemorate an excellent Peal rung in this Steeple on the 18th of February, 1777, consisting of Ten thousand changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, Ten in, and was compleated in seven hours twenty-eight minutes. The curious composition, the great length of time, and the masterly manner in which it was rung, very justly entitled it the most excellent performance ever achieved from the first invention of the ingenious art of ringing to the present time.

Winstanley Richardson	1	Jos. Monk	6
James Darquitt	2	Wm. Lyford	7
William Hall	3	Jos. Holdsworth	8
Chas. Purser	4	John Sylvestre	9
John Povey	5	Saml. Muggeridge	10

Conducted by Mr. C. Purser.

Insatiated with glory the above select performers on the 19th of May, 1777, rung a compleat Peal of 11,080 changes in the above method, time 8 hrs. 8 mts., which will be transmitted to posterity as a masterpiece of the art.

THE SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—On Saturday, 10th May, 1777, this Society rang a peal of 10,200 changes of TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 7 hours 40 minutes.

Thos. Whitaker	1	Francis Wood	6
George Gross	2	Jas. Barnard	7
John Lamey	3	Thos. Smith	8
Isaiah Bray	4	Saml. Wood	9
Thos. Harrison	5	Robt. Mann	10

Composed and conducted by Mr. G. Gross.

The above two tablets show the rivalry which at the time existed between the College Youths and the Cumberlands to ring the longest length of Treble Bob. The former were victorious for a time: but seven years later another tablet records:—

SOCIETY of CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—On Saturday, March 27th, 1784, this company rang a peal of 12,000 changes, TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in 9 hrs. 5 mins., being the first peal of that length. Performers were:—

George Gross	1	James Patrick	6
James Barnard	2	Wm. Court	7
Francis Nay	3	Abraham Smith	8
Thomas Reeves	4	Malachi Channon	9
Isaiah Bray	5	Allen Grant	10

Composed and conducted by George Gross.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—This inscription will add to posterity the record of a Peal that was rung in this Steeple on Tuesday, 7th April, 1801, of 5220 changes of COURT BOB ROYAL, in 3 hours and 37 minutes, being the first that was ever rung by any Society in that method.

George Gross, senr.	treble	John Hints	6th
George Gross, junr.	2nd	Malachi Channon	7th
James Mash	3rd	Thomas Reeves	8th
William Shipway	4th	Samuel Bowling	9th
John Holdsworth	5th	Willm. Stephens	tenor

Composed and called by Mr. George Gross.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—On Tuesday, 26th February, 1805. The above Society rung in this Steeple a true and complete peal consisting of 6129 changes of STEDMAN'S CATERS, being the most ever rung in that intricate method, in 4 hours and 12 minutes. The performers were:—

G. Gross	Treble	P. Jones	6
William Shipway	2	W. Richardson	7
Sl. Bowling	3	Jno. Hints	8
W. Bland	4	Anthony Cavalier	9
Js. Stichbury	5	P. Pilgrim	Tenor

The above was composed and called by Mr. G. Gross.

ODD CHANGES.

The inquiry as to what tower could go one better than Irthlingborough, where 160 peals have been rung in 20 years, has come from exactly the quarter we expected it. Mr. H. H. Chandler, now of Hillingdon, writes: "Will you please allow me space to congratulate the Irthlingborough band on their record of 160 peals on the 20th anniversary of the opening of the bells. As to the inquiry whether there has been a tower in which more peals have been rung in the time, I may say, that two trebles were added to the old six at Warnham, Sussex, to make up a peal of eight, in 1886. By 1896 there had been rung on the bells 200 peals, most of them conducted by myself, and including 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 10,176 Treble Bob and two 6720's in one day. We used to think nothing of starting for a peal every evening all the week and two on Sundays. This has been done a good many times."

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The following extract from the "Nottingham Weekly Express" will be particularly interesting to members of the Midland Counties Association, who will remember the closing of All Saints' tower a few months before the last annual meeting held at Nottingham:—

On Saturday last, it being All Saints' Day, permission was obtained to again ring the bells, after being idle, excepting so far as the chiming apparatus is concerned, for nearly two years. There being no complaints proves that this is a step in the right direction, and we look forward more hopefully to the time when the un-English method of using the bells will be supplanted by the old way so dear to all ringers. The bells went surprisingly well in the circumstances, and speaks volumes for the work Mr. Woolley must have put in in preparation for the event. About 1,000 Grandsire Triples were rung by Miss M. Woolley 1, J. Woolley 2, A. Barratt 3, G. H. Parlett 4, L. Chadburn 5, A. Coppock 6, W. Ayre 7, W. Flinders 8, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Coppock and Ayre.

It is gratifying to know that sane counsels have prevailed, and that the tower is once more open to ringing.

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Mr. Ernest E. Grimes, younger brother of Alfred W. of peal ringing fame, has himself done something by way of making what we should think is almost a record. On Wednesday of last week, he rang the treble to a peal of Bristol Surprise. That was his 12th peal, and he has never yet stood in an unsuccessful attempt. Fancy a man ringing his first twelve peals without knowing what it is to lose one!

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Yet another lady has joined the ranks of peal ringers, the youngest daughter of the president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who has always been a great supporter of the Art, having scored her first. This young lady, we hear, has not only mastered Grandsire, in which method she rang the peal, but is actually pushing the local band on to Stedman with no small amount of success, and attending practices and services with a punctuality that many might well copy.

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A record has just been made in the Llandaff Diocese, no less than three dedication services having taken place within a week. In each case it has been a ring of eight bells. The work has been done by different founders, and we hear that each has given the utmost satisfaction. Two men at least have taken part in all the functions, namely, the Bishop and the honorary secretary of the association.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A meeting of the Sonning branch for combined practice was held at Binfield on Saturday last, 13 members representing Hurst, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Wokingham (All Saints'), White Waltham and Binfield being present. The methods practised were: Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Double Court, Cambridge and Stedman Doubles.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

A RECORD GATHERING.

There was a record gathering at the 276th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at the London Tavern on Saturday evening. Quite an interesting feature of the proceedings was the presence of a large number of ringers from distant parts of the country. They came from places as far apart as York and Exeter, as Essex and Bristol, and it is seldom that so many ringers assemble at one time round the festive board. The company numbered altogether about 180. The Master (Mr. Thomas Faulkner, of Barking) presided, and was supported by Miss McAlpine Leny, the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, R.D., the Rev. D. Mackinnon, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), the Rev. J. H. Ellison (Rector of Cornhill), the Rev. R. Peek (Rector of St. Magnus), Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. W. P. Routh (Reading), Mr. E. A. Young (London County Association), Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (hon. secretary Surrey Association), and Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary). Mr. E. A. Davies (Barking) was in the vice-chair, and the large number of London ringers present included Messrs. Arthur Hughes (treasurer of the society), Challis F. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), E. G. Fenn and A. A. Hughes (stewards), J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith (members of the Dinner Committee), H. S. Ellis, E. Gibbs, A. W. Grimes, J. E. Davis, J. H. B. Hesse, C. T. Coles (hon. sec. of Middlesex Association), D. Christy (representing Messrs. Warner and Sons), etc. Among the company also were the Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Vicar of Barking), and many provincial ringers. Sheffield sent quite a strong contingent in Messrs. S. Thomas, W. Burgar, G. Holmes, J. Evinson (hon. secretary of the St. Peter's Society), J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer and L. Charlesworth. Birmingham was represented by Messrs. J. E. Groves (ringing master), A. P. Smith (hon. sec. St. Martin's Guild), A. E. Walker, P. Laflin and S. Grove. Messrs. W. A. Cave and R. J. Wilkins were there from Bristol, Messrs. A. C. Fernley and G. Horner were present from York, Mr. Edwin Shepherd from Exeter, Mr. C. Tyas from Barnsley, Mr. J. Bowen from Ilfracombe, Messrs. C. Dean, H. L. Garfath, W. Wise and T. Colbourne from Croydon, A. H. Pulling and C. Hazelden from Guildford, T. Hibbert from Reading, W. H. Lawrence from Little Munden, J. Shepherd from Swindon, W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley, J. Evans from Wycombe, J. Truss from Marlow. And even this list might be extended. It is enough, however, to show the representative nature of the gathering which enjoyed a splendid repast, served in the magnificent dining hall of the famous city hostelry.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RINGERS AND THE CHURCH.

The loyal toast was afterwards submitted from the chair, and enthusiastically honoured, and the Master then proposed "The Church." Hitherto, he said, the toast had been "The Church and State." Why the Dinner Committee had left out "The State" on this occasion he did not know, but he thought they might draw their own inference. As ringers, he contended, they had great responsibilities towards the Church. When he became a ringer one of the first things he was taught was to be a churchman first and a ringer after, and all the while they had that ideal before them they would not fail in their responsibilities to the Church. One of their first responsibilities was to remember the purposes for which the bells were hung in the churches, and ringers had to remember that their first duty was to see that they were rung regularly, punctually and well for Divine service. They could not ring well for Divine service unless they had practice, and it was just as much a part of their duty to be regular and punctual in their practices, to keep themselves up to the mark, and to help others who were not so proficient as themselves. Then there was peal ringing, which, in moderation, was a good thing, for it kept alive ambition, and made better ringers of them. He did not intend to say anything about cups, or competitions, or analysis—he had an utter loathing and contempt for all three of them; and, to his mind, the sooner they were dead and buried the better it would be for their sacred calling. Another duty which they owed to the Church was to order their lives so that their conduct as ringers should not bring reproach on the Church. They must help and defend her against the attacks of her enemies, such as the attack on her at the present time in the Welsh Disestablishment Bill (applause). But if they, as ringers, had responsibilities towards the Church, surely the Church had responsibilities towards ringers (hear, hear). One of those responsibilities was to see that the belfries, which were a part of God's House, were kept as clean and sweet and decent as the chancel, and to see that the bells were in proper order, and were properly rung (hear, hear). He was afraid that the clergy sometimes did not fully recognise that responsibility. Much had been done, mainly through the efforts of the ringers themselves, but there was a good deal more to do (hear, hear). Continuing, the Master said they as ringers wished the Church all prosperity. They hoped that she would continue a power for the good of humanity and for the good of the nation, and that she might ever keep before them the life and example of their Divine Master (applause).

"PITCH INTO THE ARCHDEACON."

The Archdeacon of London, who responded, had a very cordial reception, and expressed his pleasure at being again present. He congratulated Miss Leny upon celebrating her "silver wedding" with the College Youths, for that was the 25th occasion she had been present at their annual dinner (applause). Continuing, he said, when the Master was talking about belfries and bells not being always kept in the best order, an uncomfortable thought came across him, for by the law of the land it was the Archdeacon who was responsible for all the bells (laughter). All he could say, therefore, was that, if they got a case where the belfry and bells were in such a condition as the Master very rightly brought to their notice, his advice to them was—outside of London, of course—"pitch into the Archdeacon" (laughter). It was, he added, very jolly to be with them that night, for a gathering like that emphasised the splendid feeling of brotherhood that existed between them all (applause).

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths." As is usual in his after dinner speeches, the Rector of Crowthorne was in anecdotal mood, and his stories, always with some apt point in them, provoked great laughter. Mr. Coleridge said he brought to the College Youths the good wishes of the ringers of the country, and there was no ringer in England who did not wish the society prosperity. The society had gone on for centuries, and he hoped it would go on for hundreds of years to come (applause).

Mr. W. T. Cockerill replied, and said that apologies had been received from the Bishop of Barking, Sir Arthur Heywood, Archdeacon Taylor, of Southwark; the Rev. G. C. Wilton (Stepney), the Rev. J. H. B. Masterman (Bow), the Rev. C. S. Woodward (who had been inducted Rector of Southwark that day), Mr. C. H. Hattersley and Mr. R. A. Daniell. The two last-named, said the Hon. Secretary, were kept away by ill-health. During the last year, Mr. Cockerill proceeded, they had lost one of their members by death, Mr. J. E. Coomb, who died on May 25th. He was for many years a regular attendant at St. Clement Danes, and latterly rang with the society at St. Michael's. Strange to say, he only rang one peal in his life, but he rang it in very good company. Mr. Cooter and Mr. Wood were both in the peal, but although they rang many afterwards, Mr. Coomb did not ring another. They also had to deplore the death of Dr. A. B. Carpenter, whose sterling work in connection with composition they all remembered. During the year, 24 new members had been made, many of these had attended the meetings and practices pretty regularly. These practices numbered 62, chiefly at the city churches. The peals rung during the year numbered 27, viz., Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Minor, seven 720's, 2; Treble Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 3; Stedman Triples, 8 (three having been on handbells); Stedman Caters, 4; Stedman Cinques, 6 (one at Cornhill, having been non-conducted); Cambridge Major, 1; Cambridge Maximus, 1. He also wished to add his congratulations to Miss Leny on her 25 years' membership of the College Youths, and he wished to congratulate the Rev. Donald Mackinnon on his 65th birthday, which he had attained that day (applause).

"PROVINCIAL SOCIETIES."

The Vice-Chairman gave the toast of "London and Provincial Ringing Societies." He congratulated the Royal Cumberland Youths that they had at last seen the completion of the work they had been most earnestly engaged in for some years—the restoration of the peal of twelve at Shoreditch (applause). He had on more than one occasion called attention to the state of some of the rings of bells in the City of London, but now, as far as he knew, all the peals of twelve in the city were in good ringing order, with the exception of St. Bride's. There were, however, still some belfries in London which needed the attention of the authorities, and there was no excuse why their London belfries should not be in as good a condition as the other parts of the churches. Referring to the Provincial Societies, Mr. Davies said that they of the county of Essex had great reason to congratulate themselves that there had been opened, at what would presently be the Cathedral of the Diocese at Chelmsford, a new peal of twelve bells, and he congratulated the Master of the College Youths upon the successful way in which he discharged the unthankful task of selecting the band to ring the opening touch on the bells. He wished, he said, that there were many more societies in the country like theirs at Barking, and he referred with pride to the fact that that evening to support the Master, they had present from Barking the Vicar, his brother churchwarden, the organist and sidesmen, and their ringers, both those who were accomplished and those who were but novices (applause).

Mr. E. A. Young replied for the London Societies, and the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn for the Provincial Associations. The latter said he hoped on that occasion they would think of those members of the College Youths scattered abroad in various parts of the country doing their good work in the villages and towns, and who would gladly be with them but were prevented, and were so prevented year after year. If they did not drink their health openly they might do so in silence (hear, hear). From his experience in going about among the Provincial Ringing Societies, he thought he might report that they were in good order and endeavouring to do that good work about which some of them had heard that afternoon at Shoreditch. It was certainly very hard when they preached and taught that the belfry should be kept in the same state as the church to find instances of belfries and

bells in a filthy condition. Mr. Jenkyn went on to speak of the need of carrying on educational work concerning bells and ringing among the British public, so that they might teach them quietly something more about it. Ringers must bear in mind, he added, that they were not only church workers, but that in having in their hands the care of these historic peals of bells throughout the country they were really trustees of a great and noble heritage (applause).

Mr. Arthur Hughes submitted "The Visitors," to which toast the Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Vicar of Barking) responded.

A most enjoyable feature of the musical programme was the handbell selections by the Sheffield Parish Church Handbell Band, who, with several octaves of bells, contributed some admirably rendered pieces, including "Ring the bell, Watchman," and "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations. On each occasion they were deservedly encored. The performers were Messrs. G. Holmes (conductor), S. F. Palmer, W. Burgar, J. Evinson, J. Thorpe and L. Charlesworth. A course of Stedman Caters was rung "in hand" by a band of College Youths; Mr. Cyril Johnston sang some humorous songs, for which he was encored; Mr. S. Blackmore gave a fine rendering of "Thora," and Mr. G. R. Boorer contributed two recitations, each of which was a splendid elocutionary effort.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the Society, on Tuesday, Mr. Thomas Faulkner was re-elected Master. Mr. Arthur Hughes (treasurer), Messrs. C. F. Winney, and W. Prime (trustees), and Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary) were also re-elected. Mr. A. A. Hughes was appointed senior steward, and Mr. J. C. Adams was elected junior steward.

THE "WORCESTER'S" HUSTLE.

The first peal ringing on the bells of the little village of Rock, in Worcestershire, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just added two trebles and rehung the whole ring, was carried out in no half-hearted manner. A company of eight met at Rock on the afternoon of November 1st, and made "The Cross" their headquarters, where during their stay Host and Hostess Thomas looked well after their wants. After tea, the church, which possesses a fine Norman doorway, and a tower which can be seen for miles around, was visited. Some of the bells are ancient, but the peal have been "Taylorised," and are now a grand ring with a tenor 21bs. under 13 cwt., which "go" like the proverbial fiddles.

Stedman was the first job with Billy Short at the helm. This presented no difficulties, and rolled home in fine style in 2 hrs. 55 mins., the "first on the bells" being thus an accomplished fact. On reaching headquarters the villagers were found assembled in full force to hear the handbells, so they were treated to a course of Grandsire Caters, a touch of Triples, and some tunes, greatly to their delight. Daybreak on Sunday found the visitors up, and after disposing of the "home fed," they again hied to the tower. Double Norwich was the music with bob to call, and 2 hrs. 59 mins. saw the finish of a grand peal. After inspecting the bells they landed back in time to attack a prime joint of beef, and there was no trip in this. Whilst the tobacco smoke circulated, the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was successful. Hereabouts the afternoon nap was calling, but they were having no slackers, so back to the tower for the final peal they went. As they gazed meditatively at the whipping post and stocks under the church wall, it was threatened that whosoever should miss the peal should be put into them. However, Superlative was soon rolling out, and at such a pace that the speed limit was exceeded, and the fear of he stocks brought the pace down to normal, after a course or so, and all went well, rounds arriving at 5.30. Thus three peals had been rung under 24 hours. Not a bad show! After tea interval, a good course of London was rung, and the bells lowered before service. The best thanks are due to the Vicar for permission, to Messrs. Bridge and Churchwarden Nott and all those who contributed to make the visit so pleasant. The party hope that sometime in the future they may again make a similarly successful journey into "the wilds." J. P.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on the occasion of the ninth annual commemoration dinner, held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Handsworth, on Saturday week. After ringing touches at the Old Church, the ringers and friends gathered round the festive board, and were served with a substantial dinner. Mr. James George took the chair, and submitted the toasts of "The King" and "The Church and State," which were duly honoured. Subsequently Mr. W. H. Godden spoke in eulogy of the late Mr. William Verry, and the toasts of "The Ringing Papers" and "The Chairman," were also submitted. A capital musical programme was carried out, "The Blue Bells of Scotland" was finely rendered on handbells by Messrs. C. Starkey, E. Starkey and E. Wood; and a course of Bob Major was splendidly tapped on the dulcimer by Mr. Harry Withers, who also delighted the company with some excellent selections. Capital songs were contributed by Messrs. Frank Ward, S. Verry, Orton and Morriss. Some handbells, specially brought by Mr. George to be played on for the first time, gave a great deal of pleasure, several tunes being ably played on them.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Chirton and Marden on Wednesday week, and, it being a beautiful day, a good number of ringers assembled. Ringing was commenced at 3 o'clock at St. John's Church, Chirton, and at 4 o'clock the party proceeded to All Saints' Church, Marden, where the ringing was continued until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Marden Reading Room, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the liberality of Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Kingstone, of The Manor House, Marden. About 25 sat down and thoroughly enjoyed the repast. Amongst those present were the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Master of the Guild), the Rev. D. Osborne Davies (Vicar of Chirton and Marden), the Rev. P. H. Jackson (Rector of Patney), the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), chairman, supported by Mr. Hy. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and ringers from the towers of Devizes, St. John and St. Mary: Marden, Southbroom, Patney, Market Lavington, Chirton, Bishop Cannings, and Beechingstoke. Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone, Mrs. Davies and Miss Niven were also present.—Two new members were added to the Guild, and the meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Chirton for the use of the bells, also to Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone for their great kindness in providing the tea. After tea, the company returned to the towers, and further ringing brought to a close a most pleasant meeting.

RAYNE BELLS DEDICATED.

On All Saints' Day, the new treble bell, which had been added to the existing five at Rayne Parish Church, Essex, was dedicated at a special service by the Rev. J. H. Barrow, senior curate of Chelmsford. The cost of the new bell and the rehanging of the old five amounted to £65, and over £60 was subscribed by the time the service of dedication was held. The money had been raised by voluntary contributions, in which ringers in various parts of Essex subscribed over £10. Before the dedication of the new bell, the five old bells were rung by the Rayne ringers. The service followed, with a shortened form of evensong, and after dedicating the bells, the Rev. J. H. Barrow preached an appropriate sermon.

A collection for the bell fund amounted to £5 11s. Immediately after the service 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung on the bells by members of the Essex Association of Change Ringers, conducted by Mr. C. H. Howard, master. In the evening, the Rector of Rayne and Mrs. Hutchinson entertained upwards of seventy ringers from the district to tea in the Church Schoolroom, after which ringing was resumed by the visiting ringers.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Winchester on Saturday. The Cathedral bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and service was attended in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea was prepared in St. Maurice Hall, at which the Very Rev. the Dean (Dr. Furneaux) presided. There were also present Archdeacon Fearon, Canon Storr, Canon Martin, Canon Smith, Revs. W. E. Colchester, Haslope and Suart, the Chapter Clerk (Mr. F. Bowker), Mr. G. Williams (General Secretary of the Guild), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (Captain of the Cathedral band), Mr. H. White (Basingstoke), and members from Hursley, North Stoneham, Twyford, Basingstoke, Barton Stacey, Bishopstoke, Kingsworthy, Owslebury, Bishop Sutton, Alresford, and the Cathedral band.

At the business meeting, which followed, the balance sheet showed receipts £18 4s. 2d. and expenditure £9 16s. 7d. All the officers were re-elected, viz.: The Rev. Canon Braithwaite (chairman), Mr. J. W. Elkins (hon. secretary), Mr. C. H. Russell (assistant secretary), Messrs. Wilfred Andrews and W. Tucker (representatives on Central Committee), and Mr. G. Smith (auditor).—The Rev. R. H. Streatfield (Kingsworthy) and the Rev. A. E. Norman (Selborne) were elected hon. members.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on the second Saturday in November, 1914.

In responding to a vote of thanks, the Dean said he heartily welcomed the ringers to Winchester again, and expressed his high appreciation of their services as church workers.

Mr. Andrews called attention to the number of five bell towers and the scarcity of six bell towers in the district, and hoped something might be done to increase the number of bells, because six bells were not only more interesting to ringers than five bells, but were very much pleasanter to listen to.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and to the hon. secretary.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, seven new members from Chawton and seven from Selborne were admitted probationary members of the Guild: also one from North Stoneham, one from Bishopstoke, two from Twyford, and two full members from Twyford.

It was decided to hold three quarterly meetings in 1914, the first at Alton in February; the second at Stockbridge in May, and the third at Twyford in September. These meetings to be held on the second Saturday in the month.

Mr. G. Williams was appointed to give a course of instruction to the Owslebury band.

NOTICES.

IMPORTANT. — Correspondents and others should note that in future all communications to "The Ringing World" should be addressed to 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, November 15th. Tea (followed by meeting) will be provided at the Chappell Hotel at 5.30, 6d. each to members giving notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Little Square, Braintree.

LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A meeting will be held in Reading on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Ring at Caversham (8) at 2.30, and afterwards at St. Lawrence (10), and St. Giles' (8). Tea at the "Rising Sun," at 4.30. Gentlemen are cordially invited.—Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Streatham on Saturday, November 15th. St. Leonard's tower open for ringing at 3 p.m Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after; all in the Schoolroom adjoining the Church.—Cyril F. Johnston, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 15th, 1913. Bells available from 6 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, November 15th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15th, at Hitchin. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, November 15th. Service at 5 o'clock. Short address by the Rev. J. W. House, Rector of Fryerning. Tea and meeting at 5.45 at the Spread Eagle Hotel, 6d. to members, 1s. 6d. to others. All outstanding subscriptions ought to be paid at this meeting. Ingatestone bells (5) at 3.30, and during the evening. Fryerning bells (5) kindly notify me not later than first post Wednesday, 3.30 to 4.30, and 7.30 to 9.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Pytchley on Saturday, November 15th, and Higham Ferrers on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Church Cottage at 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary, Oakley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. O. Walpole) in Biscoes Schools at 5.30.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, November 22nd.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, at St. Chads, Far Headingley, for practice. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business Meeting will be held in the Schools at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Thursday, November 27th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, November 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea at the Church House, Dyott Street, at 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), to those who advise me, by the 26th, of their intention of being present. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Blakenhall on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church 5 o'clock. A free tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than Wednesday, November 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. R. Newton has removed to 218, Wellington Buildings, Pimlico, S.W.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—I beg to remind members that the annual subscription is now due. Badges may be obtained at 2s. each, post free.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—Meetings for practice at the Cathedral will be held weekly on Thursdays, 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. Evening service 6 to 7 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed at any time.—H. F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

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A special band of ringers met to open the bells, and in the service a few rounds were rung, this being the first time the new bells had been heard. Everyone expressed satisfaction with their sweet tone. Immediately after the service the same band rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The bells were then handed over to the visitors, of which there were about 40 present from Mistley, Ipswich, Marlesford, Great Bromley, Harkstead, Sproughton, Earl Soham, Holbrook, Langham, etc. Tea was provided by the Rector and churchwardens at the King's Head, after which some courses of Treble Bob Major, etc., were rung upon the handbells. At the close of the tea, the Rector looked in, and asked the ringers their opinion of the new bells, and the verdict was "a splendid peal, and go well."

The tower contained an old ring of five of bad tone, and bad castings. The new treble has been presented by a London lady (Mrs. Trotter), and bears the following inscription: "Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, cast me, 1913." "Donum Dedit C. S. T. in memoriam T. H. J., 1894—1909." The other five bells bear the old inscriptions reproduced, and the words, "Recast by Bowell, of Ipswich, 1913."

SWINDON.—On Oct. 5th, for evening service, 1120 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, O. W. Layng 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. H. Odey 4, T. Robinson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

ORMESBY.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Sample 1, G. Atkinson 2, J. G. Hall (conductor) 3, G. Windsor 4, T. Metcalfe 5, F. Jackson 6, W. Jackson 7, G. Jackson 8.

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

MODERN WORK.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT.

All is not well, apparently, with the Essex Association. Friction in the ranks is becoming manifest, and members in some districts seemed to be chafing under a feeling that the organisation is not being conducted to their satisfaction. Following the dissension which arose in the North-Western Division over the arrangements for the Elmdon meeting, there was last Saturday, at the annual meeting of the North-Eastern District, at Coggeshall, further complaint against "the way the Association is carried on." More than one speaker ventilated the view that matters were not satisfactory. Both the District Master and the District Secretary resigned office, and, we are told, it was with difficulty that successors could be found for the respective posts.

Now, one of the privileges of an Englishman is that he should be allowed to grumble, and this means of "letting off steam" is sometimes all for the good. But when it comes to the resignation of the chief district officers there is something more serious in it. What the exact grounds of dissatisfaction are in the North-Eastern District we are unable to say, but it is obvious the members must feel strongly on the subject, or there would not be threatened secessions from membership. The general officers of the Association have always seemed to be in close touch with the members, and they must, therefore, be fully alive to the feeling that exists. Consequently, in the interests of the Association, we hope they will take immediate and effective steps to save any open breach in the ranks.

We do not like to hear of resignations and such like drastic actions, until every other step has been taken and failed, to amend the grievances which exist. Hasty action never has the best results, and secession removes the opportunity for setting right that which is wrong. The wise course, we think, would be to bring whatever may be the cause of the trouble to the notice of the general body of members at the annual meeting. Then both sides—and there are generally two sides—can be heard, the matter dispassionately discussed, and, if necessary, modifications made in the working arrangements. No one cares to stir up mud, but if, as distinctly seems to be the case, there are those who believe they are suffering under grievances, let them "have it out" at the right time and place. It is far better to do this, than to allow a spirit of dissension to creep in and lead, as it inevitably must, to the disintegration of the organisation. Constitutional methods can be employed to right any wrongs that exist, and we hope, for the fair fame of the Essex Association, numerically one of the strongest in the country, that the differences that exist may be amicably adjusted, as we feel sure they can be if the right methods be adopted.

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On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT LANGDON	6
THOMAS FAULKNER	2	ROBERT W. GREEN	7
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	8
ALFRED B. PECK	4	EMANUEL HALL	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	GEORGE BARRETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, CHELSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

H. BURTON...	...*Treble*	*F. A. SMITH	6
*W. J. DEAN	2	*E. A. REEVE	7
H. S. ELLIS	3	G. SPENCER	8
T. H. TAFFENDER	4	*H. MANCE	9
F. J. HARDY	5	*F. GIBBARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by H. MANCE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PROBERT ...	6
FREDERICK W. WADE ...	2	HENRY B. BURT	7
FRED G. MAY	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	8
ALBERT STOWELL	4	ISAAC LONG	9
WILLIAM WHITE	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Miss Ellaline Edwards, who was a member of Christ Church congregation. It was through her generosity that the bells of this church were rehung in 1901.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

*WILLIAM PASSMORE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	5
RICHARD F. LANE	2	ALFRED F. FULLICK ...	6
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT...	3	THOMAS STEADMAN	7
*JAMES YOUNG	4	HARRY DAVIES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. The ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th belong to the Condover band, 5th and 6th to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and R. F. Lane, who is at present rehanging St. Chad's bells, to Loughborough.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...*Treble*	HENRY HAWKINS	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
HARRY FOWLER	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ...	7
HAROLD W. CLARKE... ...	4	DALBY HODGSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. CARD	...*Treble*	OSCAR GILBEY	5
HENRY F. EWINS	2	WILLIAM CHESSEMAN	6
FREDERICK BASHFORD	3	ALBERT HARMAN	7
ARTHUR HOLMAN	4	GEORGE F. HOAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung, after meeting short for Royal, on the eve of St. Martin's Day.

WARFIELD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST LAMBERT	...*Treble*	GEORGE MARTIN	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	HARRY BUNGAY	6
JOHN RANCE	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	REV. GEO. F. COLERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

First peal on the bells, also a birthday peal for the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. The five old bells have been recast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank and augmented to a very musical eight, the work of hanging having been ably carried out by Messrs. Webb & Bennett, Kidlington.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES R. GRIFFEN	...*Treble*	WALTER HUGHES	5
GEORGE WOODHALL	2	EDWARD CAUNCE	6
THOMAS JENNION	3	GEORGE R. NEWTON	7
JOHN ALLEN	4	JOHN TURNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jennion and to commemorate the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. TIMMS	...*Treble*	*HENRY CHAPMAN	5
ALFRED CHAPLIN	2	JAMES PRATT	6
GEORGE CHAPLIN	3	WILLIAM CHAPMAN	7
CHARLES CHAPMAN	4	*WILLIAM H. HAMMOND	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the election of Councillor F. G. Allton as Mayor of Tamworth. W. H. Hammond was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

*FRANK WHITEMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY HOLLICK	5
GEORGE N. PRICE	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
HENRY HODGETTS	3	LEWIS GOODENOUGH	7
HUBERT EDEN	4	EDWARD WHITBREAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method. The first seven bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and the "go" is all that can be desired.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*HARRY WEST	...*Treble*	D. G. TAYLOR	5
ALEXANDER EVANS	2	A. O. MAJOR	6
FREDERICK ILEY	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
G. H. PRUEN	4	JAMES CORAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the Mayor's Day.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

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

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

W. WHEWELL	...*Treble*	*C. SHARPLES	5
J. SHAW	2	A. T. HOULDSWORTH	6
*A. TOMLINSON	3	J. HOULDSWORTH	7
J. RAWCLIFFE	4	J. BENTLEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal in the method. All the above belong to the local company with the exception of A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., E.

*HENRY STRAW	...*Treble*	†JAMES F. GEORGE	5
HENRY HARRISON	2	†WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
CECIL J. BAKER	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
JOSEPH HALL	4	HENRY BEARDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal, elected a member before starting for peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the election of Mr. J. A. Macdonald as Mayor of Ilkeston.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

GEORGE F. SWANN	...*Treble*	HORACE HOWELL	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	*WALTER PIGOTT	6
*J. HERBERT BENFIELD	3	JOSEPH PIGOTT	7
GEORGE GARRISON	4	MORRIS J. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Tuesday, November 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lbs.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN	...*Treble*	HERBERT KNIGHT	5
SAMUEL REEVES	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	7
JOHN CARTER	4	JOHN SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung on the Festival of St. Martin (Bishop and Confessor), and to commemorate the 74th birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, his colleagues heartily congratulating him on his attainment. Hopes were expressed that they would have the honour of ringing many more anniversary peals for him.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	ALFRED CLAYTON	5
JAMES D. DREWETT	2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	6
JOHN S. DANIELS	3	JOHN WEBB	7
BENJAMIN MORRIS	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

PENDLETON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 12, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH	...*Treble*	THOMAS BOTTRILL	5
JAMES BARRATT	2	HARRY SHUKER	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	HARRY CHAPMAN	7
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE, and
Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Barratt and Chapman, the captains of the Eccles and Pendleton companies respectively.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*GEORGE RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. TURNER	5
HENRY STALHAM	2	JAMES A. HART	6
EDWIN J. PANNETT	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
HERBERT RANN	4	FREDERICK CHARMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Albert E. Edwards, instructor to the Barcombe branch of the Association.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*THOMAS HUGHES	...*Treble*	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5
GEORGE HUGHES	2	THOMAS J. ELTON	6
EDGAR SMITH	3	ALBERT LITTLE	7
*FRANK PERRENS	4	WILLIAM FISHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method with a bob bell, and also first in the method on the bells.

HAMMERSMITH.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ST. PAUL'S GUILD.
On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE W. COOMBES	...*Treble*	FRANK SKEVINGTON	5
HARRY BARRETT	2	GEORGE C. ILES	6
ERNEST H. COOK	3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	7
HARRY STEVENS	4	EDWARD CASSELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

First peal in the method by all, and first peal in the method by the Guild.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in G.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	...*Treble*	EDWARD C. MERRITT	5
JOHN CAPP	2	OLIVER SIPPETTS	6
ARTHUR H. WHITE	3	KEITH HART	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	WILLIAM C. HART	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM BILLENNESS	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
ALFRED PYE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
GEORGE H. JAYE	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	MAURICE F. HIBBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. PAULSON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM FOX	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	6
ALBERT C. WRIGHT	3	JOHN FLOWER	7
THOMAS WHITE	4	HENRY GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

For figures see M.C.A. Report, Peal No. 1369.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

*JOSEPH W. BELL	...*Treble*	GILBERT H. HARDING	5
JOHN TAYLOR	2	CHARLES W. BELL	6
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER	3	HENRY W. BROWN	7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Joseph W. Bell (son of the conductor), who is 17 years of age, and the youngest peal ringer in Bath and District. It was rung at the second attempt, the first failing at the end of the peal owing to the breaking of a rope. It was his first peal, and great credit is due to him for the way he rang his bell. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	HARRY FOULDS	5
ALFRED BROOK	2	WILLIAM E. WILSON ...	6
EDWARD MALLINSON	3	WILLIAM MALLINSON ...	7
ROBERT FOULDS	4	JOHN WATSON	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the C.E.M.S. meeting at Colne.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

*H. HALL	...*Treble*	L. C. WIGHTMAN	5
H. BEDINGFIELD	2	E. JENKINS	6
G. A. WIGHTMAN	3	D. WIGHTMAN	7
D. COLLINS	4	W. BURGESS	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

†HAROLD SMITH	...*Treble*	PERCY PAGE	5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	2	ARCHIBALD C. KAY	6
GEORGE KENNETT	3	GEORGE JOHNSON	7
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	4	*ALBERT NOAKES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

ALFRED G. BENNINGTON...	...*Treble*	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	HARRY WARNETT, Senr.	6
*THOMAS A. EASTERBY ...	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method away from tenor. Arranged to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the re-formation of St. John's band.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

†GEORGE JONES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
WALTER HAYWARD	2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS...	6
GEORGE CASE	3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	7
*LEONARD HEWETT	4	WILLIAM R. NASH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung as a compliment to the Mayor, Mr. S. H. Valentine, a chorister for 43 years, a sidesman and ex-churchwarden, who hospitably entertained the ringers after the peal.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE	...*Treble*	MARTIN HARRIS	5
ROBERT SPERRING	2	JAMES SWAINSON	6
†FRANK UNSWORTH	3	GILBERT GERRARD	7
*GEORGE JONES	4	*FRANK GARNER... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR ABSALOM... ...	...*Treble*	*CHARLES STARLEY	5
GEORGE WALDER...	2	GEORGE LEWRY	6
THOMAS GASSON	3	WILLIAM VINCENT	7
FRANK STONER	4	WALDEN WALDER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WARDEN WALDER.

* First peal. First peal of Major by all the band and rung at the first attempt. Also the first peal of Major by a local band for upwards of 68 years.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Treble*	JESSE ELDRIDGE	5
GEORGE GUTTERIDGE ...	2	HERBERT COX	6
*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ...	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
*JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	WILLIAM WELLING...	...*Tenor*

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

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

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALFRED J. PIERPOINT	...*Treble*	ARTHUR CAUSLEY	5
ALFRED J. TURNER	2	CHARLES BRASIER	6
HENRY M. SMITH	3	JAMES A. HART	7
GEORGE ADES	4	HENRY STALHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS, and
Composed by HENRY STALHAM.

* First peal of Major.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART No. 2.

*TOM W. CREED... ...	...*Treble*	HENRY NORMAN	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS ...	6
ROBERT SCOTT	3	ISAAC CREED	7
†THOMAS J. LLOYD	4	WILLIAM CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS WALES	...*Treble*	ALBERT HARMAN	... 4
JOHN AKEHURST	... 2	HORACE EDWARDS	... 5
FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr.	3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr.

* First peal.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HENRY C. SEALEY	...*Treble*	†LEWIS HY. MOORE, Junr.	4
LEWIS HENRY MOORE	2	GEORGE H. GALE	... 5
WILLIAM G. BENNETT	3	HENRY PORTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. GALE.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the 40th birthday of W. G. Bennett and the 70th birthday and 45th wedding day of Henry Porter. The latter has been ringing in the tower for 57 years, and it was his wish to ring a peal of all Grandsire Doubles.

WITNESHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

ALBERT FLEMING	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	... 4
GEORGE FLEMING	... 2	GEORGE ABLITT	... 5
GEORGE PRYKE	... 3	GEORGE FARNISH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

Messrs. Fleming belong to Witnesham, Bennett and Farnish to Ashbocking, Pryke to Otley and Ablitt to Burgh.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. PETER'S COMPANY.)
On Monday, November 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Beverley, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES A. ROBINSON	...*Treble*	CHARLES STAPLETON	... 4
JOHN C. COOKE	... 2	HERBERT SHARP	... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor rung in the county and by all except the 3rd ringer. Rung at the third attempt. The company only started learning after the Leytonstone ringers visited Bedford last June and showed them the way to ring the methods.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CLARENCE GOOCH	...*Treble*	GEORGE SNELLING	... 4
*EDWIN WHITING	... 2	JOHN SNELLING	... 5
FREDERICK SEAGER	... 3	BERTIE F. TURNER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN R. MAIN	...*Treble*	REGINALD LOVEDAY	... 4
JAMES HUDSON	... 2	DANIEL MEADOWS	... 5
LEONARD WYMAN	... 3	ARTHUR SMEATHERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SMEATHERS.

DEAL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt., in G.

*NORMAN A. JEFFERIES	*Treble*	JOHN TRINDER	... 4
*ARTHUR LONG	... 2	LOUIS LADD	... 5
LCE.-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN	3	HENRY C. CASTLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I.

* First peal. Arranged for N. A. Jefferies, R.M.L.I., who leaves Walmer to be stationed at Stonehouse.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Annable's London, Bourne, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR BAILEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	... 4
CHARLES CHENERY	... 2	WILLIAM ROSE	... 5
GEORGE BAILEY	... 3	LEONARD LAST	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Messrs. Bailey and Chenery belong to Rickinghall, and L. Last to Wickham Skeith.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lbs., in G.

HERBERT G. PRATT	...*Treble*	NORMAN R. BAILEY	... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	2	WALTER LAST	... 5
JOHN SPENCER	... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Walter Last belongs to Sibton. The band wish to thank the Rev. E. A. Cooke for the use of the bells, also Mr. Nicholls for having everything ready. It is twelve years since the last peal was rung upon these bells.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*ARTHUR T. STARMER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ALLEN	... 4
JOSEPH C. DEAN	... 2	*WALTER C. STARMER	... 5
J. WILFRED SHARP	... 3	FRED HOPPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

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

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

George Easthaugh ...	...*Treble*	William Drew	4
Fredk. C. Lambert	2	John Larter	5
James Spalding	3	Fredk. W. Watling	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. Watling.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

*Arthur H. Kentfield ...*Treble*		Tom W. Creed	4
†William Tout	2	Thomas J. Lloyd	5
Arthur Wheadon	3	Gerald Locke	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. J. Lloyd.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band. All the above are members of the C.E.M.S. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Dinham, of Calne, late of Langport, on the birth of a son.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Bertram Prewett ...	1—2	Ernest Pye	5—6
George R. Pye	3—4	James Hunt	7—8

Alfred W. Grimes ... 9—10

Composed by J. Carter, and
Conducted by George R. Pye.
Umpires: J. Barry and A. C. Chaplin.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Nicolas Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5053 CHANGES;

Size 18, in G.

Willoughby E. Maulden	1—2	Maurice Smither	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Septimus Radford ...	7—8

Frank Blondell ... 9—10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and
Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Witness: Alfred Septimus Radford.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
At Pembroke College,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. Bruce Williamson ...	1—2	William D. James ...	5—6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	3—4	*F. Philip Cheetham ...	7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by William D. James.

* First peal in the method.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Coddington, on Nov. 1st, was Christopher Bowers, not Bowen as printed.

GEDNEY BELLS AUGMENTED.

Some time ago the Vicar, churchwardens and parishioners of Gedney, Lincs., considered the possibility of increasing their ring of five to one of six bells, and a fund was started with that end in view. The subscriptions and promises came in so well that it was soon found that the new bell could be provided for. The original five bells were rehung a short time ago in a steel frame, and a frame provided for the new treble, by the well known firm, Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The inscription on the new bell is: "Laudatus Jesus Christus" ("May Jesus Christ be praised"), and its tone and "go" are in every way satisfactory. The dedication was performed by the Rev. Canon Whiting (Rural Dean), who was assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Gales). After the choir and congregation joined in the familiar hymn, "Lifted gently to the steeple," the canon preached to a large congregation from Psalm xliii, 3 and 4.

After service, a well-struck 720 Bob Minor was rung by: H. V. Fletcher (Gedney) 1, J. Fletcher (Gedney) 2, A. J. Farr (Moulton) 3, J. Taylor (Moulton) 4, S. Mumby (Long Sutton) 5, J. B. Hallifax (Fleet), conductor, 6. Several other touches were rung with the local band taking part.

Great credit is due to Mr. H. V. Fletcher, the Vicar's warden, and captain of the ringers, who worked hard to get the new bell. The people of Gedney are proud of their magnificent church, magnificent tower, and now a magnificent peal of bells, which can be heard several miles over the Wash.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT.

DISSATISFACTION IN NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

There was some plain speaking on the subject of the management of the Essex Association at the annual meeting of the North-Eastern District at Coggeshall on Saturday, and the District Master and District Secretary have resigned. Ringers were present from Rayne, Earl's Colne, Bocking, Gestingthorpe, and Coggeshall. At the meeting, which followed tea at Chappell Hotel, Mr. D. H. Elliott refused to be re-elected, and remarked that the conditions under which the Association is now carried on, inclined him to withdraw from it altogether. Several other members expressed themselves in similar terms, and it was with difficulty that a successor to Mr. Elliott could be found. Eventually Mr. G. Pannell consented to act for the coming year.

Next, Mr. A. Shufflebotham declined to be re-elected hon. district secretary, and expressed dissatisfaction with the working of the Association. Here again some difficulty was experienced in filling the vacancy, but Mr. B. Redgwell, of Rayne, ultimately consented to step into the breach for a year, and was accordingly elected.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar of Coggeshall (the Rev. F. S. Stoney) for the use of the bells, and to the district officers for their services.

The ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, and on handbells a course of Grandsire Cinques by: F. Clavdon 1—2, W. Howell 3—4, W. Keeble 5—6, D. H. Elliott 7—8, A. Shufflebotham 9—10, E. W. Beckwith 11—12. Also a course with G. Newman 1—2 and S. Howell 11—12, and a course of Caters and London Major.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern District was held at Ingatestone, on Saturday, and was well attended. After ringing in the afternoon, the members attended service, at which the Rector (the Rev. C. Earls) officiated, and the Rev. W. J. House, Rector of Fryerning, gave a short and interesting address. The organist and choir boys very kindly gave their services, and the singing of the special psalms and hymns was heartily entered into. The Rector not being able to attend the tea and meeting which followed, assured the officers of the Association he was most pleased to hold this service, and hoped he should be called upon for such another at some future date.

Tea was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel, the Rev. W. J. House presiding over a company of 27, supported by Mr. Green, the energetic captain of his own band of ringers; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Vicar of Great Totham, and hon. secretary of the Association; Mr. C. H. Howard, Master; Mr. Edwards (District Master), Mr. Cooper (district secretary), and members from Boreham, Bentley St. Paul, Fryerning, Rettenden, Shenfield Writtle, and the local ringers.

At the business meeting after, five new members were enrolled.—The District Master having held office for five years, expressed his wish to retire, as he thought in the interest of the Association, there were others who ought to act. — After a little persuasion, Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle, was elected to the office.—Mr. Cooper was unanimously re-elected secretary. — Rettendon was selected for the next meeting to be held in March.

The Rev. Eyre proposed, and Mr. Edwards seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rectors of Ingatestone and Fryerning for holding the service, also to the Rev. W. J. House for presiding at the meeting.—The Chairman suitably responded, and informed the members that an effort to place a sixth bell in Fryerning tower early in the New Year was to be made.—This announcement was greeted with cheers.

Mr. Edwards was heartily thanked for his services as Master, as was also the secretary, both officers thanking the members for the kind words that had been said of them. The meeting then broke up with everyone satisfied that the experiment of holding the annual meeting at a five-bell tower had been most successful. The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung; also a course each of Grandsire Triples and Caters on the handbells. Fryerning bells were also rung during the afternoon.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. FRED PITSTOW.

The subject of our illustration this week — Mr. Fred Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, Essex—is one of the best known figures and most popular ringers in the Eastern Counties. The pioneer of ringing in a family which has since become famous in the Exercise, Mr. Fred Pitstow is the embodiment of geniality and of enthusiasm for ringing, and to him more than to anyone it must be gratifying that the church where more than 40 years ago he began his ringing career, and to which he has through all this period remained faithful and devoted, is shortly now to have a peal of twelve bells. In his long connection with the art Mr. Pitstow has naturally had many interesting experiences, and it is a positive delight to hear him recount the ringing stories of his younger days, while the struggles which he, and his equally well-known brother, Nathan, made to advance in the Art would put many a present day ringer to shame.



MR. FRED PITSTOW.

Mr. Fred Pitstow's association with bells began when he was only 15 years old, and at that time change ringing at Saffron Walden was at a low ebb. Bob Minor and Bob Major comprised all the change ringing that was done anywhere near his own village, except at Stansted, to which tower, nine miles away, Nathan and he often walked for a peal of Treble Bob Minor on a Sunday. Bennington was the only place where they could get Surprise ringing, and they went there as often as possible, and sometimes met the Bennington ringers at Braughing or Sawbridgeworth to get a course or two of Double Norwich or Superlative. But the desire of the brothers Pitstow to advance was unquenchable and time and distance were obstacles which were seldom allowed to stand in the way. Mr. Fred Pitstow was frequently ringing in London or the country with the Cumberlands, in company with George Newson and his band. As an example of the way in which Mr. Pitstow made opportunities for progress, we may mention the occasion when, within the space of a fortnight, he rang a peal of Cambridge, at St. Giles, London; Superlative at Duffield; London Surprise at Burton; Stedman at Burton and Double Norwich at St. Giles, all of them at the first attempt, and without any practice whatever except the periodical visits to the Bennington men.

After this a young band was got together at Saffron Walden, and they succeeded in ringing the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in the Eastern Counties and in Cambridgeshire, and the first peals of London and Superlative in Essex. Mr. Pistow also took part in the first peal of Superlative in London, and conducted the first peal of Treble Ten on the Norman Tower bells, Bury St. Edmunds, and at Thaxted, at both of which places the bells had been hung over a hundred years. He also conducted the first, and, up to now, only peal rung on that wonderful ring at the Catholic Church, Cambridge. Mr. Pitstow joined the Essex Association in 1886, and rang in the first peal of Treble Ten at Chelmsford and the first peals by the Essex and Yorkshire Associations in London. He is District Master of the North-Western District of the Essex Association, and is also a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Midland Counties, Norwich Diocesan, Ely Diocesan and Middlesex County and other associations, and only a few weeks ago was made an hon. member of the Cambridge Youths as a mark of appreciation of what he had done for them. Unfortunately Mr. Pitstow has kept no exact record of his peals, but they number over 200 from Maximus downward. He has conducted a great many of them, and we hope to see him doing still more when the peal of twelve is installed at Saffron Walden.

Although not so well known as a composer as his brothern Nathan, Mr. Fred Pitstow has nevertheless gone considerably into this side of the Art and has peals of Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, etc.

But devoted as he is to ringing, Mr. Pitstow has another hobby, which takes up a good deal of his time. He is an accomplished musician and we see him in our illustration as the bandmaster of Saffron Walden Town Band. His ability as a wielder of the conductor's baton may be judged from the fact that he has conducted all the standard oratorios, including "Elijah," "St. Paul," "The Creation," "Judas," "Samson," "The Messiah," "Asis and Galatea," and other works. Indeed, while in the ringing Exercise Mr. Pitstow is looked up to and esteemed, in his native town of Saffron Walden he is veritably an "institution."

WEIGHT OF WEDMORE TENOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I noticed in "The Ringing World" that the weight of Wedmore tenor is put at 38 cwt., but I think 33 cwt. to 34 cwt. would be nearer the mark, for the following reasons: Wrington tenor weighs 37 cwt. (not 37½ as published in your issue of the 7th). I saw her weighed. I have measured Wedmore tenor, she is 56¾ inches in diameter; Wrington is 58½ inches. Wedmore tenor is 3¾ inches thick at the sound bow; Wrington is 4 inches thick at the same place, and she is also a longer bell. I think these facts will speak for themselves. All credit to the band who rang the first peal at Wedmore. The footnote to the peal is all too true.—Yours truly,

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

ODD CHANGES.

Rickmansworth bells, which are being erected by Messrs. Warner and Sons, are to be dedicated on Sunday. A peal of eight has been provided and hung in a frame made for ten.

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The 74th birthday of that veteran ringer, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, was appropriately celebrated last week with a peal of Stedman Triples, recorded elsewhere. Mr. Small is held in high esteem in the Midlands, and we hope he will live to receive many more such "birthday compliments" as that which was offered at Tipton. Mr. Small has rung about 320 peals in methods from six to twelve bells, including over a hundred of Stedman.

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The celebration of Mr. James George's 60th birthday is to extend throughout the whole of next week, and no fewer than ten peals, in which about 50 ringers will take part, have been arranged under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild. One of the peals, that on November 24th, will be at Coseley, Staffs, when Kent Treble Bob Major will be attempted by the same band that rang one at the same church on that date 20 years ago. It will be the same composition and the ringers will stand in the same order. The week will be wound up with a social gathering in Birmingham. We hope Mr. George will have a "record" birthday, and ringers throughout the country will wish him "many happy returns of the day."

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Congratulations to the Bolney (Sussex) band upon their peal of Bob Major. It was the first peal of Major by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. The footnote to the peal also informs us that it is the first peal of Major on the bells by a local band for 68 years. Those who know the isolation of Bolney will appreciate the merit of this performance, for few bands can have less facilities for meeting at other towers to advance in the Art. "Five miles from anywhere" is a description that well applies to Bolney, and much credit is due to the brothers Walder for the way they have kept the Art alive in such an out of the way village.

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The Cambridge Youths can claim to be one of the oldest of our ringing societies, but it was not until a week or so ago that they rang Cambridge Surprise. The first performance in this method was at Old Chesterton, when 720 Cambridge Minor was rung by W. B. Kempton 1, F. Dench 2, A. Wilkerson 3, T. R. Dennis 4, F. E. Kempton 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6. This is another evidence of the revival of this ancient society, which is now being brought about.

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is an old legal maxim that the defence which has no case should blackguard the plaintiff's attorney, but it is of doubtful efficacy. Let me point out once more, and for the last time to Mr. Dains, that I have never attempted to adjudicate. Granted he and his friends scored a strong point in showing that the 6048's of Major could be reduced to 5040 of Royal by the simple insertion of a bob, it must be confessed on the other side that their contention is enormously weakened by the fact that the four peals so reduced become two, and can be said to belong to four composers only by straining the meaning of words. Without adopting a partisan attitude, I was perfectly justified in referring to this, and with all respect to Mr. Dains' years it is childish to lay a charge of ignorance against me for seeing there are two points of view to a very complicated problem. This is the origin of our difference, and I see no advantage in continuing the discussion along the side issues that have been raised.—Yours etc.,

Holbeton Vicarage. E. S. POWELL.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

MORE ABOUT THEIR HISTORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Seeing in this week's "Ringing World" that information is asked for by Mr. J. R. Jerram; may I be allowed to say that we have no records of the recasting of our trebles in 1823, but that they were recast in that year is quite evident. I have lately written the history of Shoreditch Church, and it will soon be published. This work will include a complete history of the bells and also the list of peals rung upon them. In looking up the matter for the bells, I found an entry in the churchwardens' minutes in 1805 to the effect that permission had been given to the Cumberland Youths to place in the tower two small bells, provided that the church authorities should be put to no expense. In the Cumberland peal books we find the following:—

St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

Monday, Nov. 30th, 1807, the Society of Cumberland Youths rang in that steeple, a compleat peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5,390 changes, in 4 hrs. 2 mins., being the first peal on the twelve bells, as this was the opening of the peal.

The performers were: Geo. Gross 1, William Shipway 2, James Nash 3, Js. Stitchbury 4, Anthony Carlier 5, Peter James 6, John Flints 7, William Stephens 8, Thos. Smith 9, James Purser 10, Philip Pilgrim 11, James Marlson 12. Composed and called by Geo. Gross.

From the above, there can be no doubt that the bells were placed in the tower in 1807, and the only explanation I can think of is that the bells were a bad splice (as was the case up to the present restoration), and an attempt was made to remedy this by recasting in 1823.

It is not generally known that Queen Elizabeth stopped outside Shoreditch Church to admire the bells, see Nicoll's "Progresses of Queen Elizabeth."

It may also interest many ringers to know of a peal that was rung at Shoreditch in 1746, though I do not know by what society, but should think it must have been that one rung by the London Scholars as a welcome to the Duke of Cumberland on his return from Culloden. In a little book in Shoreditch Library, entitled "Dawson's Diary" may be found the following: "October 18th, 1746.—A peal of Bob Major (6832 changes) were rung on Shoreditch bells."

If any ringer would like a copy of the history of the church I shall be glad to send one immediately it is published.—Yours truly,

HERBERT J. BRADLEY.

Mr. J. D. Matthews also sends extracts from the Cumberland's peal books, as follows:—

November 30th, 1807, 5380 Grandsire Cinques, in 4 hrs. 2 mins., "being the 1st peal on the 12 bells, as this was the opening of the peal." Composed and called by Mr. Geo. Gross

December 9th, 1809, 6000 Treble Bob Maximus, composed and called by Mr. Geo. Gross.

May 19th, 1823, 5213 Grandsire Cinques, in 3 hrs. 47 mins., "being the first on the bells," called by G. Gross.

February 22nd, 1803, 5024 Treble Bob Eight in, called by Geo. Gross, senr.

Note.—On the 3rd May this year (i.e., 1803, Mr. Gross, senr., who had served the society as their warner more than 20 years, died," etc. "He was succeeded in the office by his only son, Mr. Geo. Gross."

(This peal on February 22nd was the last by G. Gross, senr.).

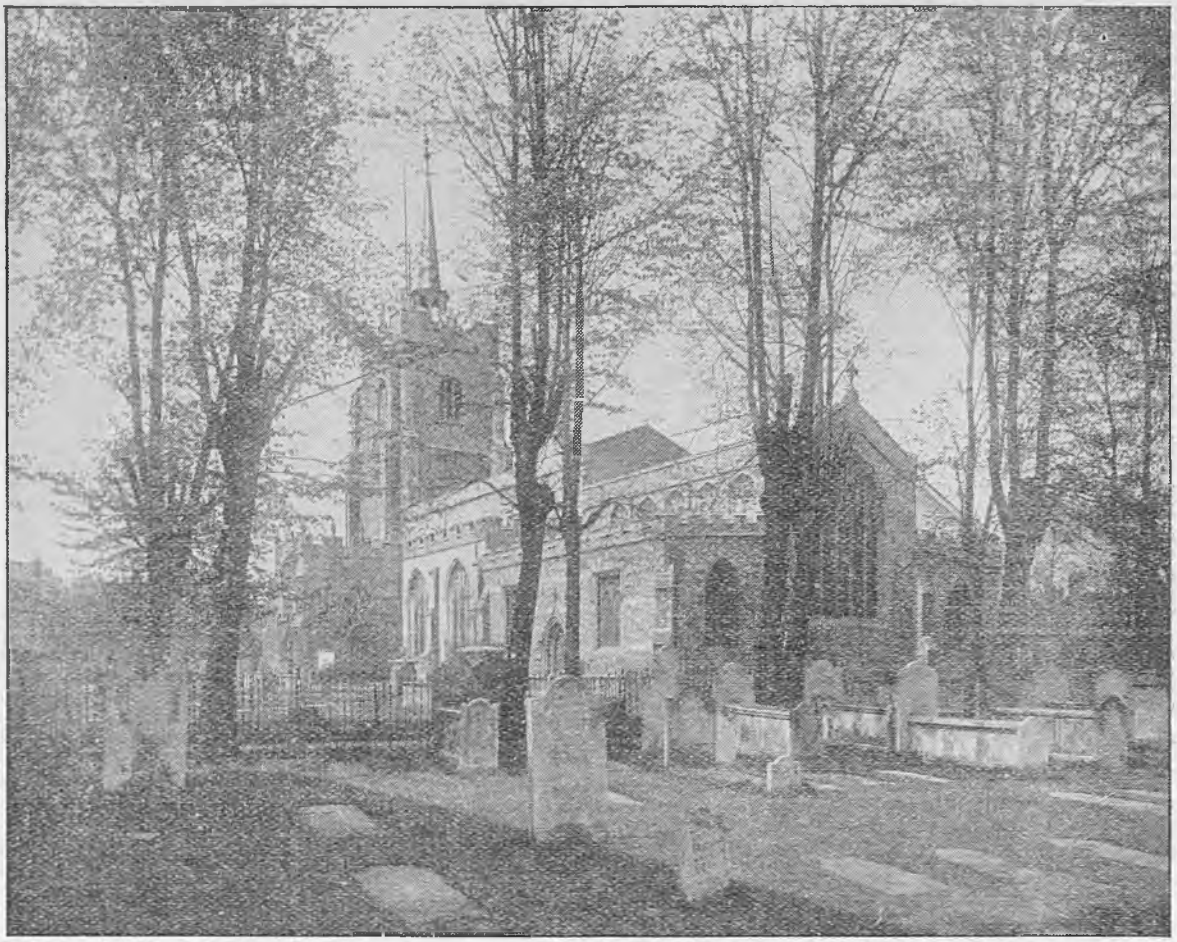
It is clear from these notes that the two peals of Grandsire Cinques were called by the same man, and each is claimed as the first on the bells, the 1st 1807, the 2nd 1823. A note in an old book gives the date of casting in May, 1807, and the only conclusion to be drawn is that for some reason or other there was a recast. Mr. Geo. Gross, senr., died before Shoreditch had twelve, and as both the "first peals" of Grandsire Cinques were called by his son, had the first been false there would surely be an explanatory note in the peal book. There can be no doubt that the trebles were given by the Cumberlands in 1807, and some twelve months ago I sorted this out at the request of Mr. Bradley, who had noticed the discrepancy, and was forced to the same conclusion now published by Mr. Jerram.

It is interesting to note that Shipway rang in the first peal; and in addition to the conductor, P. Jones and T. Nash rang in both.

BIRMINGHAM AND SHEFFIELD MEET.

An interesting incident happened at the opening of Shoreditch bells. During the evening a party of six ringers from Birmingham visited the tower and found among the large company already in the belfry six of their Sheffield friends. It was immediately suggested that they should join in a touch, and an excellent three leads of Treble Twelve was rung by the following: P. O. Laflin (Birmingham) 1, J. Thorp (Sheffield) 2, J. Neal (Birmingham) 3, G. Holmes (Sheffield) 4, T. Miller (Birmingham) 5, J. Evinson (Sheffield) 6, S. Grove (Birmingham) 7, L. Charlesworth (Sheffield) 8, S. F. Palmer (Sheffield) 9, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 10, W. Burgar (Sheffield) 11, J. E. Groves (Birmingham), conductor, 12. All the above ringers are well known to each other, the Birmingham and Sheffield men having exchanged visits on several occasions, but this meeting was entirely accidental, and it was remarkable that an equal number of men from places as far apart as Birmingham and Sheffield should, without prearrangement, meet together in a touch in a London belfry.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor 28½ cwt.)

ANOTHER PEAL OF TWELVE.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL BELLS TO BE INCREASED.

Newcastle Cathedral is to have a peal of twelve bells, and the announcement will doubtless be received with enthusiasm by ringers in the two far northern dioceses. To increase the peal of ten at St. Nicholas has long been the ardent desire of the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge), and the awakening of interest caused by the visit of the Central Council at Whitsun has afforded the opportunity to realise the cherished ambition.

The Cathedral Guild have taken the matter in hand, and they intend to do it " on their own "—a fact upon which they are entitled to the highest commendation. No appeal for assistance is to be made either of a parochial or diocesan nature, neither will the Cathedral authorities, in their corporate capacity, at any rate, be called upon. Between £40 and £45 has been promised among the members of the Cathedral Guild, and it is hoped that it may be possible to get the bells in by next Easter.

This affords a splendid example of the efforts which ringers are ready to make to forward the Art while adding to the value of the church's possessions.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

MEETING AT READING.

A most successful meeting of the Southern District was held in Reading on Saturday, when, by the kindness of the various clergy, three towers were open for ringing, viz., St. Peter's, Caversham; St. Laurence and St. Giles', Reading. At Caversham, where the ladies were met by members of the local band, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung by eight ladies, Miss Parker conducting, and also touches of Superlative and London Surprise by mixed bands.

An excellent tea was provided at the Rising Sun, to which sixteen ladies and five gentlemen sat down. This was followed by a business meeting, with Miss Parker in the chair. Members were present from Goring, Reading, Cranleigh, Bradfield, Maidenhead, Bucklebury, Abingdon, Basingstoke, Edmonton, Yateley and Bramley, Hants.—Eight new members were elected, and Miss Parker announced that Mr. J. Beams, of Banstead, had offered to present a peal book to the Ladies' Guild, and to write in the first peal, which offer was gratefully accepted.

Various towers were proposed for the next district meeting, but it was finally left to the committee to decide.—Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kindly welcome and assistance, and to Miss Goodship and Miss Belcher for making all arrangements for the meeting, terminated the business proceedings.—St. Laurence tower was then visited, but as it was market day the visitors were only able to make a short stay. Ten ladies took part in rounds, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by a mixed band. The evening finished at St. Giles', where a hearty welcome was received from Mr. Osborne and other friends. All agreed that a most successful meeting had been held, and for the first time in the short history of the Guild, a meeting without rain!

NORTHANTS NEW PEAL.

The bells of Tichmarsh, Northants, have been recast and rehung in a new steel and iron frame in memory of the late Rev F. M. Stopford, for over 50 years Rector of the parish. The work has been very successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry, who have tuned the new peal on the Simpson five-tone principle, and carried out some renovations to the clock strike and chiming hammers. In addition, a new floor has been placed in the belfry, and repairs to the tower have been effected. The total cost of the work has been £421, the whole of which was raised before the Bishop of Peterborough dedicated the bells on All Saints' Day. The new ring has a tenor of 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lbs., in E, and has given the greatest satisfaction. The total weight of metal in the bells is 70 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.

The ringing of the bells during the dedication service was done by the Tichmarsh band, with Mr. Geo. Jeffs as leader, and afterwards an opening touch was rung by members of the Central Northants Association: W. Gray (Higham Ferrers) 1, L. Wyman (Thrapston) 2, H. Stubbs (Raunds) 3, R. Turner (Kettering) 4, F. Wilford (Northampton) 5, J. Nickerson (Thrapston) 6, D. J. Nicholls (Kettering) 7, G. Jeffs, conductor (Tichmarsh) 8. Touches were afterwards rung by other bands, about a dozen towers being represented.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, touches in various Standard methods being rung. Afterwards the members adjourned to " The Citizen," Houndsditch, where the business meeting was held. Mr. J. Rayner having kindly brought a set of handbells, a course each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was rung, and several tunes given. Besides tapping three leads of Treble Bob Maximus and a course of Grandsire Triples on the piano, Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., accompanied a number of well-rendered songs. A pleasant evening was spent.

The officers of the district take this opportunity of asking members to make a special effort to attend the annual meeting in January.

CELEBRATING A RESTORATION.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the ringers of Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Monday last, when, at the invitation of the Rector (Rev. E. C. Kirwan), they gathered round the festive board at Brett's Restaurant to celebrate the completion of the recasting and rehanging of the bells and the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the church itself. After an excellent repast, the evening was devoted to a whist drive, and during an interval Mr. C. Hazelden voiced the thanks of the company to the Rector and churchwardens for all that they had done in connection with the restoration of the bells. When the bells were first put in the tower, he said, they were put there in a time of extreme difficulty, when people were more occupied in learning to fight than in learning to pray. It took 23 years to raise the money to build the parish church of Holy Trinity, yet they built a tower, and some worthy citizens placed in it a peal of bells, reputed in their time to be the best the age could produce. These bells had now lately been restored. Two years ago it was found that the bells were no longer fit for ringing. There was considerable difficulty in raising the money for their restoration, but this was accomplished by the skill and patience of the Rector, and they thought all their difficulties were at an end on December 29th last, when the bells were dedicated. But that was only the beginning of their anxiety, and it was found necessary to take out the whole of the work and reorganise it. The founders had now been perfectly successful, and the ringers liked to think that the bells as they now hung represented the highest and best and the greatest the age could produce (hear, hear). They were now in perfect condition. The Rector and churchwardens had displayed the greatest interest in the carrying out of the work. They would have nothing that was second-rate, and in the bells, as in other things at Holy Trinity, they had the best (applause).

The Rector, in responding, said he and the churchwardens quite realised that they had got a famous belfry, but what they appreciated even more than the actual ringing was the fact that they had behind them a loyal band of ringers. They always thought of them as churchworkers, and appreciated the work they did. He hoped nothing more would be required in the belfry just yet, as there was a limit even to extracting money (laughter).

Mr. Churchwarden Lunn also responded, and reiterated what the Rector had said as to the loyalty of the ringers. The way in which they worked was a commendable example to some other churchworkers, and if they were all as enthusiastic in the discharge of their duties as the ringers they would be even more successful at Holy Trinity. The Rector and churchwardens were glad the ringers were pleased with the bells, and they were glad to be able to say how pleased they were with the ringers.

Afterwards the whist drive was continued. During the evening the handbells were brought into use, and a song was given by Mr. Ward.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The above society assembled at Rolvenden on Saturday, members attending from Rye, Hawkhurst, Stone-in-Oxney, Benenden, Tenterden, Salehurst, and the local tower. Unfortunately, the party was not strong enough to attempt anything more than Grandsire Triples, but the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed. The touches were conducted by Messrs. Tribe, Lambert and Burden, and Master W. Tickner, of Tenterden, rang his first touch away from his own tower.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) was prevented at the last moment attending the meeting, and Mr. C. Tribe was voted to the chair at the business meeting. It was decided to attempt a peal of Bob Major at Rolvenden on Sunday, December 14th, and Mr. W. H. Lambert will arrange the band, the peal being attempted on the occasion of his birthday.

Stone-in-Oxney and Woodchurch were proposed for the December meeting, and the former was carried by one vote. The meeting will be held on the 13th of the month.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells concluded the business, and the ringing terminated by lowering the bells in peal.

NORTHOWRAM'S NEW BELLS.

The Church of St. Matthew, Northowram, Yorks, has just had added to it by the munificence of Mr. S. L. Watkinson a tower, bells and clock. The bells have been cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, whose work is a splendid credit to the foundry. The tenor is 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs., and the total weight of metal in the peal, 59 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs. The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Halifax, who preached an appropriate sermon, and in the course of the service the clock was started by the donor. After the service, the Lightcliffe Parish Church ringers opened the peal by " volleys " on the bells, and a touch of Treble Bob. Afterwards touches were rung by ringers from Halifax, Lightcliffe Congregational, Low Moor, Guiseley, Brighouse, Earlsheaton, Shipley, Ripponden, Calverley, Bolton, Bradford, Pudsey, Holbeck, Walsden, Birstall, Mirfield, etc.

The clock, supplied by Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, has three skeleton dials 5ft. in diameter, with gravity escapement and Westminster chimes.

A new band of ringers has been formed at the church, and Mr. Albert Jagger has undertaken their instruction.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH LONG PEAL.

DEDICATION OF THE TABLET RECORDING THE WORLD'S RECORD.

With our last issue we gave an illustration of the very fine bell-metal tablet which has been generously erected in the Parish Church, Loughborough, by Messrs. John and Denison Taylor, the founders of the ring of bells upon which, on Easter Monday, 1909, was rung the famous peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters, which created, and still remains, the world's record. It had been intended to unveil the tablet on All Saints' Day, as being the most fitting, seeing that the peal was rung at All Saints' Church, but events occurred to cause a postponement. But on Saturday last the interesting ceremony took place. Soon after 2 p.m., the ten bells were rolling Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal across the town and doing their best to assert their supremacy over the steam organs of the local pleasure fair. Visitors to about 45 in number turned up from Birmingham, Chesterfield, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester and Grantham, and the bells were busy until three o'clock.—Canon Pitts, M.A., Rector, then read the prayers suitable for the occasion, and addressed those gathered about the nave, where the tablet is placed. In his remarks, the reverend gentleman said: "It is right and proper that such a tablet should be placed in the church. It was a marvellous performance, and will be an incentive for ringers in ages to come." In his opinion, he added, it was a proof of how perfect a body of men could become by rigid discipline. He was sorry only three of the band could get down for the ceremony, but one thing he wished to impress—that these ringers not only rang to accomplish something remarkable, but they could be found every Sunday calling God's folk to prayer, and when ringers recognised their first duty, he was glad to allow the bells for the exercise of their prowess. He then called upon Mrs. J. Taylor to unveil the tablet.

Mr. John Taylor said, as bellfounders, they felt proud of what had been done. Being of bell metal, the tablet would stand as long as the church, and be the same hundreds of years hence. Looking back to the day of the peal, he still considered it an enormous feat, and could only be equalled by sound minds in sound bodies.

Mr. W. Willson replied on behalf of the band, and thanked the Rector for his kind remarks, and Messrs. Taylor for the manner in which they had perpetuated the peal at no cost to the band.

The company then returned to the tower, where Caters, Royal and Superlative Major were rung till five o'clock when all assembled at the bell foundry, where a splendid meat tea was awaiting them, and to which full justice was done, the Rector presiding.

During the tea, Mr. Harry Withers, of Bournville fame, played merry airs on the carillon to the delight of the visitors, many of whom heard a carillon for the first time.

Ringing on the foundry bells included Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge, the last being rung by the following cosmopolitan band: S. Wesley (Lenton) 1, A. Ward (Derby) 2, B. Knights (Chesterfield) 3, E. H. Lewis (Frodsham) 4, H. Withers (Birmingham) 5, W. Wallace (Derby) 6, J. Wells (Birmingham) 7, W. Willson (Leicester) 8. Altogether a most pleasant time was spent until the call of the railway broke up the company. W.W.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

PEAL AT BIGGLESWADE RECORDED.

An interesting ceremony in connection with the St. Andrew's Society, Biggleswade, took place, after Matins, recently in the belfry of the Parish Church, when a handsome tablet of Austrian oak was unveiled commemorating the ringing of the first complete peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells following their restoraton last year. After an opening prayer by the Vicar, the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Mr. H. Franklin, churchwarden, unveiled the tablet on behalf of the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the congregation. He referred to the excellent work done by Mr. F. Blood in starting and training the band of ringers, and deplored the loss which Biggleswade would sustain in his coming removal from the district.—The Vicar and Mr. F. Gee also spoke very highly of Mr. Blood's excellent work in connection with the St. Andrew's Society.—Mr. F. Blood, in reply, thanked the speakers for their kind words. He should always remember the happy hours he had spent in the tower. What he had done, however, was only carrying out the rules of their Association in furthering the art and science of change ringing. He hoped the Biggleswade ringers would stick to their colours and work up a band which would continue to be a credit to the town. He hoped to return to the town at some time, and ring a peal with them.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to the maker and writer of the tablet. After this little ceremony, a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung. Mr. J. Church and Mr. L. Harlow kindly came over from Bedford for the occasion, but four who took part in the peal on August 9th were prevented owing to the bad weather.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows:—"Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers. Jubilate Deo. On Saturday, August 9th, 1913, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, was rung on the bells in this tower in three hours, twenty minutes. Ringers: John W. Barker 1, Edward J. Hobbs 2, John Hare 3, Horace H. Smith 4, Charles A. Pratt 5, Fred Blood 6, Wm. J. Mayers 7, Edward Hussey 8. Composed by J. J. Parker, conducted by J. W. Barker. This is first peal on the bells, which were recast and rehung, and three memorial bells given by local residents to complete the octave, in 1912. Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Vicar; H. M. Lindsell, C.B., Henry Franklin, churchwardens."

Four of the bells in Biggleswade tower date back to 1721, and bear quaint inscriptions showing that they were cast by Russell, of Wootton. Possibly, a fifth bell existed at that period, and was replaced in 1806 by the present tenor bell. The octave was completed last year, by the addition of three bells, and the whole peal tuned and hung on the most approved principles by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The peal is now considered, for its weight, second to none in Bedfordshire.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT PORTMADOC.

A special service was held in St. John's belfry, Portmadoc, on a recent Sunday for the purpose of unveiling a peal tablet, recording a peal rung to the memory of the late Mr. F. S. Percival, donor of the tower and bells. Mr. Percival was vice-president of the North Wales Association, and first president of the Portmadoc Guild. The service, which was attended by the ringers and others, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Williams). The tablet was unveiled by Mr. P. Percival, the present President of the Guild. The tablet, which is of black marblette, with engraved lettering, gilded in pure gold, was the gift of Mr. W. H. Evans, a member of the Guild, and bears the following inscription: "Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire. The North Wales Association. On Thursday, December 26th, 1912, in 2 hrs. 57 mins., at the Church of St. John, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes), Parker's Twelve-part, tenor 12½ cwt.: *Jack McMillan, 1, *Harry McMillan 2, Cadwaladr Williams 3, *Jack Parsons 4, Harry Wakefield 5, John Owen (conductor) 6, †W. H. Evans 7, *Idris P. Thomas 8. *First peal of Triples. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late F. S. Percival, Esq., donor of the tower and bells, and first President of St. John's Guild. J. E. Williams, M.A., Vicar."

DEATH OF MR. A. HUMPHREY, BROMLEY.

The Society of Bromley Youths have lost one of their oldest members by the death of Mr. Albert Humphrey, one of their number, who passed away in the London Hospital, after a prolonged illness. He was only in his 36th year, and had been a member of the society for 14 years. He was an excellent ringer in the Standard methods, but owing to his duties (those of a postman) he was unable to attend as frequently as he wished, but he had rung 15 or 16 peals of Grandsire and Stedman. He was of a very happy disposition, and when in the company of ringers was always the life and soul of the party. His ready wit and smiling face will be greatly missed by all with whom he came in contact. He leaves a widow and two young daughters to mourn their loss.

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, November 2nd, and the funeral took place on the following Wednesday, at Plaistow Cemetery. Deceased was borne to his last resting place by his fellow postmen, of whom there were 70 present, together with most of the ringers from SS. Peter and Paul's Church and St. Luke's, Bromley Common. There were many floral tokens of sympathy, including beautiful wreaths from SS. Peter and Paul's ringers, and one from St. Luke's band. After the sad ceremony, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, and afterwards the age of the deceased was tolled on the tenor. The ringers were: A. James, junr., 1, I. Emery 2, E. G. Filtness 3, S. Marshall 4, A. James, senr., 5, G. Huxley 6, G. Durling (conductor) 7, A. Bygrave 8. As a member of the Bromley band, Mr. Humphrey was of course a member of the Kent County Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of Tonbridge District was held at Horsmonden on Saturday week, and was attended by about 25 members. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. H. F. Smith-Marriott) and the churchwardens.—The usual business meeting followed, the Rev. H. Smith-Marriott (curate) presiding.—The Chairman apologised for the absence of his father (the Rector), who, he said, was unable, owing to advancing years, to come out at night, but he welcomed the members to Horsmonden.

At the conclusion of the business, the District Secretary proposed votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and for the excellent tea, to the chairman for presiding, and to Mr. E. Lambert for making the arrangements.—The motion having been carried, the Chairman, in replying, said he was told by their secretary that this was the first time a meeting had been held at Horsmonden. He was very pleased to meet the members, and hoped they would pay them another visit before long.—Mr. E. Lambert also responded, and the members then adjourned to the tower—altogether a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent.

Mr. John Cox has been presented by his fellow ringers at St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, Glamorgan, with a pipe in case, and tobacco, as a token of esteem, on the occasion of his leaving the district. The presentation was made by the Master (Mr. Evans), and Mr. Cox suitably replied. His genial disposition and ever ready help will be sorely missed in St. Illtyd's tower.

HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex County Association.—On Sunday morning, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom 2, G. Miles 3, T. Beadle 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, E. Dewey 6, W. H. Lidbetter 7, H. Beadle 8. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, W. H. Beaumont 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Bird 5, E. Dewey 6, J. P. Kent 7, G. Miles 8; and for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Dewey (Redhill).

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on October 5th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Saffell 1, A. Fiddis 2, A. Prior 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson (conductor) 5, H. Torble 6. 720 Carlisle Surprise: J. Scholes 1, W. Theobald 2, G. Dawson 3, C. W. Clarke 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, H. Torble 6. 720 London Surprise: J. Moule 1, W. Miller 2, H. Torble 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Theobald 5, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 6.—On October 5th, for morning service, at All Saints', West Ham, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Theobald 1, A. Scrambler 2, T. Cranfield 3, J. Scholes 4, W. Truss 5, F. Newman 6, G. Hayden 7, C. W. Clarke, Bedford (conductor), 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Thursday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. Radley.—On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by H. G. Rowe. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Andrews 1, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 2, W. G. Darlington 3, G. Maxim 4, F. Jelf 5, H. Simmons 6, C. Dilley 7, R. Smith 8. A touch of 518 was rung after service, conducted by H. Simmons. The society has now rung 30 quarter-peals, 27 of which have been for services in the church.

OATLANDS PARK.—On Sunday, October 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 45 mins.: *G. Warinton 1, F. Shepherd 2, F. Shepherd, senr., 3, H. Stevens 4. *C. Tricker 5, *A. E. Gray 6, G. Spencer 7, B. Hessey (composer and first attempt as conductor) 8. *First quarter of Major.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1056 Bob Major: A. E. Newick 1, G. Durling 2, C. Tigwell 3, F. Herbert 4, A. James, senr., 5, A. Bygrave 6, I. Emery 7, S. Marshall (conductor) 8; and after evensong, 504 of Stedman Triples: I. Emery 1, A. E. Newick 2, A. James 3, S. Marshall 4, G. Huxley 5, A. Bygrave 6, G. Durling 7, H. Elmer (Boxford, Suffolk) 8.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, October 5th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Mills 1, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 2, J. Fowler 3, H. J. Chaffey 4, H. Rendell 5, W. Dedman 6. Great credit is due to J. Fowler, who is only 14 years of age, this being his first 720.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS. — On October 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold White 1, F. Wilson 2, F. Hansford 3, W. Hunt 4, J. Ward (conductor) 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White 7, J. Ballard 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, at the Parish Church, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Corbett (longest length) 1, W. R. Small 2, H. S. Smith 3, E. Smith 4, J. Small 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Ray 8.

RUGBY.—St. Andrew's Society.—On Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), in 49 mins.: Robert W. Jesson (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, B. W. Heywood 2, W. Malins (conductor) 3, H. O. White 4, W. Taylor 5, J. George 6, J. A. Fenton 7, C. E. Joynes 8.

HULL. — Yorkshire Association. — On Oct. 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1169 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, T. Morton 2, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 3, H. Rodmell 4, F. Merrison 5, J. Highfield 6, J. Hodds 7, G. T. Miller 8, D. W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—On Tuesday, Oct. 28th, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Jackson (conductor) 1, R. Rodmell 2, J. S. Calvert 3, H. Rodmell 4, L. Rodmell 5, A. E. West 6.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: *H. Holloway 1, J. W. Fruin 2, W. Phillips 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, V. Holloway 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, *J. R. Sims 8. * Longest length.

UCKFIELD.—Sussex Association.—On Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Wren 1, F. Tester 2, W. Burrell 3, A. J. Pierpoint 4, A. Causley 5, J. A. Hart (conductor) 6, W. Jenner 7, A. Cosham 8.

SHERFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Maslen 1, F. Pearman 2, G. Herbert (conductor) 3, H. Draper 4, W. Bennett 5, J. Ilsley 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Ilsley 1, F. Pearman 2, T. Greenaway 3, F. Draper 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5, G. Herbert 6.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 360 Bob Minor: *G. Robins 1, J. Brett 2, P. Barrow 3, G. Dann 4, *W. Humphrey 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6. * First 360.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on October 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. E. Bayliss, who for many years was Vicar's warden at Harborne Church: W. H. Keys 1, G. W. Tilley 2, G. Hitchman 3, H. Pratt 4, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 5, A. J. Cartwright 6, A. Beachman 7, J. Such 8.

NOTICES.

IMPORTANT. — Correspondents and others should note that in future all communications to "The Ringing World" should be addressed to 9, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Business meeting 6.30. — Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw, Oldham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea by invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. O. Walpole) in Biscoes Schools at 5.30.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, November 22nd, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. — A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Thursday, November 27th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, W. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, November 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea at the Church House, Dyott Street, at 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), to those who advise me, by the 26th, of their intention of being present. Business meeting after tea. The bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Blakenhall on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church 5 o'clock. A free tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than Wednesday, November 26th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Kings Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, in the Institute, 6d. each. It is hoped that members will take this the first opportunity of visiting Kings Langley since augmentation from 6 to 8 bells.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, West District.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP. —The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wellington on Saturday, December 6th, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at

5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, December 6th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells, tenor 19 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. I shall be glad to receive at this meeting all outstanding subscriptions for 1913, particularly from unattached members. I would remind members of the new rule, by which all those who are two years in arrear now lose their membership. Also I shall be glad to receive any further donations towards the Eckington Bells Funds at this meeting, as this fund will shortly be closed.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchley, on Saturday, December 6th next. Service at 3 p.m. —Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

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

SILVER WEDDING. — Parker — Batchelor. — On November 19th, 1888, at St. Mary's Church, Storrington, Sussex, by the Rev. George Faithfull, James Parker to Susan Batchelor.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec. of the Worcester Association has removed to "Sheepcote," Severnstoke, Worcester.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

CORRECTING AMERICAN IMPRESSIONS

Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, who is doing such splendid work in the cause of ringing in the United States, has, by a timely article in a widely read American magazine, "The Nation," rendered further valuable service to the art. Among our cousins across the Atlantic a good deal of ignorance and misconception exists as to the practice of ringing, and the musical critic of "The Nation" having been pleased to call the art a "curious sport," Dr. Nichols thought it necessary to correct him, and this he has done very effectively. As the periodical reaches the very class of readers in every part of the States whom those responsible for ringing desire to appeal to, the article, concisely written, yet fully setting forth the advantages of the English style over the method generally adopted in America, should have no little influence in shaping opinion.

A few points quoted from the article should prove as interesting to our readers as to those less cognisant of the real facts who reside in the States. Dr. Nichols refers to the fact that the art has been cultivated in England for more than two centuries, and goes on to remark :—

> It should be appreciated, by musicians at least, that scientific change ringing, designated in your columns as "a most singular sport, quite unknown here," is in reality a distinct branch of music constructed on mathematical formulæ and hence perfect from its inception. This remarkable discovery of producing with certainty on a set of bells all possible permutations, or sequences, of notes served to develop the full capacity and particularly the harmonics of the instruments, and thus awakened at once an interest in bell ringing and casting. The immediate result was that societies, or guilds, were formed for the study of the art, and have since continued to flourish. In England, therefore, as in no other country, there exists an impressive method of giving dignified utterance to occasions of festivity and mourning.

After alluding to what has been done in America, and showing the advantages of English methods of bell hanging over those adopted by American founders, Dr. Nichols adds : —

> Visitors to belfries are apt to manifest surprise at the moderate muscular force necessary to guide heavy bells, properly equipped, through the maze of an intricate peal. But it is the mental faculties which are chiefly engaged. Hence, the exercise is quite as appropriate for women as tennis, golf, or rowing. Indeed, one society in England is composed exclusively of that sex; and in illustration of their accomplishments it may be added that there has been recently unveiled in Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, a tablet to record a successful peal of 5040 changes rung in three hours by eight ladies.
>
> There are gratifying signs that this fascinating art which gives free scope to the intellectual faculties, and is also of value from an athletic standpoint, may receive more extended recognition in America. Its introduction would insure a needed reform in the treatment of belfries, and present a novel recreation to those individuals who possess the physical organisation requisite for the apprehension of this particular music.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH)
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANK COLE	...*Treble*	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	*ARTHUR S. BOAR	7
WILLIAM HALE	3	FRED MILLARD	8
HUBERT SCRIVENS	4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ...	9
*JOSEPH T. DYKE	5	†JAMES SINGLETON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM FLOYD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON	5
REGINALD BROUGH	2	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	6
*GEORGE POVEY	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH BAILEY	5
*R. ALLAN HICKTON	2	*JOSEPH HALL	6
ALBERT COPPOCK	3	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	7
PERCIVAL PKICE	4	FREDERICK S. PRICE	...*Tenor*

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

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

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. GARRARD ...	5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ...	2	*JAMES MARTIN	6
†VICTOR CORNELL	3	ARTHUR SYMONDS	7
†ALFRED PERRY	4	THOMAS PRYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Messrs. Cornell and Martin hail from St. Waldingfield, and A. Perry from Sudbury. W. R. J. Poulson's 50th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FRED ROOPE	...*Treble*	CHARLES ROOPE	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	WILLIAM ROOPE	6
*HENRY GARNHAM	3	FREDK. R. BORRETT ...	7
*ERNEST WHITING	4	EDWIN WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Sunday, November 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		TENOR 17 CWT.	
GEORGE DOWDESWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM HALE	5
FRANK COLE	2	ALBERT WRIGHT	6
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	THOMAS ANSLOE	7
*FRANK PONTING	4	WILLIAM BANYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
* First peal in the method.

TODMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		TENOR 23¾ CWT., IN E FLAT.	
*LUKE SUTHERS	*Treble*	*JAMES WHITEHEAD	5
JAMES RICHARDS	2	*HARRY WHITEHEAD	6
*FRANK FIELDEN	3	WILLIAM CRABTREE	7
HERBERT DAVENPORT	4	*SAM HARTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CRABTREE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal in the method by eight members of the Rochdale Branch.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
TENOR 6¼ CWT.

HORACE STUBBS	*Treble*	EDWIN H. LEWIS	5
JOHN SMITH	2	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT	6
*ERNEST LESLIE	3	JAMES HUTCHBY	7
JOHN OLDHAM	4	EDWARD READER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by E. READER.
* First peal of Major.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)
On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY TUCKER	*Treble*	ALBERT D. CULLUM	5
WILLIAM J. PAICE	2	EDWIN J. MENDAY	6
HUBERT HATTO	3	HARRY W. SMITH	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	4	AMBROSE OSBORNE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. SMITH	*Treble*	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JNR.	5
*EDWIN HARPER	2	WALTER R. WASHBROOK	6
WILLIAM RIGBY	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
JAMES E. GROVES	4	†WALTER LONGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
TENOR 17¾ CWT.

*JOHN MITCHAM	*Treble*	GEORGE FRENCH	5
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	2	GEORGE DURLING	6
†HARRY DURLING	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
ALBERT E. NEWICK	4	JOHN NEWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob.

PRESTBURY. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		TENOR 14 CWT.	
WALTER YEEND	*Treble*	JAMES J. CAUSON	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	CHARLES TOVEY	6
HAROLD HOLFORD	3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	7
GEORGE H. WALTERS	4	ALBERT MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. TENOR 20 CWT.

*FREDERICK J. PORCH	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. CAVE	5
*EDWARD GUISE	2	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR.	6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS	3	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
*GEORGE TOMKINS	4	HARRY BROWNJOHN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. A. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Arranged for Mr. S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
TENOR 17 CWT.

THOMAS WHITE	*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
HENRY LETTS	2	HENRY GEORGE	6
FRED W. HILL	3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT	7
WILLIAM J. SEVIER	4	ALEX. HUTCHISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PAGET, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

HARPENDEN. HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. TENOR 15 CWT.

HERBERT GEORGE COBURN	*Treble*	*HARRY DAY	5
RALPH COBURN	2	*ARTHUR DAY	6
*WILLIAM HILL	3	†BEN JARMAN	7
*HENRY JARMAN	4	CHARLES DELLAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by BEN JARMAN.
* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal rung on the bells by a local band. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 5th were elected members before starting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD LUBBOCK	5
HENRY GARNHAM	2	HARRY ADCOCK	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	EDWIN WHITING	7
RUSSELL RICHES...	4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ..	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
*ERNEST E. GRIMES... ...	2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	3	ERNEST BRETT	7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method away from the treble, and first attempt.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE TULETT	...*Treble*	ALFRED GROVES	5
JOHN PAICE	2	*H. INGLE	6
HARRY EVANS	3	EDMUND LINDUP	7
WILLIAM HILLMAN	4	†P. C. LEONARD LEWIS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

* First peal of Stedman. † P. C. Lewis was elected a member previous to starting. This was his first peal on eight bells.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., E flat.

HERBERT DAVIES ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
TOM PAGE	2	GEORGE WINES...	6
HARRY PAGE	3	WILLIAM PAGE	7
GEORGE CROSS	4	JAMES CROSS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal in the method on the bells; by all the band, and in Wales.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES TYLER	5
*EDWARD HORTIN	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	6
ALBERT LITTLE	3	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
EDGAR MARLOW	4	*JAMES ADAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Marlow and Tyler hail from Wood Green and T. Hughes from Wednesbury, A. Little from Wolverhampton, while E. Hortin, C. Wallater, F. W. Perrens and J. Adams belong to the local band.

SUNDERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM OXLEY ...	...*Treble*	†MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	5
*GEORGE S. TAYLOR	2	ROBERT W. LOVIE	6
*JAMES AYERS	4	JOSEPH W. PARKER... ...	7
CECIL O. SAYER	5	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Major on the bells.

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

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

†ALFRED G. CRANE ...	...*Treble*	WALTER SOER	5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIT	6
HERBERT ARMSTRONG ...	3	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ...	7
JOHN W. CORNFORD ...	4	*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal, aged 17 years. † First peal away from tenor.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN DARLINGTON ...	...*Treble*	WALTER R. WASHBROOK...	5
GEORGE A. SMITH	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
JAMES E. GROVES	3	*ARTHUR A. CLAY	7
*JOHN GODBER	4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Jr.	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Junr.

* First peal of Superlative. First in the method on the bells. Rung after the rehanging of two of the bells by Messrs. Barwell, Ltd., the work giving the greatest satisfaction to all concerned.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK ROOPE ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES BAKER	5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...	2	WILLIAM ROOPE	6
CHARLES ROOPE	3	EDWIN WHITING	7
HENRY GARNHAM	4	ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK ROOPE.

LONGSTANTON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, November 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lbs.

WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	...*Treble*	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY...	2	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ...	6
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	3	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE	7
*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ...	4	REV. H. LAW JAMES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal in any method with a bob bell. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung on first anniversary of dedication of bells.

WHITBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, November 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

T. STEEL	*Treble*	W. HARLAND	5
WM. BRECKON	2	G. HILL	6
J. T. WATERS	3	F. HODGSON	7
WM. KNAGGS	4	A. COATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. BRECKON.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of John P. Pyman, of Raithwaite, near Whitby, to Miss Pyman, of Cardiff, the marriage taking place at Penarth on the above date. First peal on Whitby bells by an entirely local band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs.

*HOBART E. SMITH	*Treble*	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
WILLIAM GRIMES	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
WILLIAM GROOM	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 221 C.C. Collection.

STREET, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

THOMAS DOBLE	*Treble*	ALBERT E. COLES	5
HARRY PARISH	2	REV. W. M. K. WARREN	6
HENRY J. TRIM	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
*HARRY FRY	4	WALTER FARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal with a bob bell.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	5
*FREDERICK RADLEY	2	ERNEST NEWMAN	6
WALTER SADLER	3	DAVID ELLIOTT	7
ERNEST W. BECKWITH	4	WILLIAM KEEBLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE	*Treble*	*THOMAS SMITH	5
*CHARLES W. KING	2	ARTHUR HAGUE	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	*HERBERT LUDKIN	7
JOHN W. J. COTTAM	4	*JOSEPH DRAKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method, and hail from Goole.

NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK E. KEMPTON	*Treble*	ABRAHAM WILKERSON	5
*REGINALD LATHBURY	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	6
*L. GEORGE MALLION	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	7
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	4	FREDERICK DENCH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal in the method. First in the method and quickest peal on the bells. W. D. James' fiftieth tower. The band wish to thank the Rev. Douglas Hamilton for the use of the bells, and Mr. Pindar for having everything in readiness.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.
ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAUBNEY	*Treble*	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	5
ERNEST G. STIBBONS	2	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	6
WALTER G. MATTHEWS	3	JAMES R. MACKMAN	7
WILLIAM A. GARRARD	4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HAROLD PEGG	*Treble*	HENRY PARTRIDGE	5
JOSEPH CADLE	2	JOHN RAWSON	6
EPHRAIM W. RANDS	3	GERALD GRIFFEN	7
*PERCY HADFIELD	4	WALTER FERN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EPHRAIM W. RANDS.

* First peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

V. F. SINKINS	*Treble*	JOHN J. PRATT	5
ALFRED C. FUSSELL	2	ARTHUR BLAKE	6
THOMAS T. SMITH	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY	4	*ALFRED PETHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged especially for Mr. Pether, in honour of his 58th birthday. After the peal the band sat down to supper at the Bee Hive Hotel.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Treble*	JOSEPH PIGOTT	5
JOHN BASS	2	WILLIAM PAGE	6
GEORGE N. COCKIN	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
VICTOR WHITE	4	ADFRED HACKETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars', Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.

HERBERT L. HARLOW	...*Treble*	JOHN W. BARKER	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	2	FRANK WEBB	5
*EDMUND J. HOBBS	3	HORACE SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER	...*Treble*	*ERNEST W. HALL	4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON... ...	2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ...	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half muffled as a last tribute of respect to Canon Yerburgh, of Tewkesbury Abbey, brother of the Rector of the above church.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM K. NORTH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	4
HENRY WALLACE	2	NATHAN PATMORE	5
ERNEST OVERALL	3	BARNARD PATMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with nine different callings.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lbs.

ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN ...	2	WILLIAM H. BANKS	5
LUKE VERRALL	3	HARRY FUNNELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Harriot (formerly organist of the above church), now organist at Isfield Parish Church, to Miss E. F. Norman, the happy event taking place at Cowfold Church on the above date. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Martin.

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

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER BRITTAIN ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL WRIGHT...	4
CHARLES KELLY	2	WILLIAM ALEXANDER ...	5
HARRY WATSON	3	ARTHUR SKINNS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR SKINNS.

This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. First peal by Arthur Skinns as conductor, and the quickest peal on the bells.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY V. FLETCHER	...*Treble*	ARTHUR J. FARR	4
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	GEORGE R. TRUSS	5
JOHN B. HALLIFAX	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, a new treble having lately been added by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough.

ELSTREE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR TITMUSS... ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES JEFFS	4
JAMES PAYNE, Junr.	2	RICHARD CHALKLEY ...	5
JOHN MALYAN	3	FREDERICK JEFFS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal in five methods by all.

HARROLD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each 720 being called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES ASHTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM STOCK	4
JOSEPH M'GRATH	2	HERBERT ROBINSON ...	5
HENRY W. GUYTON ...	3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

* First peal. All the ringers, with the exception of the conductor, belong to the local band.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT G. PRATT ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON...	4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON	2	JOHN SPENCER	5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ...	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Stedman Slow Course, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK BARRETT	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	4
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	HARRY KILBY	5
GABRIEL CHALKLEY	3	THOMAS LANGDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

This is the first peal in seven plain methods on the bells, and by all the band.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

WALTER P. CROSS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	4
LEONARD STILWELL	2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE...	5
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	JAMES BLACKMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, being 720 each of St. Clement's, College Single, and Grandsire, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, Tenor 9¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the eve of St. Clement's Day.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

PERCY C. SAYER ...	...*Treble*	WALTER NICE	4
FRED CHALK	2	GEORGE H. NEVILLE ...	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and one of Double Court.

JOHN BUCK...	...*Treble*	CHARLES CHENERY... ...	4
CHARLES BAILEY	2	GEORGE BAILEY	5
*JAMES BAILEY	3	ARTHUR BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BAILEY.

* First peal.

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

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single and Canterbury, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALBERT ATKINS...	...*Treble*	GEORGE HINTON, Junr. ...	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	CHARLES BEAMAN	5
LIONEL LONGNEY	3	GORDON CHECKETTS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. Atkins kindly took an absentee's rope at a moment's notice. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 of Woodbine and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY PEET	4
*BEN. W. YORK	2	†ALBERT E. YORK	5
FREDERICK KILBORN... ...	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

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

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Sunday, November 23, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HORACE W. FOULGER...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. DEWELL	4
WALTER RADLEY...	2	ROBERT WILDING	5
FRANK J. LEVITT...	3	HARRY R. MOORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

This is the first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

*MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1—2		ERNEST PYE	7—8
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	*FRANK I. HAIRS	9—10
GEORGE R. PYE	5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques in hand, and rung at the first attempt.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*GEORGE HOLLIS	1—2	WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	7—8
ARTHUR HAGUE	9—10		

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal of Caters.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. W. CLARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ...	1—2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	5—6
WALTER S. WISE	3—4	AMOS W. CLARK	7—8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.
Umpire: WALTER G. ROWE.
Witnesses: MRS. A. CLARK and SYDNEY R. ROPER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Clark. It was also the 8th birthday of Winifred A. Wise, daughter of the conductor.

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THE TENOR BELL, SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL,
Weight, 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September, 1911. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

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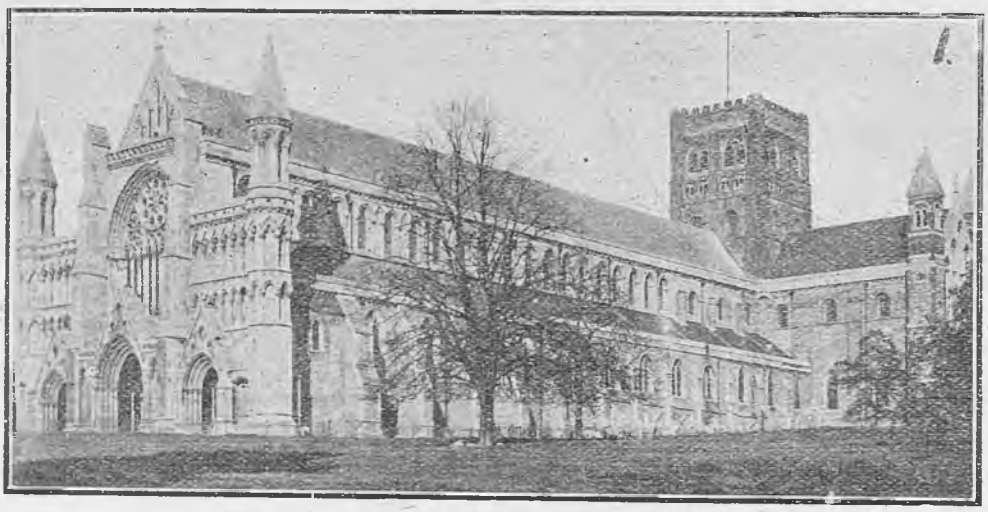
BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—ST. ALBANS.

By J. R. Jerram.

The late Mr. Stahlschmidt, in his "Church Bells of Herts," gives a most exhaustive account of the Abbey bells from early time up to the present date, from which I have extracted the following:

The church was rebuilt by Paul de Caen, 14th Abbot, in 1077. Mention is then made of his providing bells for the tower, but how many is not stated. Soon after this a nobleman named Lyolf, together with his wife, gave two more bells.

About 1300 we find that Roger Norton, Abbot, provided "a great bell, and a most sonorous one, called by the name of St. Amphibalus," to be used as a curfew bell. Two more bells were added at the same time. Again; about 1340 two new bells were provided, and Amphibalus was recast. It must not be supposed that these bells formed a peal in any sense; but were probably odd bells used for different services.



St. Albans Cathedral.

In 1380 we have the following record of a supposed miracle: "Now the fourth day prior to the Feast of the Passion of the glorious martyr (St. Alban) was at hand, on which, according to the custom of the conduct of spiritual works, the Office of the Dead was said in the convent for the commendation of the late most invincible King of England, Edward of Wyndeleshores, when, as is the custom at such chief anniversaries, all the great bells were rung. Whilst they were being pealed, suddenly the bell which was the largest but one, and which was called Alban, becoming detached from its bearings, fell and broke the floor of the tower and two beams upon which the same bell then rested. Now was to be seen a fearful spectacle, the bell lying upon broken beams, which were unable to support themselves when relieved from the weight of the bell, and these becoming stronger as if from that immense burden, and so supporting it throughout the whole day, to the admiration of all beholders. But as soon as the bell had, by the skill of the carpenters, been lifted, the very beams which before had sustained it, proved unable, when lightened, to maintain their position, and being broken into pieces would have forthwith fallen to the ground, if they had not been, by the contrivance of the workmen, secured and bound by ropes and cords, and attached to the upper roof."

We find that in 1484 John Stoke, Abbot, when he was on his dying bed, bequeathed money for a great bell, called "John," and for new glazing of the cloister. We pass over a considerable period, during which there are numerous records of the bells being rung on special occasions. In 1699 we find there were five mediæval bells, dedicated respectively to Mary, Amphibalus, Alban, Christ, and John. These were broken up in that year and cast into a peal of six by Philip Wightman, a London founder. Four of these still remain, two have since been recast; and in 1730 two trebles were added by Phelps to make the present peal of eight, which are thus inscribed:—

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R. BROOKS, B. AGUTTER, T. W. KENT, } CHURCHWARDENS 1845
(The original bell was by R. Phelps 1730).

Second.

THES 2 LEAST BELLS WERE BOUGHT BY FREE GIFTS OF SUNDRY GOOD PEOPLE OBTAINED BY YE. REVD. MR. IOHN COLE VIC: R: P: FEC: 1730.

Third.

MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN 1699

Fourth.

(Ditto)

Fifth.

RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME 1731.

Sixth.

THOS. KINDER & WM. HUNT & CHRS. DOMVILLE CHURCHWARDENS 1758. LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT.

Seventh.

MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN 1699

Tenor.

IEREMIAH CARTER IOHN COOKE CHURCH WARDENS 1699.
VIVOS AD CELVM MORTVOS AD SOLVM PVLSATA VOCO MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN LONDON.

Ting-Tang.

[No inscription].

The tenor is 52¼ inches diameter, weight about 25 cwt.

There is a tablet in the belfry recording a peal rung in 1765.

The inscription on the treble "Natu minor laude prior" means "younger by birth but greater in merit." That on the tenor "I being struck call the living to heaven and the dead to earth."

ODD CHANGES.

There is a family of ringers at Swanmore, Hants, and all are members of the Winchester Guild. On Sunday week the proud father (Mr. W. Linter) conducted his three sons and two daughters through 720 of Bob Minor on handbells, Miss May Linter 1, Miss Ethel Linter (first 720) 2, Walter Linter (first with a bob bell) 3, Frederick Linter 4, Roy Linter (first 720) 5, Willian Linter (conductor) 6.

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The Holy Trinity Guildford Company have retrieved their false peal of Guildford Surprise, by ringing the first true one in the method on Tuesday last.

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His many friends in Manchester and district will be pleased to learn that Mr. Richard Newton, who has been holding a good position at Boston, U.S.A., is relinquishing it for an important confidential position in one of the prominent banks.

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The young band at Colsterworth, an out-of-the-way Lincolnshire village, deserve congratulations upon having scored their first peal. Until the bells were increased to six about 18 months ago not one of them knew anything about change ringing, and the only instruction they have had has been some half dozen lessons by the Rev. H. Law James. Their success is, therefore, all the more creditable.

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To celebrate the birthday of the veteran captain of St. Lawrence's tower, Reading (Mr. W. Newell), a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted, but, unfortunately, after 3 hrs. 27 mins. ringing the conductor found that a shift course had taken place. The ringers were: E. Holloway, W. J. Paice, H. White, R. T. Hibbert, F. Webb, C. Pullen, W. H. Fussell, A. Osborne, F. Hopgood (conductor), R. Sawyer. It was the first attempt on Stedman Caters by Messrs. Holloway, Pullen, Paice and Webb.

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Mr. C. J. Hamblin, the latest acquisition to the band at Auckland, New Zealand, reached the end of his long journey from England on October 1st, and as a welcome, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, October 5th, for morning service by J. F. Colgrove 1, N. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, J. Davies 5, C. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, S. C. Hamblin 8.

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Those taking part in the peal at Ombersley, on Saturday, had an unpleasant experience. When they had fairly settled down to the task before them, one of the two oil lamps began to smoke, and presently the flame drew up to the top of the glass and finally set fire to the outside of the lamp. Through the fourth, fifth and sixth 720's the ringers could scarcely see each other for smoke, but the lamp then burnt itself out and the peal was finished in safety, but by that time all of them were almost as black as colliers.

Those ringers who have accepted invitations to Mr. George's birthday celebration on Saturday, are reminded that the tea takes place at St. Martin's Hotel, in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, at 6 o'clock prompt. As many visitors will not be taking part in any peals on that day, they may be interested to know that Mr. Harry Withers will be playing on the fine carillon at Bournville (Cadbury's Garden Village), from 3 to 4 p.m., and any who care to make the journey, of about four miles from the city, will hear something worth listening to. The bells of St. John's, Deritend (8) will be available during the afternoon for touches.

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Miss Elsie Bennett has scored another success in her unique handbell record, for she has now added Stedman Cinques to her list, after having just recently rung Stedman Triples. Stedman Caters she achieved some time since, and she is the first lady to ring Stedman double-handed from Triples to Cinques.

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Mr. W. White, of Raglan, Mon., writes confirming Mr. Hesse's measurements of Wedmore tenor, and says that he classes the bell as 33 cwt. St. Mary's, Taunton, tenor is 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs., with a diameter of 58½ inches, which, by comparison, is further proof that Wedmore is not 38 cwt. But to ring a peal at Wedmore, Mr. White adds, is a great credit to the band, both on account of the "go" of the bells and the noise of 7 and 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It seems a most deplorable thing that just when we should be most united, and almost at the moment when we are about to add "Diocesan" to our title, dissension appears in our midst. I do not know what the grievance of our friends is, but everyone, of course, is entitled to grumble—and Englishmen have the reputation of being born grumblers—but as you rightly say there are constitutional methods. If members are dissatisfied with their officers the remedy is in their own hands, and can be summed up in three words—Elect fresh ones. I feel sure, however, that if our friends in the North-Western division were to lay their grievances before those in authority they would be remedied.

May I, therefore, appeal to my brother ringers, many of whom are personally known to me, to do nothing which would cause injury or bring discredit to our Association, as I am certain that by all pulling together a way out of the difficulty will be found. Although criticism is always easy, it is far better to embark on a constructive rather than a destructive policy.—Yours faithfully, GEO. A. BLACK.

NOTEWORTHY PEAL RECORDED.

There has just been fittingly recorded in the tower of Leiston, Suffolk, that memorable performance by the eight brothers Bailey. It is in the form of a tablet of Corre Pine, the handsome top having been designed by the Rector, who dedicated the board prior to Matins on Sunday week. The tablet contains the following records of the achievements of the St. Margaret's Society:—

Norwich Diocesan Society of Change Ringers, St. Margaret's Society. Performances accomplished by members of the above Society.

Monday, May 31st, 1909. Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 11.040 changes in 6 hrs. 32 mins. The longest peal on the bells.

Saturday, October 21st, 1911. Peal of Bob Major (5024 changes) in 2 hrs. 58 mins.: Allen F. Bailey 1, Fredk. W. Bailey 2, Leonard P. Bailey 3, James M. Bailey 4, Norman R. Bailey 5, Ernest S. Bailey 6, Charles F. Bailey 7, Edgar F. Bailey 8. The first peal ever rung by eight brothers. Composed by G. Lindoff, of Dublin (late of Leiston). Conducted by C. F. Bailey.

Wednesday, January 1st, 1913. Peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5088 changes), in 3 hrs. Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. F. Bailey. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. J. M. Button, for 50 years Master of the St. Margaret's Society. Mr. Button the treble bell in this peal, in spite of his advanced age.

Saturday, March 13th, 1913. Peal of Stedman Triples (5040 changes) in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Heywood's variation of Thurstans'. Conducted by C. F. Bailey. The first peal in the method by all, and on the bells, by the above Society.

Chelmsford Cathedral.



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

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WINCHESTER GUILD.

STRONG POSITION OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

The Guildford District of the Winchester Guild maintains its strong position, and since the amalgamation with the Leatherhead District, has a membership of over 300. The annual meeting took place on Wednesday of last week at Guildford, and was largely attended.

During the afternoon touches were successfully brought round in the local towers, and at a service in S. Nicolas' Church an able and helpful address was given by the Rev. G. Harding, of Godalming. The offertory, amounting to £1 6s. 3d., was on behalf of the Titchfield bells.

Tea was served at the Sart Inn, ringers being present from Cobham, Shere, Cranleigh, Godalming, Haslemere, Chiddingfold, Witley, Wonersh, Clandon, Merrow, Aldershot, Farnham, Woking, Worplesdon, Shalford, etc. At the annual meeting which followed, in the absence of the Mayor of Guildford, Ald. E. Bridger (Godalming) presided, and was supported by the Revs. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), W. W. S. Fleet (Woking), G. Harding (Godalming), J. B. Francis (Farncombe), and C. Compton (Haslemere), and Messrs. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild, Southampton) and J. J. Jones (district secrtary), etc.

Mr. J. J. Jones presented the district report, in which regret was expressed at the destruction by fire at West Clandon Church of a fine peal of six bells. It had been pointed out to the Rector that the same amount of metal would make a fine peal of eight. The strength of the district with the amalgamation of the Leatherhead district was 30 towers, 275 ringing members and 38 hon. members. The towers of Wonersh and Ranmore had been affiliated to the district, and instruction was given at Ash, Bentley and Wonersh. At present there was a balance in hand of £14 (applause).

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. C. Willshire; district secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones; assistant-secretary, Mr. T. H. White (Dorking); representatives on the Central Committee, Messrs. R. Whittington and C. Edwards; ringing master, Mr. A. H. Pulling; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell; and chaplain, the Rev. G. Harding.

The meeting approved of the following meetings: February, Aldershot; April, Shere; May, Haslemere; June. Leatherhead; August, Ranmore; September, Farnham; November, Guildford.

It was unanimously agreed to attempt four district peals next year.

The question of a badge was postponed to the next meeting of the Guild, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge stating that he had been deputed to bring the matter of a badge for the ringers of England before the Central Council.

Mr. A. H. Pulling presented the ringing master's report, which stated that eleven peals were rung on six bells, thirteen on eight, two on ten and eighteen on handbells, making a total of 44.

Thanks were accorded Ald. Bridger, on the motion of Mr. F. E. Dawe, who also apologised for the absence from the meeting of Mr. J. Hunt, and extended the sympathy of all ringers to the Clandon band on the loss of their tower, bells, and records. He hoped that out of evil might come good, and that as a result a peal of eight bells might be installed at Clandon.

Following the meeting a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. H. Pulling, M. Smithers, G. Williams and S. Radford. The Farncombe band (the Rev. J. B. Francis, Messrs. W. Moorey, W. Hooker and Wood) also gave an exhibition of ringing and songs were sung by the Revs. G. Harding and J. B. Francis, and Messrs. B. Ward, S. Bennett, Nells. T. Mack, F. E. Dawe, G. W. Brion, T. Ledge, H. Mason and E. Etheridge. The arrangements for the gathering were most satisfactorily made by Mr. Willshire.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT'S PROSPECTS.

The annual meeting was held at Basingstoke, on Saturday, and proved an attractive gathering. Happily, the day was beautifully fine, so that the larger number, who come by road, found travelling pleasant. The members began to assemble about 4 o'clock, and the bells of St. Michael's tower were soon set swinging to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and a six-score or so of Doubles for the less advanced. At 5.30 all attended a hearty service in the church, where the ringers' form of service was used; and the music was led by the choir, who kindly attended at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. D. Bonstead), who himself took the service, the lessons being read by the Rev. F. Hume, the district secretary. Afterwards, 56 sat down to an excellent tea at the Church Cottage, well served by Mr. Philpott, as of yore. It was hoped that the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master) and Mr. George Williams (general secretary) would have been present, but both of them were prevented. However, the Rev. W. E. Colchester (general treasurer), and Mr. C. Russell were present from Winchester, and Mr. F. Shepherd from Hersham.

At the general meeting which followed, the Vicar took the chair. The accounts (which are not closed till January) showed a substantial estimated balance on the right side. The president (Dr. Bonstead), district secretary (Rev. F. G. Hume), representative on Central Committee (Miss Alice White), and auditor (Mr. H. White) were unanimously re-elected.—The dates and places for annual and quarterly meetings were fixed, as far as possible; the names of 15 young members were added, by election; and several who had left the district were found to have returned, and met a welcome.

It was reported that there was a prospect of bringing five more towers into union; and that a ring of four was soon to be augmented to a ring of six by the presentation of two trebles.

An interesting feature of the meeting was, that one of the Deane ringers, who is quite deaf, but very keen, was piloted, quite successfully, and to his own great delight, through a touch of Grandsire Triples, on the treble. This ringer, Mr. George Leaves, rings the treble to a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and a touch of Plain Bob Minor quite accurately.

The towers represented were: Basingstoke, Oakley, Sherfield, Whitchurch, Dummer, Rotherwick, Heckfield, Bramley, Overton, Deane, and Andover, besides the visitors from Winchester and Hersham. Three members of the Ladies' Guild were present, and took part in the ringing. Some money was given in the room by the Basingstoke and Whitchurch bands, towards the Master's fund for augmenting the peal at Titchfield; and it was hoped that a fair sum will be placed in the hands of the district secretary, by the district, for that purpose, before the close of the year.

A return to the tower, and continued ringing until 9 o'clock, brought to a close a very successful meeting.

PRESENTATIONS.

CREWE RINGER'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

Through the kindness of the President of the Crewe branch of the Chester Guild (Mr. C. J. Bowen Cooke, M.Inst.C.E.), the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, met at "Chester Place" on Sunday, Nov. 16th, after morning service, to make an interesting presentation (on behalf of the branch) to Mr. R. T. Holding, senr., who has this year completed 21 years as instructor to the branch.

Mr. Cooke opened the proceedings with some well-chosen remarks, and the presentation, which consisted of an enlarged photograph of Mr. Holding, with a purse of gold, was made by Mr. Langford, the oldest member of Christ Church tower, who spoke in high terms of the work rendered by Mr. Holding, in connection with change ringing in the district.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake) and churchwardens also endorsed these remarks, and said, that although Mr. Holding had not been able to get to the belfry as often as previously, owing to illness, they all hoped that he would be among them again before long.—Mr. Holding thanked them for their kind gifts, and said that what he had done in the past had not been done for any personal gain, but for the love of the art.—Mr. Cooke was thanked for the interest he had taken in the ringers in the district.

RINGERS' GIFT TO VICAR.

An interesting presentation took place in the belfry of St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby Ireleth, on Saturday week, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. Partridge) received from the ringers of the churches of Broughton-in-Furness and Kirkby Ireleth, a beautifully chased silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his leaving Kirkby to take up duties at his native place, Great Barr, near Birmingham. Mr. H. Casson, who presided over the little ceremony, voiced the regret of the parishioners at the departure of the Vicar, and Mr. J. Spry (the conductor) then handed the gift to Mr. Partridge. He spoke in appreciative terms of the way in which the Vicar had assisted the ringers and joined with them in the practice of the art, and on behalf of the subscribers wished him every success and happiness in his new sphere.—The Vicar acknowledged the gift in a feeling speech, in the course of which he said he should always look back with pleasure on the happy times spent with the ringers both in the belfry and on the many little trips they had had together. He appreciated the gift, not alone for its value, but for the spirit that prompted it, and it would always be a pleasant reminder of the happy hours he had enjoyed with them.

WEDDING GIFT.

On Thursday of last week, Mr. R. G. Black, the esteemed captain of the Geddington company and a well-known ringer in the district, was married at Kettering Parish Church to Miss S. E. Darker, of Kettering. In honour of the event, his brother ringers rang at Geddington 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, C. Swann 2, C. Cooper (conductor) 3, E. Reed 4, C. Moore 5. Illness near the church unfortunately prevented a peal attempt.

After the ringing the bridegroom was present in the belfry, and on behalf of the Geddington band, Mr. W. Moore presented him with a handsome set of knives and forks. In a happy speech, Mr. Moore wished the bride and bridegroom long life and happiness.

Subsequently the ringers were entertained to supper at the residence of the bridegroom's parents (Mr. and Mrs. G. Black), and an enjoyable evening was spent in singing and handbell ringing.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern district was held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Wednesday week, with an attendance of eighteen members representing four towers. Rounds were rung for the benefit of the beginners, and the following methods were practised: Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Plain Bob Royal and London Surprise Major. Four members had their first practice on ten bells. The next meeting will probably be held at Newcastle.

A NEW SUSSEX CHURCH.

MUNIFICENT GIFT CONSECRATED.

One more has been added to the beautiful churches of Sussex by the consecration on Thursday, November 13th, of Holy Trinity Church, Coleman's Hatch, which has been erected by a local resident, Mr. J. McAndrew, J.P., of Holly Hill. The church forms a landmark in its stately position at the top of Shepherd's Hill, and has a fitting background of very fine trees. Mr. McAndrew has not only defrayed the cost of erecting the church—estimated at about £16,000—but has endowed it and thoroughly furnished it throughout with every requisite, including a full peal of beautifully-toned bells, which rang out their joyous welcome before the service. The church consists of a nave and north aisle, a tower and spire, and the usual arrangements of chancel and organ chamber and vestries, advantage being taken of the steep slope of the ground at this point to place the choir vestry and heating chamber under the organ and clergy vestry, both of which are at the same level as the body of the chancel. At the west end there is a small baptistery containing a stone font. The total accommodation of the church is 300, including the choir. The exterior of the church is of Sussex stone, the interior having dressings of the same stone, the walls being plastered. The fittings throughout are of oak, and include the altar, altar rail, choir stalls, pulpit and seats in nave and aisles. The church is heated by hot air. There is a clock in the tower, which is fitted with Lord Grimthorpe's double three-legged gravity escapement and all the latest improvements, and which chimes the "Westminster" quarters and drives the hands of gilt skeleton dials.

The consecration of the new church, tower, bells and clock took place in the presence of a crowded congregation, many of whom were unable to find seats, and was performed by the Bishop of Chichester in the course of a most impressive service.

After the service, the congregation were entertained to tea by Mr. McAndrew, the company numbering between 500 and 600.

Before and after the service the new bells were rung by the ringers from St. Peter's, Brighton, under the direction of Mr. Keith Hart, and after a hurried tea the band returned to the tower and rang an excellent peal of Stedman Triples as recorded in last week's issue.

The tenor of the ring weighs 12 cwt., and is in the key of G; and all the bells have been hung in a steel and iron frame, and tuned on the five-tone "Simpson" principle, which soon becomes apparent to the listener.

The whole of the bell and clock work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were complimented on all sides for the manner in which their contract had been completed, and particularly for the sweet tone of the bells and the ease with which the ringers were able to handle them.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday week, ringers and friends being present from Gainsborough, Willingham, Barnetby and Bigby. Although the gathering was not so large as it might have been, yet from a ringing point of view the meeting was very successful. During the afternoon and evening several well-struck touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor were accomplished. At tea at the Red Lion Hotel, the ringers were joined by the Vicar of Kirton Lindsey (the Rev. H. R. Garvey), Messrs. Silverwood and Kent (choirmaster), and some of the local company. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and it was the pleasing duty of those present to elect the Rev. H. R. Garvey as an hon. member. Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, to Mr. R. Johnson for making the necessary arrangements, and to the host and hostess were unanimously carried and responded to in a very cordial manner by the Vicar and Mr. Johnson. Mr. Silverwood also expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be with them on that occasion.

This concluded the business, after which some of the visitors returned to the tower and indulged in further ringing, including a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by: C. H. Baker 1, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 2, G. W. Blanchard 3, J. C. Tinker 4, W. T. Herring 5, J. T. Ladd 6. This was the first 720 of Treble Bob by Mr. Herring, and is believed to be the first in the method on the bells. The meeting proved one of the most successful ever held by the Gainsborough district.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Manchester branch held their usual monthly meeting at the famous tower of St. Michael, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday week. The meeting was of a very representative character, members being present from Manchester, Pendleton, Worsley, Eccles, Hyde, Stockport, Oldham, Middleton, Penkhull (Staffordshire), etc.—Mr. Jas. Barratt (vice-president of the Association) presided over the business proceedings, at which Mr. J. Broadbent and Mr. A. Sumner were elected members.—Manchester Town Hall was chosen for the next meeting place.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and local ringers for the use of the bells.

EXCURSIONS.

AN OUTING TO LEEDS.

On Saturday week, the members of the Bolsover band journeyed to Leeds for their annual excursion. Arriving at our destination about 10 a.m., writes one of their number, we were met by the genial Mr. H. Williams, who proved a most capable guide, and whose attractive programme included visits to the town hall and other places of interest. At St. Michael's, Headingly, a disappointment awaited us, for owing to the illness of a parishioner we were not permitted to ring. The Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, and President of the Yorks Association, received us most courteously, and gave us a hearty invitation to have a pull on the beautiful peal of eight bells of which his church boasts. Touches of Norfolk, Treble Bob and Superlative were brought into rounds, and after expressing our thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, we proceeded to Beckett Park, formerly the seat of Lord Grimthorpe, and now the Leeds Training College. After crossing the park, we arrived at the famous Abbey of Kirkstall, and our interest in the venerable pile was enhanced by Mr. Williams' narrative of its history and past greatness. The morning's exertions, and the bracing air of Headingly, made dinner unusually welcome. The meal was partaken of at Leeds, and afterwards, as Mr. Williams was compelled by a business engagement to leave us, the duties of cicerone were undertaken by Mr. Johnson, who conducted us to Hunslet Parish Church. Here, Mr. Cotterill, of Halifax, and several ringers were awaiting us, and touches of Cambridge, Norfolk and Bob Major were successfully brought into rounds. We next visited the parish church of Holbeck, and came to grief over a touch of London, after succeeding with touches of Superlative and Double Norwich. Tea provided a welcome respite, and subsequently we concluded our tour with a visit to the Leeds Parish Church, where we again failed with a touch of London, but brought into rounds touches of Stedman Caters and Superlative. The very warm welcome we received on every hand contributed to the day's enjoyment, and we desire to extend our heartiest thanks to the Vicars of the churches at which we rang, and to all who in any way ministered to our pleasure.

LUTON RINGERS VISIT NORTHAMPTON.

The ringers of Luton Parish Church visited Northampton for a half-day, at the kind invitation of the Vicar of St. Giles (the Rev. T. A. Gurney), who was senior curate at Luton some twenty years ago. After having a look round the town, a move was made to the belfry, where, during the afternoon and evening, the following methods were rung on the nice peal of ten, with tenor 25 cwt.: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. By the kindness of the Vicar, tea was partaken of at the St. Giles' Churchrooms, and the tables presided over by three ladies, including Miss Gurney. After tea, Mr. A. King, on behalf of the visitors, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. T. Gurney for his kind hospitality, and for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to entertain the ringers from his old parish, and spoke of the happy time he spent at Luton, under the late Vicar (the Rev. James O'Neill). He hoped at some future date to have the opportunity of inviting them to Northampton again.—Thanks were also expressed to the ladies for their help at the tea tables, and to Mr. W. Rogers and his colleagues for having everything ready at the belfry, and making the outing a success.—Owing to a prior engagement, Mr. F. Wilford, general secretary of the Northamptonshire Association, was unable to be present to welcome the visitors.

DEATH OF CANON YERBURGH.

A RINGING CLERIC.

Readers of the daily papers will have seen with regret the announcement of the sudden death of Canon Wardell Yerburgh, Vicar of Tewkesbury, on the 14th inst. In losing him, the Tewkesbury company lose a genial and kind-hearted president, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association lose an earnest supporter and well-wisher, and the Exercise in general loses one of the comparatively few clergy who not only took a deep interest in the art, but who at one time himself practised change ringing, and was a College Youth. Charming and delightful in manner, he won the admiration of all who came into contact with him. He had held the living of Tewkesbury for some twelve or thirteen years, and was deservedly popular in the parish. The dignity and beauty of the services in the glorious Abbey were his constant care, and the void that he leaves behind will be hard to fill.

The following ringing took place at Tewkesbury Abbey Church, with the bells muffled as a last token of respect: On Sunday morning, the 16th inst., for Divine service, 532 Grandsire Triples: W. Hampton 1, R. H. Wetherington 2, F. S. Wilson 3, F. Smith 4, John Wathen 5, T. Devereux 6, Jos. Wathen 7, W. Haines 8. Also for evening service, 714 Grandsire Triples, standing as before, with the exception of C. W. Dyson 4, in the place of F. Smith. Both touches were composed and conducted by Jos. Wathen. On Monday evening, the 17th, before the memorial service, 600 Grandsire Triples were rung.

NOTICES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, November 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea at the Church House, Dyott Street, at 5.30, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies). Business meeting after a. The bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, will also be available from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Blakenhall on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service in church 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Kings Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, in the Institute, 6d. each. It is hoped that members will take this the first opportunity of visiting Kings Langley since augmentation from 6 to 8 bells.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, West District.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 2nd and 16th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 2nd and 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 4th and 18th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 9th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 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. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP. —The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wellington on Saturday, December 6th, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, December 6th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells, tenor 19 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. I shall be glad to receive at this meeting all outstanding subscriptions for 1913, particularly from unattached members. I would remind members of the new rule, by which all those who are two years in arrear now lose their membership. Also I shall be glad to receive any further donations towards the Eckington Bells Funds at this meeting, as this fund will shortly be closed.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchley, on Saturday, December 6th next. Service at 3 p.m. —Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cold Higham, on Saturday, December 6th, ringing at 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Business after tea. Will those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, December 3rd, and not later. A free tea.—J. Slarke, Brackley Road, Towcester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Stockport, on Saturday, December 6th.—A. T. Beeston, Hon. Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Cropthorne, on Saturday, December 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bicester, Oxon, on Saturday, December 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., tea (6d. per head) 4.30. Will those who wish to attend please notify me by December 11th.—Rev. C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Saturday, December 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Short address by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane). Tea and business meeting will be held at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea, 6d. each, to members giving notice not later than first post Thursday, December 11th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m., the meeting to follow immediately after. The annual reports can be had at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday, December 13th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. —F. Salmons, Secretary.

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

COOKHAM, BERKS.—The restored bells will be re-dedicated on Sunday, Dec. 7th, during the morning service, by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Berkshire. As the services will not allow of much ringing on that day, visitors will be most heartily welcome any evening during the week, except Wednesday, when there is evening service.—T. J. Fowler, Hon. Sec., Cookham.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND SHOREDITCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our society's thanks and compliments are due to Mr. Herbert J. Bradley for his researches among parish records and the interesting tit-bits of ancient history he has discovered and published. His find in Shoreditch Library of "Dawson's Diary," having a record of a peal rung on Shoreditch bells in October, 1746, is of more than ordinary interest, and, as he suggests, may be the peal by the London Scholars (which society was founded A.D. 1603) rung in honour of Royal Duke.

Thanks are also due to the past master, Mr. J. D. Mathews, for his search of the society's old peal books, as the extracts therefrom of the two "first" peals of Grandsire Cinques rung there in 1807 and 1823, at once clinch the point that the present is the third ring of twelve bells put up in that tower.

One other of the treasured possessions of this society is documentary evidence of subscription lists for the original ring of twelve bells at Shoreditch, and also for keeping them in repair years after they were put up.—Yours truly, H. DAINS.

BADDOW RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of Mrs. Green, wife of Mr. George Green (one of the local ringers), of Great Baddow, Essex. Deceased had been suffering for the last two years from consumption, and passed away on Monday week at the age of 31 years. The deceased leaves a husband and three sons (the eldest of whom is 10 years of age), with whom we all deeply sympathise in their great loss.

The funeral took place on Friday at Great Baddow, when a great number of mourners assembled, and 28 floral wreaths and crosses were sent. In the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect by: W. J. Rice 1, H. R. Dawson 2, A. Head 3, H. Richell 4, H. Bush 5, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 6, A. Richell 7, F. Newman 8.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

A BOOM IN PEALS.

This issue of "The Ringing World" is a veritable "peal number," for seven-and-a-half of our pages are occupied with the reports of performances of over 5,000 changes. It is a remarkable record for one week, and only once, we believe, have we exceeded this number in a single issue. There seems to be, just at present, quite a boom in peals, and while we doubt if this year's performances in this direction will equal in number the extraordinary figures of 1912, the closing months are, at any rate, producing results which will make up some of the leeway lost in the earlier part of the year.

These tabulated records of the important performances of the week are not always looked upon by non-peal ringers as of personal interest, but this week's peals provide in their details a great deal which should hold the attention of our readers. For instance, it is, we should say, practically unique to have to record five peals of Stedman Cinques (including the first peal on the restored Shoreditch bells) in one issue. Then, too, there are more than the average number of ten-bell peals—two facts, which despite special circumstances, point to the growing practice on the higher numbers of bells. Again, among the peals on eight bells there are a considerable number in Surprise methods, and some of these, such as the first true peal of Guildford Surprise, and the peal of Cambridge at Saffron Walden, in which a boy of 15 took part, are of more than passing interest. Then, coming to the other performances of note, we have the peal in eight methods of Doubles rung on handbells by three children, whose average age is only 13 years; and a handbell peal at Kettering, in which another youthful performer, a boy of 13, rang the tenors.

The feature of the week, however, is the number of peals rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby. They account for no fewer than 15, and it will be noticed that the week's ringing round about Birmingham, specially organised, was on the whole a very successful one. Probably never before has the birthday of a ringer been celebrated by so much ringing. All these performances tend to add interest to the peal records, and we hope, also, that they will duly impress those that are inclined to overlook the trials of the editor who, with inelastic columns, has to find space for such a bulk of records. We are sometimes gently chided for publishing peals to the exclusion of minor matters that have been sent in, but we think the majority of our readers will agree that the peals are not the least important of the weekly doings of the Exercise. One of our principal regrets is that these few critics do not have to sit in the editorial chair for a week, and try to squeeze into sixteen pages enough matter to fill half as many again.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN NEAL	...*Treble*	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	7
ALF PADDON SMITH	2	SAMUEL GROVE	8
THOMAS H. REEVES	3	JAMES GEORGE	9
JAMES E. GROVES	4	*JESSE SCREEN	10
SAMUEL REEVES	5	HERBERT KNIGHT	11
WILLIAM FISHER	6	REUBEN HALL	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

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

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;
Tenor 33 cwt., in C sharp.

JAMES GEORGE	...*Treble*	*ALBERT LITTLE	7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	8
WILLIAM FISHER	3	*BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JOHN NEAL	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
HERBERT KNIGHT	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	6	†BENJAMIN CLARK	...*Tenor*

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

* First attempt of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. This number (5060) was specially composed to be rung on Mr. George's 60th birthday and is the only one of this number in Cinques ever rung. It was the conductor's 400th peal, 60 of which have been rung in this tower. A number of well-known ringers, including Mr. J. Jagger, Mr. R. Cartwright and Mr. J. Bradney congratulated Mr. James George on his success and the whole band on ringing such an excellent peal.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 53 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX	...*Treble*	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	8
ERNEST G. FENN	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKINS	9
THOMAS FAULKNER	4	JOHN W. GOLDING	10
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	11
HENRY R. NEWTON	6	REV. GEO. F. COLERIDGE	*Tenor*

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

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY	...*Treble*	FRANK SMITH	7
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	2	JAMES PARKER	8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	3	*GEORGE CARD	9
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	4	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	10
FRANK HAIRS	5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	11
FRANK BENNETT	6	HARRY FLANDERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
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* First peal on twelve. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

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

On Tuesday, December 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES,

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

HARRY WITHERS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. BRATTON	7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL	2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ALF PADDON SMITH	9
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
JAMES GEORGE	6	JOHN NEAL	*Tenor*

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

Rung in connection with the 60th birthday celebration of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*JOSEPH WOOLLEY	*Treble*	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	2	*FRANK JOHNSON	7
JOHN C. DICKEN	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	8
EDGAR VALLANCE	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	9
*FREDK. S. PRICE	5	PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. NEALE	6
JOHN J. LAMB	2	I. GEORGE SHADE	7
HAROLD W. CLARK	3	WILLIAM BERRY	8
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	4	THOMAS JAKEMAN	9
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	5	WILLIAM SHIMMANS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. S. Martyn Bardsley, who, owing to ill health, has resigned the living.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

GEORGE TOMKINS	*Treble*	ALFRED E. REEVES	6
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr.	7
EDGAR GUISE	3	WILLIAM STOWELL	8
HARRY BROWNJOHN	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
ALBERT E. STOWELL	5	WILLIAM A. CAVE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

WALTER SEATON	*Treble*	*JONATHAN PRESTON	6
JAMES JONES	2	JOHN CORRIGAN	7
WILLIAM G. ANKER	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
WILLIAM F. WEBB	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	9
GEORGE GARRISON	5	CHARLES ALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Rugby; also to Mr. Harry Jones, of Aston, and Mr. Jonathan Preston, of Erdington.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGALL	*Treble*	HERBERT LANGDON	6
SAMUEL JOYCE	2	HENRY TORBLE	7
EDWIN GIBBS	3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	8
WILLIAM TRUSS	4	EMANUEL HALL	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	GEORGE BARRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and
Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 25¼ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL	*Treble*	T. LEONARD ALLEN	6
ERNEST BARTRAM	2	RICHARD R. BARTRAM	7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER	3	CHARLES H. FOWLER	8
ARTHUR PETTIT	4	ALFRED MARTIN	9
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	5	THOMAS TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHAS. H. FOWLER.

This peal, now rung for the first time, was a birthday compliment to Mr. James George. The band take this opportunity of wishing him many happy returns of the day.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES TYLER	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
EDGAR MARLOW	2	BERT HORTON	7
THOMAS HILL	3	EDWIN J. TYLER	8
*JAMES TYLER	4	EDGAR T. SMITH	9
THOMAS BLOORE	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells, by all the band and by the Society, and rung at the first attempt. Rung on the vigil of St. Andrew. It was also the birthday of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOLTON, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

J. ROBERTS	*Treble*	R. LEATHER	5
G. HISLOP	2	T. KAY	6
C. GITTINS	3	A. E. GRACE	7
F. THOMAS	4	H. HUDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE HISLOP.

Rung by the local band to commemorate the election of Alderman A. S. Mather as first Alderman of Woolton, and in honour of the golden wedding of Sir William and Lady Tate.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., in F.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT	*Treble*	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	GEORGE BAXTER	6
CLAYTON PARNELL	3	FREDERICK SMITH	7
ERNEST LINCOLN	4	HARRY LING	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ...	5
ALFRED NAYLOR	2	FRANCIS BARKER	6
JAMES A. TEALE...	3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ...	7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... ...	4	ROBERT SQUIRES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Woodhead.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A.

EDWARD J. MALLARD...	...*Treble*	EDWARD W. BRAY	5
WALTER ALCOCK	2	GEORGE H. HOWSE ...	6
EDGAR HANCOX	3	KEITH HART	7
JOSEPH SHARP	4	CHARLES LEWIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

On Sunday, November 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE R.C. ABBEY, ERDINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB TWENTY-PART. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ...*Treble*		ARTHUR CHAMBERS	5
JAMES GEORGE	2	GEORGE PARSONS	6
GEORGE GARRISON	3	JAMES E. GROVES	7
THOMAS J. BRATTON	4	SAMUEL GROVE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung in connection with the birthday celebration of Mr. James George, of Rugby. The band was kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Witchell.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	.. *Treble*	JOHN CARTER	5
HARRY MASON	2	WILLIAM R. SMALL... ...	6
JAMES JONES	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JAMES E. GROVES	4	JOHN T. PERRY... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTENSTALL, and
Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the same peal rung on the same bells and by the same ringers standing in the same order. They are the only two peals of Treble Bob rung on these bells. There was only one minute difference in the time of the two peals. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained by Mr. B. Gough. A peal tablet is to be erected to record both peals, the second of which was rung in connection with the birthday celebration of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	5
GEORGE COOK	2	THOMAS TUTTE	6
WILLIAM COOK	3	RICHARD KENDALL	7
JOHN HOYLE	4	DAVID ANSCOMB ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

This composition is now rung for the first time The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. John Wyatt, captain of the local band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

FREDERICK PITSTOW...	...*Treble*	GEORGE SPARROW ...	...2 5
ROBERT STRONG	2	*FREDERICK HOUSDEN ...	6
*HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	3	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW...	7
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ...	4	ARTHUR JAMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 2nd. The ringer of 3rd is only 15 years of age.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER MALINS ...	...*Treble*	HARRY O. WHITE	5
*BERTIE W. HAYWOOD ...	2	†CHARLES W. WHEELER...	6
†WILLIAM TAYLER	3	JOHN W. CHANDLER ...	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	*ROBERT W. JESSON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells, also the quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and to commemorate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, Master of the Warwickshire Guild.

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

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
WILLIAM J. NEW	3	GEORGE SPENCER	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART No. 6.

ALFRED DALTON ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED F. HILLIER... ...	5
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	2	JOHN FOREMAN	6
*WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ...	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	7
WILLIAM SMITH	4	JOHN STUART	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor. W. Smith hails from Loughborough, and was elected a member of the Association before starting.

SOUTH LEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT BROOKS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WEBB	5
JOHN MONK	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	3	THOMAS BULL	7
NOBLE SPINDLOW	4	RICHARD KEEN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

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

On Tuesday, November 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS TAYLOR	*Treble*	ARCHIE CADDICK	5
STANFORD WOODHALL... ...	2	ELIJAH PAGETT	6
WALTER REYNOLDS	3	ALBERT MILLS	7
WILLIAM PEART	4	GEORGE GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

First peal of Stedman by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells by a local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

BEN CHORLEY	*Treble*	MAURICE SMITHER	5
BERNARD CLARKE	2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	7
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the first true peal in the method, and was rung to take the place of the false one rung in honour of the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY CHANCE...	*Treble*	†FREDERICK STANTON ...	5
FREDERICK BRYAN	2	EDGAR MANNING	6
WILLIAM NIBLETT	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	7
CHARLES CAMM...	4	CHARLES YOUNG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss C. A. Grice-Hutchinson to Mr. J. E. Ward, immediately after the ceremony.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
(THE HIGH WYCOMBE AND HUGHENDEN SOCIETIES.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAYES' VARIATION OF REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART, No. 1.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. HOING	*Treble*	JAMES W. WILKINS ...	5
WILLIAM GOODCHILD ...	2	JOHN EVANS	6
RALPH COLES	3	FRED HAYES	7
JOHN GRANSBURY	4	P. C. CECIL SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH COLES.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD	*Treble*	GORDON CAUDWELL... ...	5
HARRY HOLIFIELD	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	6
EDGAR HUMFREY	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	7
RICHARD G. RICE	4	WILLIAM WARWICK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Junr.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED W. DAW	*Treble*	ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON...	5
CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	2	GEORGE JOHNSON	6
GEORGE E. KENNETT... ...	3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	7
PERCY PAGE	4	GEORGE B. ANDERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. S. HUMPHERY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Miss F. H. South, third daughter of the Rev. R. M. and Mrs. South, and sister to the Rev. H. G. South, Curate-in-Charge, whose remains were interred at the Parish Churchyard during the afternoon.

BENHILTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ...	*Treble*	FRANK HOLDER	5
ALFRED CLAYTON	2	SIDNEY R. ROPER ...	6
BENJAMIN MORRISS	3	DAVID WRIGHT	7
CHARLES DEAN	4	JOHN WEBB	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

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

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. HOWSE ...	*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
ARTHUR H. WHITE	2	RICHARD STREDWICK ...	6
ERNEST GOWER	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WALTER HORTON	5
ROLAND O. POLLARD ...	2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	6
WALTER MARTIN	3	HARRY ARGYLE...	7
ERNEST STONE	4	E. HARRY STONELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HARRISON, and
Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, Master of the Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WILFRED ANDREWS ...	...*Treble*	LIONEL H. PAGE	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	6
REV. E. BANKES-JAMES ...	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	7
CHARLES J. FRAY	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE-BULWER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George, of Rugby.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT...	*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
*FRANK R. COPEMAN ...	2	WILLIAM ROOPE	6
CHARLES BAKER	3	WILLIAM STEELE	7
FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	4	CHARLES ROOPE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
*STANLEY BONNEY	2	WILLIAM BURGESS	6
HOBART E. SMITH	3	WILLIAM FLORY	7
*W. STANLEY CLARK ...	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

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

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN HARPER	*Treble*	EDGAR MARLOW	5
JESSE SCREEN	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
JAMES TYLER	3	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	7
EDWARD HORTIN	4	JAMES ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George and to the conductor. Grandsire was rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. John Harper kindly standing in to fill the vacancy. He was proposed a member of the Society previous to starting for the peal.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PERRY ...	5
ALBAN E. SLATTER	2	WILLIAM B. BISS	6
JOHN W. JONES	3	SIDNEY DAWE	7
BENJAMIN THORP...	4	WILLIAM KATHRO ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

First peal on the bells, which are a new ring of eight recently fixed by Messrs. Taylor & Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Sykes, wife of the treble ringer, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Rugby, a much esteemed life member of the Llandaff Association.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. ASPINWALL'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11¾ cwt., in G.

*BENJAMIN ALLRED ...	*Treble*	GEORGE PINCOTT	5
DAVID LL. REES	2	THOMAS WORSLEY	6
PETER NUTTALL	3	ROBERT ALLRED	7
JOHN NUTTALL	4	HERBERT ALLRED ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for D. Ll. Rees, who hails from Cadoxton, Neath, and was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Bolton, the rest belong to the local company.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
WALTER WALLACE	2	*FRED. W. HILL	6
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ...	3	HENRY LETTS	7
GEORGE DAWSON	4	*EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ...	*Treble*	EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	5
JOHN CAPP	2	BERT CHALLEN...	6
RICHARD HOLDER	3	KEITH HART	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	HERBERT TOMSETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHADS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

HARRY MIDDLETON ...	*Treble*	EDWIN H. STONELEY ...	5
MORRIS J. MORRIS	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	6
THOMAS J. BRATTON	3	THOMAS H. REEVES ...	7
FRED WILFORD	4	HARRY GOSSAGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

Rung on the occasion of the festival to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM PALMER ...	*Treble*	GEORGE F. SWANN	5
ERNEST PYE	2	SAMUEL GROVE...	6
JAMES HOUGHTON	3	ARTHUR CHAMBERS	7
ALFRED DAVIES	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung on the occasion of the festival to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Walter Sadler	...*Treble*	John Sadler	5
Andrew Shufflebotham	2	William Keeble	6
Ernest Newman	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ...	7
Frank Claydon	4	David Elliott ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton, and
Conducted by William Keeble.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Rochdale Branch.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Robert Buckley ...	...*Treble*	Herbert Davenport ...	5
Hugh Reynolds	2	Joseph Greenwood ...	6
John Fitton...	3	John H. C. Massey ...	7
William Crabtree	4	Harry Buckley ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Hugh Reynolds.

Messrs. Crabtree and Davenport hail from Todmorden, and Reynolds from Stockport. The others belong to the local band.

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

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

Thomas Robertshaw	...*Treble*	Francis Robertshaw ...	5
James Ingham	2	Joseph Nowell	6
Wright Ingham	3	Reuben Nowell	7
John Armstrong	4	Jeremiah Robertshaw	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard, and
Conducted by Thomas Robertshaw.

Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and the birthdays of the ringers of the treble and tenor. First peal of Major by all the band, and first attempt by the 2nd and 7th ringers.

EAST TYTHERLY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

William T. Tucker...	...*Treble*	George Williams ...	5
Frederick J. Oxenbury ...	2	Wilfred Andrews ...	6
William H. Crute	3	Charles H. Russell ...	7
William C. Lampard ...	4	James Elcombe ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. Russell.

First peal as conductor.

BALDERSTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Joseph Ogden	...*Treble*	Harry Hampson	5
Samuel Stott	2	Edwin B. Shaw	6
Frank Wild	3	Herbert Barlow	7
Samuel Butterworth ...	4	Charles E. Platt ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Harry Hampson.

This composition, with the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, is now rung for the first time. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Butterworth's father.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lbs., in E.

*Alfred Jeffs	...*Treble*	George Jeffs	5
Fred Stubbs	2	Leonard J. Wyman ...	6
William J. Gilbert ...	3	Frank Kirk	7
James Hudson	4	James M. Nickerson	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry James Tucker, and
Conducted by James M. Nickerson.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the "go" of them being all that can be desired. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Stubbs.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

James Motts	...*Treble*	Edwin F. Pike...	5
William J. Groom	2	William Hewett	6
William C. Rumsey ...	3	Alfred B. Peck	7
William Grimes	4	Alfred W. Grimes...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin Barnett, Senr., and
Conducted by James Motts.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREENS NORTON.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Walter Charles Starmer	*Treble*	*R. Arthur Hornsby ...	4
†George W. Beesley ...	2	Charles S. Faulkner ...	5
John W. Unwin	3	J. Wilfred Sharp...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. Sharp.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and called first attempt. Rung to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the restoration of the church.

WOLVERLEY, KIDDERMINSTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sunday, November 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Fredrick V. Haggis ...	...*Treble*	Charles H. Woodberry	4
Thomas J. Salter	2	William Smith	5
Ernest J. Brookes	3	John Smith	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Chas. H. Woodberry.

The ringer of the treble hails from Stafford and this was his first peal.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

Ernest G. Cooper ...	...*Treble*	David Leggett	4
Robert G. Miles	2	Charles E. Fisher ...	5
Alfred Clements	3	William B. Reeve	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Fisher.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. G. Miles.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by J. SNELLING.
* First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, November 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED BERRY	*Treble*	‡JOHN FOWLER	4
†THOMAS STOTT	2	*THOMAS BLACKWELL	5
WILLIAM SHARPLES	3	WILLIAM FOWLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FOWLER.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble. ‡ First peal as conductor.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, two each of College Single, and three of Oxford Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN	*Treble*	*LEONARD BAKER	4
CHARLES TUMBER	2	GEORGE EASTMAN	5
JAMES NYE	3	WILLIAM NYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.
* First 5040.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOSLPH PIGOTT	4
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON	5
JOHN BASS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
This peal was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George, of Rugby.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	GORDON CHECKETTS	4
WILLIAM C. JONES	2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES	5
GEORGE HINTON, Junr.	3	WILLIAM PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. PAGE.
Rung as the Western Branch quarterly peal.

BLAISDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's Tenor 7½ cwt.

*CHAS. HEATH	*Treble*	JOHN AUSTIN	4
*FREDK. PRESTON	2	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	5
JESSE GILLETT	3	THOMAS HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.
* First peal and belongs to the local band. Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLE3, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HENRY WEBLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES WEBLEY	4
*WILLIAM WEBLEY	2	*WALTER GREENING	5
RICHARD THOMAS	3	*FRED PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WEBLEY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band and was rung at the first attempt. It was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Hodges and Miss N. Beatley, the band wishing them all happiness.

CORNWOOD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt., in F.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	*Treble*	WALTER H. MARSH	4
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON	2	FRANK HOCKADAY	5
WARREN HORNBROOK	3	ERNEST W. MARSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.
* First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

HERBERT TURNER	*Treble*	ARTHUR FREEMAN	4
WILLIAM HALFORD	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	5
JOSEPH HALL	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.
* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day. The band wish to thank the Rev. F. S. Boissier for the use of the bells, also for entertaining the company to tea after the peal.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. FRANK PROCTOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE	... 4
SIDNEY PROCTOR	... 2	ARTHUR MACKEARS	... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON	... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

This is the conductor's 150th peal.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's Plain Bob, four 720's Kent Treble Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES PITHER	...*Treble*	SYDNEY GEARING	... 4
†HAROLD HALE	... 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	... 5
JOHN RANCE	... 3	HARRY BUNGAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First with bob bell. Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

EDGAR RIVERS	...*Treble*	HARRY J. MEE	... 4
WILLIAM DYE	... 2	GEORGE W. MEE	... 5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	... 3	FRANK ROLFE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

These are new bells cast and hung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, Ipswich, and the above is the first peal on them.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MERVYN DUCK	... 1—2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	... 5—6
ALBERT COATES	... 3—4	WILLIAM A. BRECKON	... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

Umpire: FRANK S. HODGSON.

Rung upon a new fine-toned peal of handbells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 1—2	WALTER S. WISE	... 5—6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	... 3—4	ERNEST G. STIBBONS	... 7—8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires: JOSEPH BARRY and ARTHUR D. BARKER.

Witness: ROBERT W. GREEN, who heard the peal from two leads before the tittum change.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Size 15, in C.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	... 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD	... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpires: S. RADFORD, C. H. DOBBIE.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Giles of Reading, also to Miss Radford, daughter of the ringer of 7—8. Rung after meeting too late for Stedman Caters.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK BENNETT	... ... 5—6
FRANK I. HAIRS	... ... 3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Messrs. T. King and E. F. Pike heard the greater part of the peal.

KETTERING.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS	... ... 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	... 3—4	†CECIL CHAPMAN	... ... 7—8

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal away from the tenor (on handbells). † First peal. C. Chapman, who is only 12 years old, was proposed a member before starting. It was the 100th peal rung by J. E. Chapman for the Association.

HINTON, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Advent Sunday, November 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores comprising one each of Stedman's Slow Course and St. Simon, four of College Single, six each of Stedman, Canterbury and Plain Bob, eight of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	... 3—4
MISS RUTH JOHNSON	... ...		5—6

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: ARTHUR KEYTE. Witness: F. J. JOHNSON.

First peal in eight methods by all and rung at the first attempt, to commemorate the anniversary of the first peal by three children, which was rung by the above band on Sunday, December 1st, 1912. The ages of the ringers are: Miss E. M. Johnson, 13 years 3 months, J. D. Johnson, 14 years 8 months, Miss R. Johnson, 11 years 6 months.

The peal rung at Ludlow, on November 15th, was for the Hereford Guild.

In the peal at Stepney, on November 13th, the ringer of the tenor was George Barrell, not Barrett as published.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Stedman Triples at Bristol on November 19th was Edgar, and not Edward Guise.

A few peals are unavoidably held over till next week, and owing to the great pressure on our space other reports are also crowded out.

We are asked to state that the peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore, Devon, on Easter Monday, should have been credited to the Devonshire Guild.

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Stedman Cinques	...	...	...	**9 ,,**
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A RINGER AT ELEVEN.

In other columns this week we record the doings of several juvenile ringers, and on this page we give the photograph of Joseph Beale, the eleven-year old son of the Churchwarden of Wolvey, Warwickshire, who has just rung his first quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles. He is a



pupil of Mr. A. R. Oldham, of Barwell, and when he rings he has to stand on a high box to reach the sallie. We hope to see him soon taking part in a peal.

Wolvey, where he has learnt to ring, originally possessed three bells, but they were recently re-cast into six, with a tenor of 12 cwt.

GUILDFORD SURPRISE.

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	M	W	H
23456			
24536		1	2
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23564	2		1

Twice repeated.

First rung at Guildford on November 25th, 1913. Peals in this method must be specially composed, as peals of Bristol and Treble Bob will not run true.

ODD CHANGES.

The three children of Mr. F. J. Johnson on Sunday commemorated their first peal on handbells by ringing another in no fewer than eight methods of Doubles. The youngest of the band is only $11\frac{1}{2}$ years and the oldest just over $14\frac{1}{2}$. It is really a remarkable achievement.

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The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells of Newmarket was rung on February 24th, 1903, by the Ely Diocesan Association, so that that published last week will not sustain the claim.

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In view of the first peal on Shoreditch bells since their restoration, it is interesting to recall the previous one rung on the famous bells. From the peal book of Mr. A. J. Perkins, of South Beddington, we quote the following: St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.—On Saturday evening, April 3rd, 1886, ten members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. and 37 mins. George Newson, treble; Arthur Jacob, 2; Thomas Titchener, 3; *Ackland J. Perkins, 4; James Hannington, 5; Henry Swain, 6; George Harvey, 7; Henry Hopkins, 8; Henry Dains, 9; James Barrett, tenor; composed and conducted by George Newson. This is a level 5,000, and has six courses in the tittums and four at home. *First peal of Royal.

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The celebrations connected with Mr. James George's 60th birthday were remarkable in their success and enthusiasm. Peals were rung in many parts of the country, showing the esteem in which Mr. George is held by a wide circle of friends, and the festivities culminated on Saturday in a big gathering of ringers in Birmingham. They came from places as far apart as London and Manchester to do honour to the Master of the Warwickshire Guild, and Mr. George, we are sure, must have been impressed by the warmth and sincerity of feeling which was exhibited. No fewer than 137 sat down to tea, and over 200 enjoyed the musical programme afterwards. It was surely the crowning point in the career of he who is so widely and familiarly known as "James George, of Rugby."

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Congratulations to Cecil Chapman, of Kettering, who, at 12 years of age, has scored his first peal by ringing 7-8 to 5,056 of Bob Major on handbells. One hears much in these days about young ringers, but there is something in a performance of this kind to be proud of.

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Among ringers throughout the country the name of Nathan Pitstow is a household word, and the Exercise generally will learn with genuine regret of the serious illness of this gifted composer. He has, we feel sure, the best wishes of all for his speedy recovery.

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The family of Pitstow, as we pointed out in a recent article, has made itself famous by the numerous members who have been successful in the art, and Harold, the latest addition, bids fair to equal the performances of any of the others. This boy is not yet 16 years of age, but he has just taken part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Very few ringers have accomplished a performance of this kind at such an early age.

LONDON RINGERS' ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

CLOCK WEIGHT BREAKS BELFRY CEILING.

While ringing one evening last week in Spitalfields' tower, a party of the Middlesex Association had an alarming experience, and one of the band, at any rate, a narrow escape. A peal of Bristol was in full swing, when there was a sudden and frightful crash, and a shower of boards, mortar and rubbish came down into the ringing room, upon the ringers of the treble and second. The former was struck on the head by a board, and both were smothered in dust and dirt. On looking up, a big hole was seen gaping in the ceiling, and some of the band went upstairs to investigate. It was then found that one of the clockweights, weighing some 4 cwt. or so, had fallen and smashed the floor and ceiling beneath, but by a miracle, had itself lodged upon a projection. But for this, it would have gone into the ringing chamber, and in all probability would have killed the ringer of the second, for it was found just over the spot where he had stood. It seems that the staple connecting the weight with the chain had snapped. No doubt it had become rusted, and the vibration of the tower may, perhaps, have proved too much for it. But whatever the cause, the ringers had a lucky escape. When it was over they were able to laugh at the precipitate flight of the second man, but one shudders to think what might have happened but for the lodgement of the weight.

THE BELLS OF ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your premission, I should like to add a few particulars to Mr. Jerram's interesting article in last week's edition of "The Ringing World." After describing the bells, Mr. Jerram mentions there is a Ting-Tang, no inscription, leading one to suppose that the bell was of little historic value. Speaking of this bell, the late Thomas North says: "Mention must here be made of the 'Sanctus' or 'Priest's' bell, which is without doubt, although unmentioned by any of the chroniclers, a genuine piece of mediæval workmanship. Its comparative insignificance as regards size probably caused it to be neglected by them. It is quite devoid of inscription, but its 'long-waist' shape and its cannons, unmistakably point it out as a mid-fourteenth century production—thus adding one to the thirty-one other Pre-Reformation bells of this county." I may mention that when the present Lady Chapel was used as the St. Albans Grammar School, the bell was then used for school purposes. As regards the weight of tenor, it was always regarded as 30 cwt. before the cannons were broken off, but now I believe ringers put it at 28 cwt. Yours truly,

Duffield, St. Albans. G. W. CARTMEL.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Wellingborough District of the Central Northants Association was held at Higham Ferrers, ringers being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Northampton, Earl's Barton, Burton Latimer, Isham and Raunds, together with the local men. Although the gathering was not so large as it might have been, yet from a ringing point of view the meeting was very successful, some very good touches being rung and not a single one lost.

Tea and the business meeting were held in the Church Room, at which, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Peppercorn (curate) presided, among those present being Miss E. Steele (of Bedford), the Rev. E. V. Cox (of Walsall), Messrs. W. Perkins (district secretary), F. Wilford, general secretary, etc.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Wilby.—A vote of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the ringers and their wives for providing such a splendid tea

The Rev. W. Peppercorn replied on behalf of the Vicar, and also expressed the great personal pleasure at being with them.

Mr. Randall responded on behalf of the ringers. The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Forward Major, Double Norwich and Superlative.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Saturday week, the Earlsheaton Society (Yorks) visited Pudsey, at the invitation of Mr. T. Maude, and spent a very enjoyable time. The ringing at the Parish Church included a date touch (1913) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins., by A. Goodall 1, W. Idle 2, W. H. Senior 3, Hemingway Dransfield 4, Herbert Dransfield 5, G. H. Hardy (composer and conductor) 6, W. Byram 7, G. Taylor 8. Subsequently at the White Cross Inn, kept by Mr. W. Birks, one of the local ringers, friends from Pudsey, Halifax and Tong, met the visitors, and the party sat down to a substantial meat tea, to which ample justice was done. Then the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Royal was rung by: G. H. Hardy 1—2, A. Goodall 3—4, G. Taylor 5—6, W. Idle 7—8, W. Byram 9—10. Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major were afterwards rung, and a fine course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, by two sets of ringers at the same time, the bells in one case being an octave higher than in the other. Judging from remarks passed, there is a likelihood of two peals being attempted in the near future. Before the evening drew to a close, Mr. Hardy, on behalf of the Earlsheaton Society, thanked Mr. Maude for the way he had entertained them and for having arranged for the use of the bells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S BUSINESS.

At the meeting of the Central Committee, held at Tonbridge on Saturday week, the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) reported that the reparation of James Barham's Memorial Stone in Leeds Churchyard had been carried out at the cost of £3 10s.

The annual meeting was fixed for Whitsun Monday, June 1st, 1914, to be held at Maidstone.

Several grants were made from the Belfry Repairs Fund, viz.: £2 2s. to Wye; £2 2s. to Hoo St. Werburgh; £1 1s. to Shorne, to be increased to £3 3s. if two trebles are added; £3 3s. to Higham, to be increased to £4 4s. if a treble is added.

The report of the sub-committee appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the administration of the Benevolent Fund was carefully considered, and with one or two amendments was accepted. The sub-committee recommended that persons eligible for assistance shall be (a) old or disabled members (of not less than ten years standing), and (b) widows of members. The committee decided to delete the words "of not less than ten years standing." It was also decided that applications should come through the secretary of the district in which the applicant or applicants reside, the words "and representative" which appeared after "secretary" being deleted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the Parish Room and for permission to ring after the meeting was passed.

DEATH OF A CAMBRIDGE RINGER.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Sydney Brown, of Cambridge, who passed away with tragic suddenness on Nov. 17th, at the age of 45 years. On the previous night he retired to bed apparently in his usual health and spirits, but in the early hours of the morning his wife was aroused by her husband's difficulty in breathing, and although medical aid was at once summoned, the doctor, on his arrival, could only pronounce life extinct, death being due to heart failure.

For more than a quarter of a century the deceased was a member of the Society of Cambridge Youths, and although a good ringer in Standard methods, he was not ambitious as to peals, being, instead, content to help others. He was laid to rest in Old Chesterton Churchyard on Friday, amid manifestations of great sorrow. In the evening, 168 and 420 Stedman Triples were rung with the bells muffled, at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, as a token of respect by the following members: W. B. Kempton, G. Taylor, J. Taylor, A. Wilkerson, J. B. Williamson, T. R. Dennis, F. E. Kempton, J. H. Freeborn, F. Dence (conductor), and P. Taylor. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and other relatives in the loss they have sustained.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS.

A very successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday last, and was attended by between 50 and 60 members from all parts of the county, including the towers of Barnet, Clerkenwell, Edmonton, Finchley, Hendon, Southgate, South Tottenham, Upper Clapton, Walthamstow, Heston, Isleworth, etc., with members of the local band. A service was held in the fine old Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. P. E. Prince, who, in the course of his address, gave a few details of the ancient Church of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, one of the most interesting features of which is the splendid old organ, older even than the church itself.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Church House in Dyott Street, where, by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies) tea was provided, the arrangements being admirably carried out by Mrs. Prince and friends.

At the meeting, which followed, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. E. Prince, who was supported by Messrs. A. T. King (president), F. A. Milne (hon. treasurer), J. Armstrong (master), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), etc. Fifteen new members were admitted to the Association.

Mr. A. T. King proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindly thought for the members in providing tea for them that day, and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. P. E. Prince for his interesting address at the service; to Mrs. Prince and her friends, whose presence at tea was so much appreciated; to the organist and others who had helped at the service; and to Mr. H. Boxall for having got the bells in readiness. He also wished to thank the Rev. C. J. Parker, who had so kindly placed the bells of St. James', Clerkenwell, at the disposal of the Association.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and the vote of thanks on being put to the meeting was carried with great enthusiasm.

The Rev. P. E. Prince, in reply, welcomed the Association to St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on behalf of the Rector, who was unfortunately prevented from attending the meeting. He said how glad he was to see so many present, and especially some of his old friends from Heston. He wished the Association every success, and hoped that they would soon pay another visit to St. Giles'-in-the-Fields.

Ringing in many methods took place during the afternoon and evening, and in the evening a party visited Clerkenwell, where the local ringers gave them a hearty welcome, and joined in many touches.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



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

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NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 16th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 9th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 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. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W

GUILD FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP. —The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Wellington on Saturday, December 6th, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, December 6th. Church of St. John the Baptist, 8 bells, tenor 19 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. I shall be glad to receive at this meeting all outstanding subscriptions for 1913, particularly from unattached members. I would remind members of the new rule, by which all those who are two years in arrear now lose their membership. Also I shall be glad to receive any further donations towards the Eckington Bells Funds at this meeting, as this fund will shortly be closed.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchley, on Saturday, December 6th next. Service at 3 p.m. —Thos. Best, Secretary, Bletchley.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cold Higham, on Saturday, December 6th, ringing at 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Business after tea. A free tea.—J. Slarke, Brackley Road, Towcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Cropthorne, on Saturday, December 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bicester, Oxon, on Saturday, December 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., tea (6d. per head) 4.30. Will those who wish to attend please notify me by December 11th.—Rev. C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on December 13th, at St. Clement's, Hastings. Ringing from 3 to 5 o'clock. Service, 5 to 5.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. H. C. B. Foyster, M.A.), after service. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, December 10th. Will Secretaries of bands kindly note that subscriptions for 1913 are overdue.—Geo. H. Howse, Divisional Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Saturday, December 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Short address by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane). Tea and business meeting will be held at the Chequers Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea, 6d. each, to members giving notice not later than first post Thursday, December 11th.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m., the meeting to follow immediately after. The annual reports can be had at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday, December 13th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m —F. Salmons, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Tower open from 4 to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton, on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on December 20th. Bells available from 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

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

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE HON. SECRETARY.

The annual social and ringing meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Exeter, and attracted a record attendance to do honour to the late hon. secretary (the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux), to whom a presentation was made by the members at the meeting. The bells of the Cathedral and Parish Churches of St. Sidwell, St. David's, S. Thomas's, St. Petrock and Heavitree were kept going continually by the 20 bands represented at the gathering.

At the close of the tea, the President (Rev. M. Kelly) presented Mr. Molineux with a study clock in the Chippendale style, with Westminster chimes, and an illuminated address bearing the names of the subscribers. He pointed out that the movement was a spontaneous one on the part of the performing members themselves, and that the labour of communicating with the various bands and collecting the subscriptions had been undertaken by Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth). Mr. Molineux had been secretary of the Guild longer than anyone else who had held the offices. When he undertook the duties 14 years ago there were 18 bands in union and 192 performing and associate members; now, the numbers were 37 and 380. He hoped the clock and address would remind Mr. Molineux of the many pleasant associations he had had with the bands, and the good fellowship which had always existed between him and them. He expressed the satisfaction of the Guild at the fact that while the Guild had lost him as hon. secretary, he would retain the money bags, as he had done much to put the Guild in a sound financial position, the balance in hand having been increased from £23 to £57.

Mr. E. W. Marsh, speaking in appreciation of the help which Mrs. Molineux had given in the secretarial work, asked her acceptance of a silver-plated lamp. He expressed his thanks to the members for the general and ready response which had been made to the appeal.

Rev. G. E. F. Molineux said he felt it difficult to thank the Guild adequately for the presents to himself, and especially to his wife, who had been of invaluable service to him, not only in the work of the office, but also in instruction in change ringing on handbells. Personally, ringing had been a source of the greatest delight to him. He had had infinite pleasure in doing the work of the hon. secretary, and recognition of his services therein had been the last thing he had expected.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering: *R. Harris 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, G. Heley 3, F. Baldock 4, Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor) 5, S. Franklin 6, A. E. Sharman 7, *B. Swanell 8. * First 720 and first attempt.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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MODERN WORK.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

A correspondent, whose letter appears in another column, revives the suggestion of the introduction of some method by which members of one Association could take part in peals under the auspices of another, without being put to the expense of a joining fee, which, for non-resident members, is usually five shillings. The idea was first put forward by Mr. W. H. Godden, at the Henry Johnston dinner at Birmingham nearly two years ago, and at the time we urged that it was for those to whom the suggestion appealed, to see that the matter was considered in the proper quarter.

Until now, however, no one has chosen to take up the question, but our correspondent, Mr. Atwell, intends to have the matter discussed at the annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association on Boxing Day, and for that purpose has given notice of a resolution. His intention is, if possible, to get the Association to bring the subject to the notice of the Central Council in the hope that some scheme may be drawn up and put into operation. From the way in which Mr. Atwell's resolution is framed it appears to us that he is rather overloading it with detail. Assuming that a scheme such as he suggests is advisable and acceptable, the actual details must surely be left to be worked out after the principle has been approved, and if there are risks of its rejection, it is a pity to add to them by inserting at this stage definite rules which might, on consideration, be found unsuitable.

From the point of view of ringers who are able to move about the country for their peals, a scheme of inter-affiliation would doubtless be an advantage, and it might stimulate inter-change of visits where, perhaps now, the question of expense may bar the way. But the financial side as it affects the associations cannot be ignored. Some of these organisations have over a couple of hundred members residing outside their geographical area, and, had there been an inter-affiliation scheme in force, it is conceivable that it might have made a considerable difference to the finances of these societies. Consequently, those who are responsible for the monetary affairs will not, we can believe, readily sacrifice such a source of income. On the other hand, the individual must be considered. The interests of the individual are often the interests of the Association, and anything which will increase the interest and activity of the individual cannot be lightly thrust aside. At any rate, the steps to be taken by Mr. Atwell will probably lead eventually to the matter being discussed by the only body which can effectively deal with the subject.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

JAMES E. GROVES	...*Treble*	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	6
ARTHUR CHAMBERS	2	SAMUEL GROVE	7
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	4	THOMAS MILLER	9
JOHN NEAL	5	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	6
*ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	9
GEORGE R. PYE	5	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL	...*Treble*	*ROBERT W. GREEN	6
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	2	WILLIAM LANGDON	7
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	THOMAS LANGDON	8
HERBERT LANGDON	4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	EMMANUEL HALL	...*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD	...*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
SAMUEL BAKER	2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	7
WILLIAM R. SMALL	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	WILLIAM FISHER	9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr.	5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

This peal was especially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport (Mon.), hon. secretary of the Llandaff Diocesan Association. It was also H. Sheppard's 50th peal, and his first attempt for a peal after his serious accident.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*HAROLD PEARCE	...Treble	GEORGE CATTLE	5
*HARRY WILLIAMS	2	RONALD CHISHOLM	6
JOHN SINCLAIR	3	WILFRED ADDISON	7
*WILLIAM WALLACE	4	WILLIAM RUDD	...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM RUDD.

* First peal in any method.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SMITH	...Treble	GEORGE ARCHER	5
ARTHUR J. LEEDER	2	ELLIS HAYWARD	6
THOMAS FORD, Junr.	3	JOHN SOUTER	7
CLEMENT MORE	4	WILLIAM IRELAND	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur J. Leeder.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS	...Treble	ALFRED R. ELKINS	5
WILLIAM HAYES	2	MICHAEL BROWN	6
THOMAS MACK	3	CORP. G. GILBERT, R.E.	7
ALFRED J. CROUCHER	4	HUBERT CHAFFEY	...Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK SMITH	...Treble	CHARLES CHASTY	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	HORACE SMITH	6
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	HARRY TYSOE	7
JOSEPH CHURCH	4	JOHN W. BARKER	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Rung after meeting one short for Cambridge Surprise.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*ERNEST LANDON	...Treble	*ALFRED BOWERS	5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Junr.	2	JOHN MORLEY	6
*WILLIAM ALLMAN	3	WILLIAM FITCHFORD	7
WALTER R. WASHBROOK	4	HARRY ROBERTS	...Tenor

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

* First peal in the method. Quickest peal by the Association.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

HARRY HALL	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	WILLIAM BURGESS	6
HORACE BEDINGFIELD	3	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	...Tenor

Composed by W. HARRIS, and
Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

Longest length by all except the ringers of the 7th and tenor. Longest length on the bells and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CLEAL'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	...Treble	*ARTHUR DIXON	5
*CHRISTOPHER WARD	2	*THOMAS HUMBERSTONE	6
*WALTER H. WOOD	3	WILLIAM DICKENSON	7
*HARVEY BOWCOCK	4	JOHN H. CLARK	...Tenor

Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIX-PART, No. 11. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY	...Treble	*WILLIAM J. BATEMAN	5
ALFRED BATEMAN	2	JAMES ELDERFIELD	6
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3	GEORGE BASDEN	7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	4	WILLIAM CLARKE	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells away from the tenor. Rung to celebrate Queen Alexandra's 69th birthday.

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

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

C. BOWERS	...Treble	SAMUEL WOOD	5
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	TOM WILDE	6
JONATHAN BROADBENT	3	JOHN HARRISON	7
CHARLES BROADBENT	4	SAMUEL BOOTH	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a compliment for the 60th birthday of Mr. James George.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*BERNARD MOODY	...Treble	THOMAS M. BARKER	5
WILLIAM PEARSON	2	JAMES JACKSON	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	ARTHUR GILL	7
HARRY WALTERS	4	*JOHN H. LENTON	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	ALFRED B. PECK	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	CHARLES A. WARD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	WILLIAM HEWETT	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	ALFRED B. PECK	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal in the method by all the band; also the first in the method on the bells. Great credit is due to Mr. J. Luckey for the way he rang the treble, he being in his 72nd year. The peal was rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday and as a brithday compliment to Mr. F. M. Butler.

LONDON.
THE 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 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Tuesday, December 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

FREDERICK V. MARTIN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR D. BARKER	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY	7
ARTHUR JONES	4	RICHARD N. RUNHAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the 16th anniversary of the birth of the ringer of the treble, whose second peal it was and first away from the tenor.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	...*Treble*	ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
*ROBERT W. GREEN	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY	...*Treble*	*EDWARD J. HOAD	5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	6
GEORGE B. SELBY	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
JOHN W. STEDDY	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. of the Association. It is the first peal on the bells since being overhauled and tenor rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

PENTRE RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs., in E flat.

*GEORGE CROSS	...*Treble*	*THOMAS HAMBLIN	5
*HARRY PAGE	2	*WILLIAM PAGE	6
BENJAMIN THORPE	3	*TOM PAGE	7
*JAMES CROSS	4	JOSEPH SYKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec. of the Association.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS (CITY),
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was arranged and rung in honour of the 80th birthday of the Lord Bishop of Bristol.

MIDDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)
On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWS	...*Treble*	THOMAS OLDHAM	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	TOM A. OGDEN	6
FRANK BERRY	3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, Senr.	7
THOMAS K. DRIVER	4	TOM WELLENS	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

First peal in any method by the conductor and the ringer of the 3rd, and rung at first attempt. Rung on the birthday of Annie Wellens, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN GODDARD	...Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES	5
WILLIAM B. BISS	2	FREDERICK ATWELL	6
VICTOR A. MORGAN	3	CHARLES GREEDY	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	ARTHUR E. MORGAN	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. A. E. Morgan has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Arranged specially as a birthday compliment to J. W. Jones and W. B. Biss, both of them being 48 years of age on this day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

HORACE TULETT	...Treble	*FREDERICK TINDALL	5
*JAMES W. WHITE	2	ARTHUR ARNELL	6
HENRY STALHAM	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP	7
GEORGE ADES	4	ERNEST W. TUGWOOD	...Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal in the method. Rung on St. Nicholas' Day.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. E. BAMES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CYRIL WENHAM	...Treble	GEORGE E. KENNETT	5
PERCY PAGE	2	GEORGE JOHNSON	6
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY	4	ALBERT NOAKES	...Tenor

Conducted by H. S. HUMPHERY.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(LATE LONDON SCHOLARS.)
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., in E flat.

*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	...Treble	ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN	5
WILLIAM HORNE	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
JOSEPH J. PRATT	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
JOHN GRANSBURY	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 50th peal during the current year. A complimentary peal in honour of the appointment of the Archdeacon of Bucks (the Rev. E. D. Shaw), who resides at Beaconsfield, as Suffragan Bishop of the county. The consecration of the new bishop will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Jan. 1st, 1914.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY	...Treble	GEORGE WILSON	5
CHARLES F. BAILEY	2	*F. GORDON THOMPSON	6
ALLEN F. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMPSON	7
JAMES G. RUMSEY	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDETON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT LITTLE	...Treble	REV. E. V. COX	5
DANIEL JONES	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
JOHN C. ADAMS	4	*ARTHUR E. REED	...Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Milligan) who is leaving the town to take up duty in the village of Tong. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	...Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY	5
WALTON J. HORTON	2	*CHARLES H. BELTON	6
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM	3	*GEORGE P. GARNER	7
ROWLAND O. POLLARD	4	E. HARRY STONELEY	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mrs. R. Titley, who is patron of the living.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHAS. WM. COOPER	...Treble	‡R. MOORS	5
†W. NEWMAN	2	THOMAS HEATHCOCK	6
†G. POPNELL	3	*DAVID HEATHCOCK	7
†A. W. DODD	4	§JOSEPH SMITH	...Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major away from the treble. § First peal of Major as conductor. David Heathcock was elected a member before starting.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

WALTER S. INWOOD	...Treble	WILLIAM HODGETTS	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	HUBERT EDEN	6
CHARLES N. LEMAN	3	GEORGE N. PRICE	7
HENRY HODGETTS	4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. HOWSE	...Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	ALFRED W. GROVES	6
ROBERT J. DAWE	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
EDWARD C. MERRITT	4	KEITH HART	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*GEORGE WHITING ...	...*Treble*	*SIDNEY W. PILGRIM... ...	5
†WILLIAM WEEDON	2	*GEORGE FARNISH	6
*GEORGE BENNETT	3	WILLIAM T. LAST	7
*ERNEST E. LANHAM ...	4	EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WHITING.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire away from treble.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*GEORGE PARSONS ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT FRANKUM	5
WILLIAM CLARK...	2	WILLIAM J. PAICE	6
MISS EVA BELCHER	3	CHARLES GILES	7
*MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH	4	GEORGE ABERY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal in the method. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. C. E. Keyser, who kindly provided tea after the peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt., in F.

GEORGE WOODHALL ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS JENNION	5
JOHN ALLEN	2	JOHN GARDNER	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	7
JAMES MARSH	4	JOHN TURNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding-day of the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the much esteemed Master of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*GORDON CAUDWELL ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS EAST	5
MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	6
ALBERT E. LOCK	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	7
HARRY HOLIFIELD	4	†FRANK HANKS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¾ cwt.

W. ERNEST MEFFEN	...*Treble*	JOHN W. SEAMER	5
*HERBERT I. MINGAY ...	2	FRED. BLOOD	6
PERCY C. LONG	3	CHARLES TAYLOR	7
ALONZO W. LONG	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS A. DOICK ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR B. CORDEN... ...	5
PERCY H. DOICK	2	WILLIAM DENYER	6
RAYMOND WOOD	3	WILLIAM STANFORD	7
JAMES BURDFIELD	4	HARRY J. DOICK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR B. CORDEN.

* First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JOHN RICE	...*Treble*	ALFRED D. MILLS	5
*JOHN SHERLOCK...	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
JOHN AKEHURST...	3	ALBERT ELLIS	7
GEORGE ELLIS	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST KEMP	...*Treble*	LCE.-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN	4
G. W. T. SMITH	2	LOUIS LADD	5
JOHN TRINDER	3	HENRY C. CASTLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor, also first in seven methods as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by LEONARD LAST.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Reverse College Single, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Grandsire, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAILEY	...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
WALTER MARSHALL	2	HARRY PRICE	5
GEORGE FULLER...	3	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in fourteen methods by all the band, on the bells and by the Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Relf. All the above ringers belong to the local band, and the peal was rung at the first attempt.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs., in E.

ALBERT SPARKS	...*Treble*	*JOHN A. WEBSTER	4
ERIC A. WEBSTER	2	THOMAS A. ROGERS... ...	5
JAMES R. GRIFFIN	3	GEORGE R. NEWTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal in more than one method by the ringers of the front five. First peal as conductor. Rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the church and bells.

BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Six Six-Scores each of Stedman, Canterbury, April Day, Morning Star, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles, and Grandsire.

W. MYALL...	...*Treble*	J. WOOLNOUGH	3
J. COLE	2	J. SPALDING	4
		J. LARTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. LARTER.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

W. SAMUEL ENGLAND	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. POULTON ...	4
SAMUEL ENGLAND	2	ROGER HARDWICK	5
WILLIAM SHORT	3	HARRY E. COX	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal by all except the conductor and the ringer of the 4th. Rung on the festival of St. Andrew.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

DAVID J. CHAPLIN ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST J. BUTLER	4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	GEORGE W. PLAYLE ...	5
ALFRED A. PLAYLE, R.N....	3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PLAYLE.

Rung to commemorate the re-opening of the Church after being closed for six months for repairs, and also in honour of Queen Alexandra's Birthday.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, College Single, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES SMITH... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	4
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... ...	2	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ...	5
SIDNEY J. PECK...	3	EDMUND C. CHASTY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

* First peal.

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

*CHARLES EVENESS ...	...*Treble*	WALTER GLEED	4
†ALFRED ALLEN...	2	THOMAS HART	5
*JOHN GIBSON	3	*GEORGE BELCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. HART.

* First peal. † First peal on bob bell.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.

LESTER L. GRAY	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. FINCH	4
ALFRED CLEMENTS	2	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	5
WILLIAM B. REEVE	3	ROBERT G. MILES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. MILES.

This is the first peal in six methods by the local band.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. V. A. CRESWELL	...*Treble*	FRANK VOYCE	4
HENRY WEALE	2	WILLIAM SHORT	5
WILLIAM POSTON	3	*WILLIAM DEW	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal.

TEYNHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and College Single, each 720 called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD HODGES ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES TUMBER	4
JAMES NYE	2	FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	5
WILLIAM LAKER	3	WILLIAM NYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First 5040.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

Being Twelve Six-Scores of Plain Bob, and Thirty Six-Scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

†GEORGE WOOD	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM R. WOOD	4
†GEORGE KENWARD	2	†GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	5
CHARLES TRIBE	3	*REGINALD LARKIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected member prior to starting. † First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Bob Minor. The Bells were rehung in February, 1911, by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the "go" is excellent. First peal on the bells.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDRICK ROWLEDGE	...*Treble*	FRANK BURGESS	3
HARRY CLARKE	2	JOHN DUNKLEY	4

GEORGE PARKER ... ...*Tenor*.

Conducted by GEORGE PARKER.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*ALFRED H. MARTIN ...	...*Treble*	PEARL INSKIP	4
*WALTER PERKINS	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
HENRY W. GAYTON... ...	3	GEORGE LINES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE MORSE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PEPWORTH ...	4
HERBERT HARVEY	2	JOSEPH GOULD	5
WILLIAM WHITE	3	JAMES MARTIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. GOULD.

First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal on all the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Pepworth.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY ARGENT	...*Treble*	†HERBERT A. HOLDEN ...	4
FREDERICK HAYES	2	JOHN BURLES	5
GEORGE A. JONES	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

* First peal at the first attempt. † First peal in four methods on a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George A. Jones.

KINETON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

BERT KILBORN	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. KETTLE ...	4
*WILLIAM COLLETT	2	REV. C. CAREW COX ...	5
ROBERT GREEN	3	*FREDERICK C. NYE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells which have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. They were re-opened on Sunday, November 30th, by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, and the "go" is all that can be desired. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kind hospitality after the peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK ...	...*Treble*	HORACE W. SHARMAN ...	4
FREDERICK KILBORN	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT...	5
PERCY J. LENTON	3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

FULBECK.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF FULBECK BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT PAYNE	...*Treble*	CALEB L. SIMCOCK	4
CHARLES W. BAYNES ...	2	CHARLES W. ELSE	5
RICHARD W. PORTER ...	3	GEORGE SCOTT... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

Rung on St. Nicholas' Day. This is the first peal of Fulbeck Bob ever rung. The band are all residents of Fulbeck.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES WEBLEY ...	...*Treble*	ANDREW LAYTON	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	E. WILLIAM TURNER ...	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. It was also his first attempt to call a 720 in either of the methods except Double Oxford and Oxford Bob.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 14 methods, being 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College Single, Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, College Single, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE FULLER... ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ...	4
JIM BEACH	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...	5
ANDREW MARSHALL	3	EDWIN LAMBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE FARNISH	4
ERNEST E. LANHAM	2	GEORGE ABLITT	5
GEORGE PRYKE	3	ALFRED HATCHER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WHITING.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ann, South Tottenham,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Alfred Howell	...*Treble*	Richard N. Runham ...	4
Alfred W. Grimes	2	Thomas King	5
William J. Kemp	3	William J. Nudds ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Nudds.

The band wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells. It is A. W. Grimes' 100th peal on tower bells this year.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Two Hours,
At the Residence of Mr. Narborough,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

James H. Phillips	1	Stanley E. Andrews ...	3—4
Arthur W. Wenlock ...	2	Ralph Narborough ...	5—6

Conducted by Ralph Narborough.

First peal by the ringer of the treble, who, to the regret of the band, is leaving for Sevenoaks. The ringers wish him every success and prosperity in his new abode.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Residence of E. W. Beckwith

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Andrew Shufflebotham 1—2		David Elliott	5—6
William Keeble	3—4	Ernest W. Beckwith ...	7—8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and
Conducted by William Keeble.
Witnesses: Mrs. E. W. Beckwith and Miss G. Beckwith.

First handbell peal rung in the district, and by all except the conductor. It was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Friday, December 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At the George IV, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Walter S. Wise	1—2	Frederick J. Hardy ...	5—6
Challis F. Winney ...	3—4	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7—8

Conducted by Walter S. Wise.
Umpire: Joseph Barry.

The conductor's 150th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At Trinity College, Cambridge,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

J. Bruce Williamson ...	1—2	William D. James ...	5—6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	3—4	*T. Reginald Dennis ...	7—8

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by William D. James.
Umpire: J. Butler.

* First peal on handbells. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's 150th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Size 18, in G.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1—2		Frank I. Hairs	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Witness: A. J. Whiting.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At King Edward VI Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Size 15, in C.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1—2		Frank I. Hairs	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Conduuted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Witness: Mrs. Pulling.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At King Edward VI Grammar School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Size 15, in C.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett... 1—2		Frank I. Hairs	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Composed by Frank Bennett, and
Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Umpire, W. E. Maulden. Witness, Mrs. Pulling.

This is the first time three peals have been rung on handbells in a day, and the first time a lady has rung three peals in a day. The ringers, umpire and witness heartily congratulated Miss Bennett at the conclusion. An umpire was arranged for the other two peals but unfortunately was unable to come.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Twelve Minvtes,
At St. Michael's, Joseph Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Size 15, in C.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett 1—2		Maurice Smither... ...	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ..	3—4	Frank I. Hairs	7—8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Umpire: Charles Hazelden.
Witnesses: Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Pulling, and Mdlle. Yvonne Eloie-Leloue.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

George R. Pye	1—2	Arthur F. Shepherd...	7— 8
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Ernest Pye	9—10
William Pye	5—6	Alfred W. Grimes ...	11—12

Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by William Pye.
Umpire: C. T. Coles.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.
At 7, The Broadway,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

David J. Nichols	1—2	J. Edward Chapman ...	5—6
E. Maurice Atkins ...	3—4	Frank H. Talbutt ...	7—8

Arranged by E. M. Atkins, and
Conducted by D. J. Nichols.

First peal, other than Minor, by ringer of 7-8 and first "in hand."

"DIAMOND JUBILEE" AS RINGER.

Mr. James Slarke, of Towcester, has just reached his "diamond jubilee" as a ringer. He first handled a rope at Cottesbrooke Church sixty years ago, and ever since Mr. Slarke has kept up his association with one belfry or another. He is one of the best known ringers in the district, and for 28 years has been a member of the Easton Neston company, and a short time ago presented a new treble, and shared with his family the provision of a second bell to complete the octave at that church in memory of his brother. He was one of the founders of the Towcester and District Association in 1894, and his hospitality is well known to Northants ringers. Mr. Slarke has seen five generations of ringers in his family, viz., grandfather, father, himself, son and grandson. Mr. Slarke was 64 years of age before he rang his first peal, but he has now nine to his credit. Although he is in his 73rd year, we hope he will live to ring many more.

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Stedman Cinques	... ...	**9 ,,**
Stedman Caters	... ...	**1 peal**

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MR. JAMES GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

THE FESTIVITIES AT BIRMINGHAM.

The sixtieth birthday of Mr. James George, of Rugby, was, as we briefly mentioned last week, very fittingly celebrated, and to the peals that were rung in honour of the event was added the great gathering of ringers round the festive board at Birmingham on the Saturday evening. Something like 150 ringers sat down to tea at St. Martin's Hotel, in the Bull Ring, and afterwards, increased in numbers by the presence of other friends, enjoyed a capital musical evening arranged by Mr. Alf. Paddon Smith, the genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild. It was a capital wind up to the week's peal ringing, in the arrangement of which, Mr. J. E. Groves had given invaluable aid.

"Fame may be only a bubble, but there are mighty few of us who can produce the soap," was the apt quotation which appeared on the souvenir programme, and one may, at any rate congratulate Mr. George upon the fame which he has reached in the Exercise—a fame be it said which he has created entirely by his own indomitable energy and enthusiasm.

To celebrate the event upwards of 150 of his ringing friends from London, Manchester, Coventry, Birmingham and District, and other



MR. J. GEORGE,

whose 60th birthday has just been celebrated at Birmingham, and in whose honour 16 peals were rung in different parts of the country.

personal friends, were invited by Mr. George to a sumptuous meat tea and a musical evening at the St. Martin's Hotel, Bull Ring, Birmingham, on Saturday week. As our readers are aware, Mr. George has been connected with the L. and N.W. Railway Estate Department, Rugby, for 32 years, and invitations were extended to several of his friends in that department, amongst those who attended being: Mr. Hatley (chief), Messrs. Parsons, W. A. Fox, J. Rickard and G. Barnwell, also W. Renshaw and H. Redfern from the Birmingham Estate Office, and W. Dicken, Goods Department, Coventry.

The chair was taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., presiding ringing master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and after tea the number of the gathering was largely increased to listen to the speeches and enjoy the musical programme provided.

The Chairman, in a speech which was full of humour, reminded the company that they had gathered together to welcome and do honour to their esteemed and respected fellow ringer Mr. James George, of Rugby. If there was anything to be regarded in Mr. George's career, it was that he did not commence change ringing until he was 35 years of age or thereabouts, comparatively late in life, but when he did begin, he made up for lost time. He rang his first peal on February 16th, 1889, nearly 25 years ago. It was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. George's, Camberwell. Mr. George had now rung 529 peals. Out of that number, one expected some of them to be of a remarkable character, and there was one which called for special note. It was the peal of Maximus, which was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne last year, viz., 12,240 changes in 8 hrs. 39 mins., in which Mr. George rang the tenor bell. He had shone out brilliantly in ringing other peals, and was a member of 41 ringing associations. The Chairman added that he did not know whether there were any further associations he (Mr. George) would join.

Having alluded to other noteworthy peals in which Mr. George had taken part, the Chairman mentioned that Mr. George had been in the service of the London and North Western Railway Company since December 7th, 1869, and had been stationed at Rugby for upwards of 32 years in a position of trust and confidence, and the best testimonial he could have as to the manner in which he performed the whole of the duties allotted to him was the fact that Mr. George's "chief" had journeyed from Rugby to be present with them at that happy gathering, to bear witness to the high esteem in which Mr. George was held (applause).

The Chairman, continuing, said they were told that when a man had arrived at 60 years of age, he was considered to be old and practically worn out, but there was Mr. George, having attained that age, full of life and vigour, and apparently capable of going on ringing for years. With regard to the future, none of them knew what that might bring, but it was evident that Mr. George's ringing career was by no means completed. In conclusion, the Chairman said he was sure that they would all express admiration for Mr. George's splendid career by joining him in wishing Mr. George health, strength and prosperity for the future (applause).

Mr. James George, who was received with vociferous cheering, said how delighted he was to see so many of his fellow ringers there that evening from all parts of the country. He felt for the moment that it was the greatest event of his life. He saw before him his old friends, Harry Chapman, of Manchester; William and Ernest Pye, of London; Mr. Sam Reeves, and another dear old friend in Mr. Godden. He might say that the latter gentleman was one of his oldest associates. It was at that hotel something like 24 years ago that he first met Mr. Godden, who pleasurably introduced him to the late respected Mr. Henry Johnson, and they spent a happy time together. Mr. George, continuing, said how very happy he was to see his brother there, but more especially his "chief" and other friends from the offices at Rugby and Birmingham. This went to prove the good feeling shown to him. Mr. George said, that although he was 60, he did not feel more than 21, and people had laughed and told him he looked good enough for another 50 years' ringing (applause). As the chairman had remarked, no one knew what the future had in store, but he was thankful to say that he was feeling as fit and well as ever he did in his life. Mr. George alluded to some of the interesting events in his bell ringing career, and thanked everyone present for the kindly feelings extended to him.

He proposed the toast of "My Ringing Friends," to which Mr. Godden replied. He alluded to his first acquaintance with Mr. George in Birmingham, and the subsequent happy ringing times they had spent together. He hoped they might be spared to ring for many years to come.

Mr. W. H. George, Eastleigh, Hampshire, also spoke. He said it gave him very great pleasure to be present at this celebration of his brother's 60th birthday, and he was delighted to see the great honour done him by the advent of so many of his ringing friends who had travelled specially to Birmingham that day from all parts of the country.

During the evening capital songs were rendered by T. Davis, Birmingham; Cyril Johnston, Croydon; W. M. Parsons and W. Dicken, Rugby. A song specially written in commemoration of the event by Mr. T. Russam, of Birmingham, and was sung by Mr. Davis to the tune of "Good Old Jeff."

Several splendid selections were played on the dulcimer by Mr. Harry Withers, who also tapped a most musical touch of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Mr. James George. Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by members of the St. Martin's Guild.

Before the close, Mr. George thanked Alderman Pritchett for his presence that night, and for taking the chair. He said it must have caused him some inconvenience, as they all knew what a busy man the chairman was.—In reply, Alderman Pritchett said it had given him great pleasure to be present, as Mr. George was a man whom he greatly admired, and whom he held in high esteem.

A course of London Surprise was splendidly tapped on the dulcimer by Mr. Harry Withers.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. A. P. Smith for the trouble he had taken in arranging the festivities, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the pianist (Mr. W. M. Parsons), to the clergy for giving permission to ring at the various towers, and to Mr. J. E. Groves and others for arranging the peals.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): C. Mills 1, H. Kirton 2, P. Letch 3, J. Walden 4, A. Edwards (conductor) 5, J. Root 6, W. Allen 7, J. Wood 8. This is the longest length in method on the bells, and by the ringers of 1, 4, 6, 7 and tenor.

ODD CHANGES.

We have been asked: "What is the record time for a handbell peal of Minor?" Can anyone tell us?

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One likes to see manifestations of such good spirit as that which prevailed among members of the Bedfordshire Association at their meeting on Saturday week. From members of a band who have been striving for the first peal of Surprise Minor in the county of Bedfordshire emanated a resolution of congratulation to another company, who had secued the coveted honour.

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The Stansted ringers, who have done a good deal to uphold the standard of method ringing in Essex, have scored their first peal of Bristol Surprise. Congratulations to Mr. William Watts and his merry men. And to think that the treble was rung by a "youth" of 72! He was certainly a Luck(e)y choice.

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Mr. W. White, of Raglan, Mon., writes to say that he gave the diameter of Taunton tenor incorrectly in his last letter. It is 56½ inches, not 58½.

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Rickmansworth bells have been restored, and with commendable foresight the church authorities had the new frame made to accommodate two more bells whenever it may be decided to increase the present octave to ten. We hear, however, that the provision of the extra bells may be indefinitely postponed, because the authorities "are afraid too many ringers will want to ring upon them."

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We may have been misinformed—we hope we have been—but if the reason is as stated, we hope such a trivial and hypothetical objection will not stand in the way of completing what would become a fine peal of ten bells.

DEVON VILLAGE BELLS RESTORED.

The dedication and re-opening of Laptord (Devon) Parish Church bells took place on Monday week, and the proceedings provided a day of festivity in the village, for in addition to the celebrations of Holy Communion in the morning and the dedication in the afternoon, there was a public luncheon before the service, a tea afterwards, and in the evening a dance in the Council Schoolroom. A large congregation attended the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. T. Trelawney-Ross, Proctor in Convocation for the Diocese of Exeter, who preached from the inscription on the tenor bell: "Hear me when I call, O God," Psalms iv, 1.

The bells were originally cast and hung by the Penningtons in 1797, and they have now been rehung in a new cage, and quarter turned at a cost of about £150. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. H. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury. Ringers from Exeter, and the neighbouring parishes of Chawleigh, Chulmleigh, Coleridge, and Zeal Monachorum, as well as the local men, took part in the ringing during the day.

ESSEX RINGERS' MOURNFUL TASK.

The second monthly practice was held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday week, about 30 members attending. The bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Dennis, who for many years was Rector's warden, and whose funeral had taken place in the afternoon, just nine weeks after the deceased gentleman had handed the ropes of the new bells to the Bishop of St. Albans, asking him to dedicate the bells. During the evening, a 396 Grandsire Cinques was rung by: G. Sorrell 1, A. Edwards 2, H. W. Kirton 3, F. W. Edwards 4, T. Lincoln 5, H. Richell 6, H. Allen 7, A. Head 8, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 9, H. Head 10, W. Lincoln 11, J. Wood 12. The whole pull and stand was also rung 76 times, representing the age of the deceased warden, by: G. Sorrell, A. Edwards, H. W. Kirton, F. W. Edwards, T. Lincoln, Rev. J. H. Barrow, H. Allen, H. Richell, J. Wood, W. Lincoln, W. Wiles, H. F. Cooper.

The first quarter-peal of Caters rung on the Cathedral bells was brought round on Sunday for evening service. The method was Grandsire, and the ringers were: H. R. Dawson 1, F. W. Edwards 2, A. Whight 3, G. R. Crush 4, H. Allen 5, H. Richell 6, H. Head 7, H. F. Cooper (conductor) 8, A. Head 9, G. Green 10.

THE TREBLE TEN RECORD.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt will be made at the Bell Tower, Evesham, on Saturday, December 27th, 1913, for a record peal of Treble Bob Royal by ten members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Starting time 8 a.m.

The figures are as follows:—

14,200

Carter's variation of Reeves'.

23456	M	I & 5th's	W	H
32654	2			2
34256		—	1	1
45236			2	
56234	1			2
23564			1	1
64235		—	2	

Four times repeated.

This attempt to beat the record for Royal will create general interest. The longest peal of Treble Ten up to the present was that rung by the Cumberlands in 1784 at Shoreditch (12,000 changes), in 9 hrs. 5 mins.

Evesham, where the attempt is to be made, has a peal of ten, the weight of the tenor of which is given in the Worcester Association's report as 31¼ cwt., in D flat. The majority of the bells are by Rudhall, and were cast in 1741, the tenor being by Mears in 1821, and the trebles by Barwell in 1910.

INTER-AFFILIATION OF RINGING SOCIETIES.

PROPOSED APPEAL TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Since the Henry Johnson Dinner in 1912, at which Mr. W. H. Godden suggested a scheme whereby the poorer brethren of our Exercise could avail themselves of opportunities at present barred to them of the ringing of peals in various parts of the country other than those covered by the Diocesan and County Associations, in whose area they reside, little or nothing has been done in the matter.

I have, therefore, given notice to propose the following resolution at the annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, to be held at Newport on Boxing Day:—

"That we, the members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association of Change Ringers are of opinion that the time has arrived to ask the Central Council to put into operation a scheme of inter-affiliation whereby any member of a recognised society, could, by the payment of sixpence per annum, be presented with a card, such card to admit the bearer (whose name must appear thereon) to any affiliated society's meetings as hon. members without the power to vote, fourpence of such 6d. to be applied to working expenses, and 2d. to the society issuing the cards and rules."

This kind of inter-affiliation works very smoothly as far as political clubs are concerned, and each year I notice applications are made to become affiliated by clubs outside. It stands to reason that in these times of high prices of living, it is impossible for the ordinary working man outside the privileged to enjoy the pleasure of a peal in a town that he may be working in or paying a short visit to. We well know that sentiment will keep such societies as the College Youths and the Cumberlands from becoming so affiliated, but I for one feel certain that they will not in any way be affected thereby.—Yours truly,

Newport, Mon. FREDK. ATWELL.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hilperton, on Saturday, but as the day was a pouring wet one, and the church is some two miles or more from a railway station, a large company could hardly be expected. However, 17 turned up, some of them walking in the rain from villages four miles distant, which speaks well for their enthusiasm. Ringing commenced at three o'clock on the beautiful peal of six, and was kept up briskly until an adjournment was made to the Crown Inn for tea, which was very much enjoyed. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the chairman of the branch, the Rev W. K. Sylvester (Rector of Hilperton), kindly occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes; and Mr. J. Poynton Haden, churchwarden of Hilperton, together with ringing members from Bath, Devizes (St. John's), Potterne, Hilperton, Southbroom, Trowbridge, Keevil and Bradford-on-Avon. There being no business to transact, beyond the notification by the secretary that the next meeting would be the annual one at Devizes in the early part of January and at which he hoped they would all attend, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the church bells, and also for the kindness he displayed in attending the meeting, and taking the chair. Pleasure was also expressed at the attendance of the churchwarden, which showed the sympathy and kind feeling entertained by the clergy and churchwardens towards the Guild.

Some of the members then returned to the church for more ringing, whilst others proceeded to St. James' at Trowbridge to join in the usual Saturday evening's ringing at that church.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



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

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

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

RICKMANSWORTH BELLS.

ANCIENT PEAL RESTORED.

After a long period of silence, the bells of the Parish Church at Rickmansworth rang out merrily on Sunday week, on the occasion of the dedication of two and the re-dedication of six of the peal of eight bells. This ceremony took place at morning service, and was performed by the Rev. C. M. Parkinson, Vicar and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. C. A. W. Pain, curate, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S., hon. secretary of the Central Council, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, who preached at morning service.

The work of recasting and rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of Spitalfields. At the Easter Vestries, 1911 and 1912, the churchwardens had stated that the question of the bells gave them much concern. They had invited reports from various independent sources, as a result of which they were unanimous in their decision that ringing the bells was dangerous both to the tower and to those engaged in ringing. At the 1913 Easter Vestry it was stated that "the work of renovation would be commenced as soon as the necessary funds were available, and that estimates had been obtained from recognised good firms." Writing in the "Rickmansworth Parish Magazine" the May following, the Vicar congratulated the parish upon the fact that the whole of the £300 required for the renovation had been subscribed. Referring to the church bells in the July number of the same magazine, the Vicar wrote: "We seem very silent and subdued, as if some sad epidemic had fallen upon the parish, without our silver-tongued friends of the belfry, and it seems difficult to keep up to time without our chiming clock." The bells and frame were conveyed to Rickmansworth on Monday, November 17th, and during the rest of the week workmen were fighting strenuously against time, bent upon having the peal ready for the Sunday's ceremony. It is pleasing to state that the work was carried through without accident, and Messrs. John Warner and Sons have indeed made a splendid job. The new frame constructed for ten bells is a massive-looking structure, and thoroughly deserves the name of 'Dreadnought' which the Shoreditch bell frame was called by visiting ringers. The bearings are Messrs. Warner's self-aligning oil bath bearings, and all the bells have been tuned upon Canon Simpson's five-tone principle."

In the course of the service, the clergy, choir and churchwardens proceeded to the foot of the tower, singing the hymn, "Hail, Festal Day." This finished, the formal dedication took place, and while the procession returned to the chancel the bells rang out a short peal, those taking part including members of the St. Mary's Guild and a party of ringers from Oxhey. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies preached from the text, "But now hath God set the members, every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased Him" (1 Corinthians xii, 18). After morning service, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells by mixed bands, the preacher taking a rope with other visitors.

The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble (6 cwt. 2 qrs. 27 lbs.): "Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

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3rd (7 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.): "Musick is Medicine to the Mind. Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

4th (8 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lbs.): "Peace and Good Neighbourhood. Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

5th (9 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.): "Our Voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round. Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

6th (12 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs.): "Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness be sober, merry, wise, and you'll the same possess. Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

7th (14 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.): "In wedlock bands all ye who join with hands your hearts unite, so shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite. Lester and Pack of London. Fecit 1765."

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NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on December 16th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 30th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 18th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 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, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bicester, Oxon, on Saturday, December 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., tea (6d. per head) 4.30.—Rev. C. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Bishop Stortford, on Saturday, December 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Short address by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane). Tea and business meeting will be held at the Chequers Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 to 7 p.m., the meeting to follow immediately after. The annual reports can be had at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham, on Saturday, December 13th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Batley Carr, on Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—F. Salmons, Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Tower open from 4 to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton, on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on December 20th. Bells available from 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, December 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Angel Hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Bramley on Saturday, December 20th, 1913, for practice. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held at the Cardigan Arms at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulham Mary on Bank Holiday, Friday, December 26th. The eights at Pulham Mary and Pulham Market, and the six at Starston open during the day. Dinner at Pulham Mary at 1.30 p.m. Notice of intention to be present must be sent by December 22nd.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

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

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RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Thomas Webb, who has been a ringer at the Parish Church, Baldock, Herts, for 48 years, celebrated his golden wedding on Friday week. Mr. Webb is a native of Cottered, Herts, and, despite his 78 years, continues to enjoy good health, as does also his good wife, who is six years his junior. They have four sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren, and the happy event was suitably marked. The ringers met at the church, and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, after losing a quarter-peal, and subsequently adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, where they were entertained, and extended their hearty congratulations to their host and hostess. Mr. Webb is a member of the College Youths, and has been a member of the Hertford County Association since its formation.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

SPADE WORK.

The excellent results which usually follow the division of an association into smaller geographical districts has frequently been pointed out in our columns. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association is one of the most recent of the large organisations to establish the principle of sub-division, and already the step is proving a right one. It was not much more than a year ago that the district officers were appointed, yet the annual report this year speaks of the progress made as being due to the spade work which has been put in through this means. And to-day we record the success of the Northern District, which has some very energetic men at the helm. What has been achieved by one branch in the awakening of interest is doubtless being done in other districts, and the ultimate result to the Association is bound to be an immense gain.

In the case of the northern branch the Master and hon. secretary are setting an excellent example of energetic interest, for they intend to visit all the towers in their district in the year. Such visits, officially paid, nearly always stir up the enthusiasm of the local men, and when, as in this case, other visitors are invited to accompany the officers, special interest is bound to be taken, and the desire of the ringers, at the various belfries included in the itinerary, to be up and doing is certain to be whetted. They will feel that they are thus in closer touch than ever with the Association, and that, isolated though they may be, in regard to situation, they are nevertheless deemed as important in the eyes of the organisation as the most advantageously placed tower. Every belfry is, of course, valued by its association, but it does not always appear so to local men, when they wait for years before receiving recognition in the shape of a visit from their association.

Our object in directing particular attention to the work of the Durham and Newcastle Association is to point out how much might be done by some other societies if they adopted similar means of keeping in touch with their towers. A formal meeting is not always necessary, but an official visit goes a long way to strengthening the ties between the branches and the central organisation.

We know of a few cases where the officials unostentatiously do a great deal of splendid spade work by visits of encouragement to the outlying towers. If all associations would follow the example thus set them, they would very rapidly increase their hold upon those ringers who may be at present but lukewarm in their allegiance. Visits such as those being planned in the north might be copied to advantage in many quarters.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lbs., in C sharp.

†FRED HAYES	...Treble	*EDWARD MARKHAM	7
RALPH COLES	2	JOHN EVANS	8
*FRANK BOREHAM	3	*JOHN GRANSBURY	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	4	*JOSEPH J. PRATT	10
RICHARD BUCKLAND	5	JOHN C. TRUSS	11
SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD	6	ALBERT A. HUGHES	...Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal on twelve as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above is the first peal of Oxford Treble Ten for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the first in Bristol, and by all the band. Eight of the above ringers took part in the first peal of Oxford Treble Eight in Bristol, on December 4th, 1913.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD BANKES	...Treble	CHRISTOPHER HICKS	6
EDWIN J. TYLER	2	†FRANK W. PERRENS	7
EDGAR MARLOW	3	†BERT HORTON	8
THOMAS BLOORE	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
FRANK HALLSWORTH	5	HOWARD W. CATTELL	...Tenor

Composed by J. GEORGE, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Hallsworth, who has been a ringer at the above church for 43 years and has acted as tower-keeper for the past 26 years.

LONDON.
THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS,
AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qrs., in C.

*CHARLES LEE	...Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL	6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT	2	†MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
THOMAS KING	3	FRANK SMITH	8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	4	JAMES HUNT	9
RICHARD N. RUNHAM	5	CHARLES F. WHITE	...Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. The above ringers are all in the employ of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, and the peal was rung to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the firm. This is believed to be the first peal of Caters rung by employees of a bell foundry.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

*HARRY TOMLINSON ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS R. HENSHER ...	6
WILLIAM B. SMITH	2	GEORGE MCHALE	7
JOHN B. JACKSON	3	WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...	8
JAMES A. TEALE	4	[illegible]LLIAM E. H. ASH ...	9
ALFRED NAYLOR		FRANCIS WOODHEAD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Naylor and Hensher.

SURFLEET.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs., in F.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	...*Treble*	GEORGE LADD	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	2	*R. HUGH RICHARDSON ...	7
*ARTHUR I. HOLMES ...	3	*WALTER H. WOOD	8
*JOHN W. LAKE	4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ...	9
*JAMES OSBORN	5	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE OLDHAM SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 34 cwt.

*FRANK WILD	...*Treble*	SAMUEL STOTT	6
*ALBERT CLEGG	2	*CHARLES MARSLAND ...	7
*JOSEPH OGDEN	3	*CHARLES E. PLATT	8
EDWIN B. SHAW	4	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH	9
HARRY HAMPSON	5	*HERBERT BARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by SAMUEL STOTT.

* First peal on ten bells.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

*THOS. COLIN RYDER	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	6
SAMUEL WESLEY	2	‡ALBERT H. WARD	7
‡TOM O'HARA	3	†ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ...	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	†GEORGE HALKSWORTH ...	9
‡JAMES EVINSON	5	‡SIDNEY F. PALMER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Royal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
GEORGE HUGHES	2	THOMAS HUGHES	7
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ...	3	ALFRED ROWLEY	8
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ...	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	5	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	*Tenor*

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

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH	...*Treble*	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
JOHN H. WILKINS	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
WILLIAM PYE	3	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	REUBEN SANDERS	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. D. Smith, with the good wishes of the rest of the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

JOHN PEDDLE	...*Treble*	JOSEPH J. PRATT	5
PERCY E. JONES	2	WILLIAM HONOR	6
HENRY WAITE	3	HENRY H. CHANDLER ...	7
ARTHUR HARDING	4	*KENNETH HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

* First peal on eight bells and elected a member before starting.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TYLER ...	...*Treble*	*ALBERT MARTIN	5
JOHN AUSTIN	2	THOMAS HART	6
JESSE GILLETT	3	EX.-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS	7
*FREDERICK PRESTON ...	4	*JAMES E. ROBERTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Triples.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ARTHUR PAYNE	...*Treble*	ROBERT W. FALCONER ...	5
*WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ...	2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ...	6
ALFRED F. HILLIER	3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	7
R. ALDER GOFTON	4	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED ABBOTT	...*Treble*	RICHARD HEALD	5
BENJAMIN ALLRED	2	THOMAS WORSLEY	6
JOHN MOSSCROP	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	7
GEORGE PINCOTT	4	ROBERT ALLRED ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY H. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

JOHN EXELL	...*Treble*	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	5
GEORGE H. SPICE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	6
FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	3	WILLIAM SPICE	7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	4	*WALTER MILLINER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. A. J. Tidy, for many years Churchwarden of the parish, an old ringer, and a gentleman highly respected throughout the district, whose remains were interred on the above date.

WOOLWICH.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ...	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	2	WILLIAM PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	7
*JOHN W. CORNFORD ...	4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, end
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A.

EDWARD J. MALLARD...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH SHARP	5
ERNEST GOWER	2	GEORGE H. HOWSE... ...	6
EDWARD W. BRAY	3	KEITH HART	7
EDGAR HANCOX	4	CHARLES GATLAND ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishops of Chichester and Lewes who were holding Confirmation Services in Eastbourne on the above date.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	2	*ROBERT W. GREEN... ...	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ERNEST PULKER ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST LAMBERT	5
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ...	2	WILLIAM PAICE...	6
JOHN RANCE	3	†FRANK GRIFFIN	7
HARRY BUNGAY	4	FRANK HOPGOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE,
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Treble*	EDGAR MARLOW	5
THOMAS HILL	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	6
JAMES TYLER	3	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	7
BERT HORTON	4	*JOHN A. BROWN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Stedman.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS A. SMITH	5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN...	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ...	6
RICHARD DARLOW	3	BERTRAM PREWETT ...	7
WILLIAM SEELEY	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Smith and to Master Fred Grimes, son of the conductor.

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

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

SAMUEL WOOD	...*Treble*	THOMAS JAKEMAN	5
CHAS. BOWER	2	BENJ. GILL	6
*JONATHAN BROADBENT ...	3	JOHN HARRISON...	7
JOSEPH MELLOR	4	SAMUEL BOOTH	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the front eight.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDK. ROOPE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROOPE	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	*FREDK. BURROWS	6
EDWIN WHITING...	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
ERNEST WHITING	4	CHARLES ROOPE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FREDK. ROOPE.

* First peal in the method.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER P. GRIDLEY ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR MAXIM	5
G. BERNARD WARD	2	ARTHUR TAYLOR	6
THEODORE SLATER	3	GEORGE MAXIM	7
FREDERICK INCH	4	SAMUEL EVANS	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Maxim, of Cheshunt, who was on a visit to his native place. A peal of Oxford was also attempted on Saturday but unfortunately came to grief four leads from the finish.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	6
JAMES E. DAVIS	3	HARRY WARNETT	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Blackwell.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs., in E flat.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2	GEORGE DENT	6
WILLIAM B. KEMPTON	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	7
REV. W. C. PEARSON	4	WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.
Mr. Dent was elected a member previous to starting. First peal on the bells.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER	*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
EDWARD C. MERRITT	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
ALBERT HARMAN	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

†WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY STONELEY	5
*CHARLES SANDERS	2	HERBERT HURDMAN	6
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	3	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	4	ALGERNON P. J. STONE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN W. BARKER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM C. WAKLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lbs., in D.

*SAMUEL JONES	*Treble*	JAMES MORGAN	5
*REV. A. T. BEESTON	2	WILLIAM BIBBY	6
*ALBERT E. RICHARDS	3	EDWIN H. LEWIS	7
GEORGE JONES	4	HENRY W. WILDE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, also first in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. This is the first 5008 ever rung in a Treble Bob method.

ORMESBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN GEORGE HALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM BROADLEY	5
FREDERICK LAVERICK	2	JOHN HENRY JONES	6
ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
WILLIAM T. HOLMES	4	*LUCIAN VENUS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.
* First peal in any method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alexander MacFarlane.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES
Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

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

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
This peal was rung at the express wish of Mrs. Hillen, daughter of the late William Rivett Taylor, who was for many years a much respected member of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS BOOKER	*Treble*	REUBEN BALDWIN	5
HUBERT J. BLACKWALL	2	REGINALD BROUGH	6
ALBERT E. NEWICK	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
GEORGE DURLING	4	WILLIAM WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. Booker kindly obliging at the last minute. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Blackwell.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	5
MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH	2	ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE	6
HERBERT COX	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER	4	JOHN BURT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
* First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*LUN LANE WALKER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. BRIGGS	5
WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM	2	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM	6
†GEORGE WOOD	3	GEORGE P. GARNER	7
HENRY BRIGGS	4	FRED COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal with a bob bell.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 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.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BRADLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT JAGGER	5
JOHN LAWSON	2	GEORGE NAYLOR	6
JESSE RUSHWORTH	3	THOMAS H. GELDER	7
*ERNEST LAWSON	4	ELI BARBER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN LAWSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which have recently been fixed in the tower by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. The tone and "go" of the bells give every satisfaction.

NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lbs.

JOSEPH MADDOCK	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. CASE	5
THOMAS DOBLE	2	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	6
DAVID G. TAYLOR	3	WALTER FARLEY	7
GEORGE SIBLEY	4	*JOSEPH CHURCHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Duman on her attaining her 21st birthday, the band wishing her many happy returns. It is 17 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

PORTSMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*EDWARD REYNOLDS	5
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	2	EDWIN J. HARDING	6
LIONEL H. PAGE	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
HENRY REYNOLDS	4	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by HY. DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DICK ILIFFE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
FRED H. DEXTER	2	FRED STANIFORTH	6
LOUIS E. ALLEN	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	7
P.C. HAROLD JENNEY	4	CHARLES H. FOWLER	*Tenor*

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

This peal is now rung for the first time and is the first of Double Norwich on the bells.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN	*Treble*	STEPHEN PERKINS	5
GEORGE EDWARDS	2	ARTHUR T. VERRALLS	6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3	ALBERT BELTON	7
HARRY HARRINGTON	4	HERBERT MARKWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN	*Treble*	ALFRED H. MARTIN	5
ARTHUR SMEATHERS	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFORD	6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	3	JAMES HOUGHTON	7
DAVID J. NICHOLS	4	WALTER PERKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by W. PERKINS.

This is J. Houghton's 60th peal in the method and the treble man's first peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALBERT C. HARDY	*Treble*	*REUBEN SANDERS	5
THOMAS FAULKNER	2	CALEB FENN	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* Fiftieth peal this year.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 1, 1913 in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Annable's London, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Netherseale, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(STROUD AND DISTRICT BRANCH),
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE PACKER	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HALE	4
*THOMAS BALDWYN	2	ALBERT WRIGHT	5
FRANK PONTING	3	*FRANK COLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Hale. It was T. Baldwyn's 100th peal. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Alfred Bateman ...	...*Treble*	George H. Gutteridge...	4
Cecil C. Mayne ...	2	William Henley ...	5
Joseph J. Parker ...	3	James Blackmore ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. J. Parker.

First peal in seven methods by all the band, also on the bells. Rung on the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Halesworth Society.)

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Grandsire Minor, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

Lionel Hammond ...	...*Treble*	Arthur H. Took ...	4
Frederick C. Lambert ...	2	James Howard... ...	5
Charles Moss	3	John Larter	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

Rung to celebrate the season of Advent. First peal in five Minor methods on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(Western Branch.)

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Charles Camm	...*Treble*	William Page	4
William Ranford	2	James R. Newman	5
Ernest Gibbs	3	Robert G. Knowles	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. G. Knowles.

First peal in seven methods rung on the bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal, he having rung and conducted his first peal (Doubles) on these bells on Dec. 8th, 1888.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one 720 of College Single, two of Plain Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure and two of Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Cecil J. E. Gasson	...*Treble*	‡Albert J. Marchant ...	4
‡Albert C. V. Gasson ...	2	Charles Holman	5
†Percy J. Hall...	3	Albert E. T. Gasson	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert E. T. Gasson.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal in four methods. Rung in honour of a Confirmation Service held in the Church by the Bishop of Lewes on the above date. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble for the way in which he rang his bell, he being only 15 years of age.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Harry Wright	...*Treble*	Denison Hayward ...	4
Robert Christian	2	George Orford	5
William Arnott	3	William Lee	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Denison Hayward.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Lee.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*William Stanaway, Junr.	*Treble*	John W. Jones	4
Fred. Marshall	2	*Miss Ethel M. Pacey ...	5
Alfred H. Cossom... ...	3	Henry Pacey	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred. Marshall.

* First peal. This is the first peal in South Wales, and the first peal for the Association in which a lady has taken part.

BARKESTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

William E. Woods ...	...*Treble*	Reginald Scott	4
Sidney Proctor	2	†Arthur Mackears	5
Arthur Drury	3	*Arthur Palmer ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Palmer

* First peal as conductor. † 50th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael's, Thurmaston,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Rex T. Buswell ...	...*Treble*	Frederick Kilborn ...	4
Albert E. Fourt	2	Walter T. Wilson ...	5
William C. Lewis	3	E. Maurice Atkins	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

The above belong to the Isham (Northants) Society. First peal containing seven methods on the bells.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Frank Boswell... ...	...*Treble*	Fredk. J. Mynard	4
Henry W. Gayton	2	Charles W. Clarke ...	5
George H. F. West ...	3	William Freeman ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

LONDON.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin, Gospel Oak,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Carlisle, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 12½ cwt.

William Truss	...*Treble*	William H. Theobald ...	4
George A. Black	2	William Miller	5
John Moule	3	Harry Torble	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Miller.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. The band thank the Vicar for giving permission to ring and Mr. A. E. Brightman for having everything in readiness. These methods are all Class IV.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of New London Pleasure, two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. TURNER ... ...*Treble*	J. FLEURY 4
W. SCILLITOE 2	*J. FRENCH 5
F. CLAYDON 3	A. SAUNDERS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FRENCH.

* First peal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells; first peal of Treble Bob Minor by all. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. French.

KILNDOWN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

JIM BEACH ... ...*Treble*	FRANK PATTENDEN 4
GEORGE FULLER... 2	HARRY PRICE 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT RELFE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WORMAN ... ...*Treble*	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
JOHN HOWELLS 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RANFORD.

This peal was attempted at Leigh (but unsuccessfully) on November 6th, in honour of Mr. J. R. Newman's wedding. It is W. Ranford's 30th peal, and the first conducted by him.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAILEY... ... ...*Treble*	ANDREW MARSHALL... ... 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	WALTER MARSHALL ... 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	JIM BEACH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Bailey.

MUCH MARCLE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. A. JAMES ... ...*Treble*	EX.-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS... 4
H. AWFORD 2	W. J. ROBERTS 5
A. MARTIN 3	W. J. JAMES, Senr. ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. ROBERTS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4	*JAMES BUTLER ... ... 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Two Hours and One Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4	*REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE... ... ... 7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

MAURICE SMITHER ... ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and MISS HOOD.

* First peal on handbells.

The peal of Cambridge at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Dec. 3rd should have been credited to the London County Association and not to the Kent Association.

RE-OPENING OF MILDENHALL BELLS.

Thursday of last week was a great day in the annals of Mildenhall, Suffolk, as the octave of the ancient Parish Church was once more heard after a silence of nearly three years. The bells, some of which date back to pre-Reformation times, had become unringable owing to the bad condition of the old oak frame, and it was decided to recast and rehang them in a frame for ten, it being hoped to add the two trebles at a later date. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and has been executed in a most satisfactory manner, the ring being second to none in the county for tone or "go." The dedication service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Bishop of the diocese, assisted by the Revs. W. H. Wood (Vicar), E. R. Soaper, W. S. A. Grainger, E. J. S. Kendall, H. B. Woolley, J. D. Toolis and C J. Leighton. After the dedicatory prayers, a few rounds were rung by the local men, after which the first touch on the bells was brought round by a mixed band. In the evening, various touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were scored, including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: R. Lathbury 1, P. Fordham 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, Rev. H. B. Woolley 4, J. B. Williamson 5, W. D. James (conductor) 6, A. A. Hughes 7, S. Laurence 8. Ringers were present from Ely, Lavenham, Newmarket, Thetford, Milverton, Cambridge, Long Stanton, and London. On Friday a mixed band of the Ely Diocesan Association attempted and scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the formal record of which will be found elsewhere.

Although Mildenhall has possessed a ring of eight since 1887, only one peal had previously been rung on them, i.e., Grandsire Triples, by an Ipswich band, conducted by C. Mee. There are, however, several boards in the tower, recording touches and quarter-peals, one of which is of interest, as the treble was rung by G. Sharp and the tenor by G. Flatt. Undoubtedly a musical band this. For the benefit of those who possess the Rev. W. Pearson's book on the bells of the Eastern Counties, the weights of the new ring are appended:—

	Dimensions.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Treble	..... 28½ins.	5	1	21	
2	..... 30ins.	5	1	27	
3	..... 31¾ins.	5	3	21	
4	..... 34¼ins.	6	3	0	
5	..... 37½ins.	8	0	20	
6	..... 39ins.	9	0	18	
7	..... 42½ins.	12	0	7	
Tenor	..... 48½ins.	16	3	23	In E Flat.

COOKHAM BELLS RESTORED.

ARCHDEACON OF BERKS AND RINGING.

The bells at Holy Trinity, Cookham, Berks, have been retuned and rehung, after a long period of silence by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and the rededication of the bells took place on Sunday week, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Berks. The Archdeacon, in an appropriate address based upon the words, "Praise God in His Holiness," spoke of the uses of church bells, and said the bells were made to be rung as a peal, in a way that only skilled ringers could ring them and in a way in which they put into practice the highest exercise of their art of change ringing, which was acquired as the result of long training and practice. Bell ringing was no mere feat of endurance—it was, indeed, that, for the method of change ringing was intricate—but it was a religious act, begun, continued and ended in a religious spirit. Thus, the bells became instruments of praise. In their own degree they were like the organ which gave expression to the thoughts and feelings of the human hearts, in their efforts to praise God. That fact was brought home to some of them, not very long ago, when a memorial was dedicated to the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers—the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton. He was one of England's greatest bell ringers, and he did much to put bell ringing on a proper footing as a religious art. The late Rev. Robinson had himself rung more than a thousand peals, and some of the most intricate and longest that were known. It was rather a remarkable fact that wherever Mr. Robinson went, prayer was always offered in the belfry before and after the bells were pealed. On the tablet placed in the wall of the parish church at Drayton, which records some of the wonderful peals which Mr. Robinson helped to ring, were inscribed two Latin words, which mean "Praise be to God," and also on the screen which separates the church from the belfry, and which was placed in that church to the memory of the late Mr. Robinson, was inscribed in Latin the text which he had chosen for his sermon that morning, "O praise God in His holiness." He mentioned that fact because there were undoubtedly some who had not entered into the religious aspect of church bells—that bell ringing was really a religious act. The Archdeacon referred to the fact that the first use of bells was to call people to worship, and that they also voiced the feeling of happiness and sorrow that were associated with individual, parochial and national life.

The local men rang the bells during the day, and on the following Tuesday a visit was paid to the church by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and several members of the Oxford Guild, who expressed full satisfaction with the way in which the work has been carried out. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung.

Messrs. Warner's work has included the provision of a new steel frame upon the same principle as that adopted at Chelmsford. The bells are hung with iron headstocks and the new patent self-aligning bearings. The frame is carried on four main girders, and provision has been made for two new bells to complete the octave. The treble and 4th have been recast, and the whole tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle.

The weights and inscriptions of the bells are as follows:—

Treble (5 cwts. 2 qrs. 8 lbs.): The Rev. Dr. George Berkeley, Minister, John Aldridge and Richard Poulton, Ch. Wardens. "I mean to make it understood that tho' I am little, yet I am good." Pack and Chapman, of London, fecit 1777. Recast by John Warner and Sons, 1913.

Second (6 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.): "Feare God, 1638."

Third (7 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.): "Hope in God, 1638."

Fourth (8 cwt. 3 qrs. 5 lbs.): Rl. Rs. Bryanus Eldridge me fecit 1650. Recast by John Warner and Sons, 1913.

Fifth (11 cwt. 0 qrs. 2 lbs.): "Love God, 1639."

Tenor (14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.): John Baly, M.A., Vicar, Richd. Broune, Gyles Ree, Church Wardens. Richard Phelps made me 1717.

The Sanctus Bell upon which the clock strikes, and which is in a cot upon the roof, bears the date 1669

IPSWICH RINGER'S DEATH.

The Norwich Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, have lost a promising young member by the death, at the early age of 27 years, of Mr. Charles Henry Clarke, son of the late P.C. Henry Clarke, and Mrs. Clarke, of 41, Nottidge Road, Ipswich. On Monday week, as a last tribute of respect to the deceased, who leaves a widow, with whom the utmost sympathy is felt, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang various touches of Stedman Caters with the bells half-muffled, followed by the whole-pull and stand, and concluding with the tolling of the age of the deceased.

The late Mr. C. H. Clarke joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society in January, 1906, and had rung 15 peals, made up of Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Caters, 2; Stedman Triples, 1; Caters, 1; Cinques, 1; Double Norwich, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Maximus, 1; Bob Maximus, 1. In July, 1910, deceased went to reside at Colchester, but recently returned to his native town, and succumbed to that dread malady, consumption.

WORCESTERSHIRE PARISH'S APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we, the Vicar and Parishioners of Upton Snodsbury, Worcester, bring to the notice of your readers the effort we are making to rehang our church bells, which have not been rung for 30 years. We have repaired the 15th century tower, which had been considerably damaged by the faulty construction of the old and worn out bell cage, and now we are devoting our energies to collecting funds for the bells. The parish is small, very poor, and purely agricultural, containing only 270 inhabitants. Four of the largest farmers are non-church people, and there are no resident gentry. Hence the task of raising money is a very difficult one. We have managed to collect £300 for the repair of tower and bells, but £120 more is needed to complete the work. Will the bell ringers of England kindly extend to us the help they have so generously accorded to other parishes in similar difficulties?

The Church of Upton Snodsbury has a peal of six, the tenor weighing about 18 cwt. (note F). The peal was originally cast by R. Sanders, of Bromsgrove, in 1703. Four bells have been recast, the treble, 4th, 5th and tenor, and at the present time the treble and second bell are being recast by Messrs. Carr, the second having been cracked for a great many years, and the treble being hopelessly flat. The old inscriptions and dates will be preserved, and the date of recasting added. The inscriptions are:—

Treble: ARMELL GREEN, JOHN GREEN, C.W. 1738, R.S.
Second: RICHARD SANDERS, BROMSGROVE, MADE US ALL SIX, 1703.
Third: GOD SAVE QUEEN ANNE, R.S. 1703.
Fourth: JOHN RUDHALL, GLOCESTER. FECT. 1793.
Fifth: JOHN RUDHALL, GLOCESTER. FECT. 1805.
Sixth: CONSIDER MAN WHEN YOU HERE ME THAT I EAR LONG MAY RING FOR THEE, 1719.

The peal is rich and musical in tone, and quite the finest peal in the neighbourhood. The rehanging is being done by Messrs. Carr, of Birmingham, who will put in a new bell frame of English oak with two iron girders to strengthen and steady the original beams which carry the framing. Mr. Gerald Cogswell, architect, of Worcester and London, is superintending the work.—Yours truly,

Upton Snodsbury. W. J. HOLDEN, Vicar.

NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have no wish to prolong this discussion. I did not raise it, but have to thank you for space in your valuable paper for defending myself. The Rev. E. S. Powell tells us he is not taking sides. Well, sir, if upholding Mr. Lindoff's contention is not taking sides, then what is it?

Again, he says there are but two 5040's, while four are given. Here then, we get his glimmer of variations, while at the same time none of the 5040's are mentioned as variations of the 6048's. In conclusion, I should like just to put this matter in a more simple form, in order that method students may, perhaps, see it more clearly. These 6048's of Major are really 9720's of New Cambridge Royal, which the addition of a bob at a certain position, cuts away 13 of the 27 courses, the remaining 14 courses becoming a shortened peal of 5040 changes of the original composition. HY. DAINS.

ERIN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I regret that through my carelessness an error, which has been kindly pointed out by Mr. Lindoff, occurs in my letter which appeared in your issue of October 17th. It is possible to transfer some of the bobs in 3—4 to 5—6 (the whole can, of course, be transferred, simply reversing the original composition). By this means the scope of composition is considerably extended, and although no peals on this plan have so far appeared in the ringing papers, some have already been composed. With apologies to you and your readers for the error, Yours, etc.,

Holbeton Vicarage. E. S. POWELL.

THE WEIGHT OF WEDMORE TENOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As one of the band who rang the peal at Wedmore, and as the person who forwarded the report to "The Ringing World," I should like to point out that Mr. Hesse knows as well as I do that the local ringers call Wedmore tenor 38 cwt. That is where I got the information, but I see by the Bath and Wells Association's report of 1912-13 she is put at 39 cwt. Both Mr. Hesse and Mr. White may be right, judging by their measurements, but there has always been a doubt as to the correct weight of the bell, and I think it will remain until the bell hangers go there to rehang the bells and weigh her, which I hope will be done before another peal is rung there. They want it badly. With thanks both to Mr. Hesse and Mr. White, on behalf of the band who rang the peal, for their kind remarks.—Yours faithfully,

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This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September, 1911. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Cambridge Surprise Maximus	**2**	**peals**
Treble Bob Maximus	**3**	**,,**
Stedman Cinques	**9**	**,,**
Stedman Caters	**1**	**peal**

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THE FIRST LADY TO RING THREE PEALS IN A DAY.



MISS ELSIE BENNETT.

Miss Elsie Bennett is the first lady to ring three peals in a day, having taken part in the three handbell peals at Guildford, recorded last week. It was the first time three handbell peals had been rung in a day.

ODD CHANGES.

The Spitalfields Foundry Guild have succeeded in ringing the first peal on ten bells by a foundry band, and we hear that they will not be satisfied until Cinques and Maximus have been rung. Appropriately enough the peal of Caters was rung upon Shoreditch bells, which have so recently been restored by the firm. This and other similar performances go to prove that modern founders are fully alive to the value of having practical ringers to do their work wherever possible.

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The inquiry which we made last week for the quickest peal of Minor on handbells has brought us particulars of several quick performances, but the record seems to be the peal of Minor at Cambridge on December 1st, 1912, when the 5040 changes were rung in 1 hr. 38 mins., conducted by W. D. James.

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Now we are asked what is the quickest time for a peal on eight bells? If it is eight tower bells, we believe the quickest was about 2 hrs. 26 mins., if on eight handbells—well, we must ask the Guildford men.

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The new peal of ten bells at St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., are to be dedicated next Monday at 2.30 p.m., and South Wales will then be in possession of its second ring of ten, which we anticipate will be put to good use in increasing the practice of methods on higher numbers.

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The practice of adding as a footnote to a peal that it was rung on the eve or for a festival of the church is rapidly growing, but Mr. Challis F. Winney writes to point out that some of these references are a little "cockeyed." "For instance," he says. "of two that appeared last week, one was 'rung on the eve of St. Clement's Day.' It would, perhaps, have read better if it had been 'rung on St. Cecilia's Day'—the Patron Saint of Music. The other, rung at Haslemere, should have read 'Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day,' and not All Saints' Day."

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A ringer, with tender skin, writes to know what he can do to harden his hands for ringing. At present, he says, he cannot ring more than half an hour without getting his hands sore and blistered, and he hopes someone may tell him of a remedy. We suggest he should try rubbing his hands with methylated spirit, but perhaps some of our readers can suggest an even more effective method of hardening the skin.

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An order has been placed by the Misses Webster, of Sible Hedingham, with Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to add two trebles to the ring of six at the Parish Church. The same ladies had the old ring of five restored and a treble added, and a new steel frame fixed in 1912.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to Christmas falling on Thursday in next week, it will be necessary to go to press earlier than usual, and correspondents should note that all matter for publication should reach this office not later than mid-day on Monday.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for a record peal of Treble Bob Royal is to be made by the members of the St. Martin's Guild, at Evesham, on Saturday, December 27th, starting at 8 a.m. The composition was given in our last issue.

THE FIRST 5008 OF TREBLE BOB.

At Eccleston, Cheshire, a Chester Guild band, which has not a few "firsts" to its credit, has just succeeded in ringing the first composition of Treble Bob with 5008 changes in it. Needless to say, perhaps, the method was one of the "Little" variety, in which the treble does not go above 4th's place, or the number would not have been possible. Appended are the figures:—

5008 LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.
By Henry W. Wilde.

1st Part.				2nd Part.			
23456	W	M	H	34562	B	W	H
45236	—		—	56342		—	—
24536			—	52643	—	—	—
65432		—	—	65243			—
46532			—	26543			—
53462	—		—	54263		—	—
45362			—	25463			—
34562			—	42563			—
				56423		—	—
				45623			—

The calling of the second part to be three times repeated.
First rung at Eccleston, Cheshire, conducted by the composer.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Tuckwell 1, T. Moulden (first in method with bob bell) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ITS OFFICERS.

MASTER'S ACTION JUSTIFIED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry to think that from the information you have received, and from the tone of your leading article on September 19th, and recently, the impression should go forth that the affairs of our Association were in such a deplorable condition and daily growing worse, on account of the action of the master and myself. Our Association has had a long and successful career up till now, with few, if any, intestine jars and dissensions. But no institution can always expect to meet with no reverses, however wisely it may be managed.

I am not writing now with the purpose to justify my own action in refusing to sanction the expense of a brake last summer in the north-west division, the responsibility for which had been laid upon me by the Association, and which is, I believe, the only cause of complaint brought against me after twenty-three years' service, but rather to clear our capable and much-esteemed master for the unjust and causeless charges which are being made against him. When Canon Papillon resigned our mastership in 1909, Mr. Howard was selected in his place by the unanimous votes of his brother officers, barring one, at a preliminary meeting, and this choice was ratified at the ensuing general meeting. The one who stood out has opposed him ever since, and at the recent meeting at Coggeshall, voiced the old complaint which was brought against Moses and Aaron: "Ye take too much upon you." Yes, the master has spared no pains, trouble or expense to make the Association progress, and has always been a constitutional ruler.

The second cause of complaint is the carrying to a successful issue of the scheme for placing the magnificent ring of bells in our future Cathedral, and more especially in influencing our members to give the treble (the suggestion that it should be paid for out of the reserve fund, did not emanate from him). Now, in doing this, he did no more or less than the Bishop of St. Albans, when he laboured for the division of the diocese. He went round to different centres, and urged the matter, simply by persuasion, and his efforts were crowned with success. The other cause of complaint was the selection of a band of ringers for the opening of the bells. To whom else than the master could this unthankful task be given? And those selected fulfilled their duties admirably. They were all chosen out of the Association, although three or four were non-residentiary members. Can it be wondered at, human nature being what it is, if jealousy or pique was kindled in the breast of some who were not invited; but that one, who had such a high opinion of his own abilities as to voice his own complaint, instead of leaving it to others, if they thought well, who had received an invitation and declined it seems incredible. The complaint that was made at Coggeshall, that district officers were resigning, and that others could with difficulty be found, because of the increasing distrust and dissatisfaction with the master and myself, is ludicrous to those who know. The master and secretary of the North-east division wished to resign last year, and were persuaded to remain. In the three other divisions there were no grounds whatever for such a suggestion.

Great Totham Vicarage. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The above subject, re-introduced by Mr. Atwell, and admirably commented upon in your leader of the 12th inst., appears to be a subject ripe for action. When Mr. Godden originally introduced it, he, doubtless, had in mind, after a long experience as the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, many capable aspirants, outside his own society, for a peal of Stedman Cinques, who could not afford to pay the necessary fee for life membership, and his (Mr. Godden's) large-heartedness and experience may have prompted the suggestion. Mr. Atwell, too, may have had a similar experience, and appears determined to give the ball a push.

Is it, however, advisable, or practicable, to recommend the subject for discussion by the Central Council, whose agenda's are already overladen, and subjects, generally, insufficiently discussed? Why not let societies deal with the subject separately, seeing each society thoroughly understands its own constitution and financial resources.

There is no need for extensive detail, to give secretaries already hard-worked unnecessary labour in dividing, and subdividing, a nominal fee. All that appears necessary is, when societies find as far as possible how far the step would affect their finance, to issue a card for visiting and peal ringing purposes for one nominal fee deposited into the hands of all local secretaries who would supply applicants on the spot.

Supposing a ringer spending his annual holiday at a seaside town steps into the belfry of the Parish Church to ring for a service, and a peal is afterwards suggested in the week, the local men would naturally like the peal rung under their own society's name. The visitor could present his home credentials, a card handed to him for a fee of, perhaps, one shilling after his belfry election, and, the peal scored, the business would be finished. What a pleasure, too, the visitor would have in returning the compliment to his friends, should he get the opportunity.—Yours truly.

Old Hill, Staffs. A. E. PARSONS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

PROGRESS OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The members of this district met in social intercourse at the Collingwood Restaurant, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Thursday week, and thoroughly enjoyed a delightful evening. Visitors from Newcastle Cathedral, and St. John's; Benwell, Gosforth, Whitley Bay, Gateshead, and Darlington, to the number of 31, partook of an excellent supper, presided over by Mr. Ernest E. Ferry, the esteemed vice-president for the district.

After the tables had been cleared, an enjoyable musical programme was given by members and friends of the Association, and special mention must be made of the beautiful rendering of various part-songs by a quartette comprising Messrs. Rutledge, Bigglestone, Liddell, and Bone.—Glees, when well rendered, as these were, rank amongst the most enchanting forms of music, and their performance roused the audience to great enthusiasm. Touches were also rung on the handbells, and the well-known and popular pianist, Mr. Shield, of Newcastle, acted as a capable accompanist, and played a brilliant descriptive piece of music entitled "The Forge."

In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Exercise," Mr. Todd, of Darlington, referred in appreciative terms to the efficiency of the ringers in the Northern District, and also to their "sociability," and coupled the names of Mr. Ernest E. Ferry and Mr. Arthur Payne (district secretary) with the toast.—In responding, Mr. Payne pointed out that the Northern District was by far the largest of the four districts in the Association, in fact it was larger in area than the remaining three districts placed together. He also said that the Northern district had rung more peals in the past year than the whole of the remaining districts, a total of 16 out of 25 peals, and he pleaded for this record to be thoroughly well beaten in the coming year. He intimated that it was the intention of Mr. Ferry and himself to visit every tower in the Northern District at least once in the year, and hoped that on the occasions of these official visits as many members would accompany them as could find it convenient to attend. He referred to the arrangements that were being made for giving assistance and instruction to backward towers, and also to the arrangement of peals for the encouragement of those members who were just entering the field of peal ringing, requesting all members in their district who were anxious to try their skill in a peal to communicate either with Mr. Ferry or himself, when suitable arrangements would be made at an early date.

In the latter part of the evening, the meeting was honoured by the presence of the esteemed President of the Association, Mr. C. L. Routledge, who, much to the delight of the members, sang an excellent song, stood in the handbell band, and entertained them in other ways.

Mr. Falconer proposed the health of "The Visitors," to which Mr. Little, of the Glee and Madrigal Society, responded. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a delightful evening to a close.

HERE AND THERE.

The death has occurred of Mr. J. Bird, for many years a ringer at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge. As a last mark of respect, the bells were rung half-muffled, when 672 of Bob Major were brought round by: C. W. Cooper 1, W. A. Pugh 2, F. Caldwell 3, W. Meredith 4, G. H. Pagett (conductor) 5, J. Newman 6, J. Smith 7, A. W. Dodd 8. 504 Stedman Triples was rung by: T. Heathcock 1, R. Moor 2, F. Caldwell 3, J. Bass 4, R. Matthews (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6, G. H. Pagett 7, C. T. Richards 8.

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Another lady ringer is making excellent progress in the Art, and on Sunday rang her first quarter-peal. She is Miss Edith Jones, and she took part in 1260 Grandsire Triples at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, rung on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of London. Miss Jones is to be congratulated upon her performance, and it is hoped that further records of greater importance will shortly be accomplished by this enthusiastic young lady. The band, which included local ringers and visitors from Acton and Hillingdon, was: Miss E. Jones 1, J. J. Pratt 2, H. Chandler 3, V. Holloway 4, W. Honor 5, J. A. Trollope 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8.

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By a slip of the pen we gave a false construction in our report to the decision of the Kent Association Committee in connection with the administration of their benevolent fund. It should have been stated that applications should come through the secretary and representative of the district in which the applicant resides.

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The Bradfield Deanery of the Oxford Guild had a successful combined practice on Saturday week at Theale. Ringers were present from Reading, Theale, Aldermaston, Goring and Bradfield. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, College Single and Kent Treble Bob.

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The last combined practice of the Sonning Branch for the year was held on Saturday last at Warfield. 18 members being present, representing Binfield, Easthampstead, Winkfield Hurst, White Waltham, Wokingham (All Saints') and the local band. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



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

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

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BARTON'S THREE CHURCHES.

APPEAL FOR RESTORATION OF BELLS.

The interesting bells of the famous churches of Barton-on-Humber require the immediate expenditure of an estimated sum of between £300 and £400 to make them secure and to prevent damage to the Anglo-Saxon tower. The bell frames and fittings in both towers have become very rotten, and need entire renewal, and all the ten bells need either quarter or eighth turning to prevent cracking.

A town's meeting has appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds and carry out the work. They now appeal for contributions not only from parishioners, but also from other friends of old churches and their belongings. Since 1885 a sum averaging £200 a year has had to be expended on restoration and repair of the fabrics of these Cathedral-like churches, exclusive of the cost of upkeep. All three churches stand within what was originally the same sacred enclosure, and there is only one congregation to maintain them.

Old St. Peter's, the tenth century church, is in regular use. St. Mary's and St. Peter's, the thirteenth and fourteenth century buildings, both very large churches, take turn week by week for the Sunday services and any largely attended services on other days. Old St. Peter's tower was built about A.D. 950, except the uppermost storey, which was added in the time of Edward the Confessor. It is hoped that its special character will emphasise the appeal for the means to render it secure from any damage through the rotting bell-frame built into its walls.

The three churches are within a stone's throw of each other. In St. Peter's there are six bells, and in St. Mary's four, but it is intended, if funds permit, to put a frame for eight in St. Mary's, and an earnest appeal is made for contributions, which should be sent to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber.

TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester and District 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 30 members being present from Towcester, Easton Neston, Greensnorton, Flore, Northampton, Weston Favel, 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, junr., Mr. J. Slarke (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, junr., and Miss M. Howes, subscribing members; and two ringing members from Cold Higham and one from Weston Favel 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. Slarke, 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.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The December meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on Saturday week, at Staveley, and proved very successful. Upwards of 40 ringers were present from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield, Staveley and Treeton. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and were kept going till 7 p.m., with short intervals, some good striking being heard. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol, Yorkshire, and London Surprise Major.—Messrs. T. Whitworth (Treeton) and W. Jacquer (Staveley) were elected members of the society.—A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Molineux for granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting, closed the proceedings.

T. BALDWYN'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, 3 (conducted 3); Grandsire Triples, 21 (6); Grandsire Caters, 15; Grandsire Cinques, 5; Stedman Triples, 21; Stedman Caters, 8 (1); Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Minor, 1; Bob Major, 7 (1); Bob Royal, 4 (1); Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 4; Double Norwich Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; total, 100 (conducted 12).

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 30th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus, 7.30; the others, 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, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. Tower open from 4 to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton, on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on December 20th. Bells available from 3.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, December 20th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Angel Hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th, to commence with a short service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Bells (8) available; also the new (10) bells at St. Woolos available excepting between 3.15 and 6.30.—The Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, December 27th. Will members please endeavour to be present at this important meeting.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, December 27th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Thursday, December 25th. Outstanding subscriptions for the present year should now be paid without delay. — H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1914, at 8.30 p.m. Alterations to rules will be proposed and the balance sheet will be presented. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary.

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

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. F. J. Hardy has now removed to 54, Thurloe Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E ——The address of Mr. James George is now 4, Kimberley Road, Rugby. Will Secretaries and others of all associations kindly note.——Mr. J. E. Davis has removed to No. 70, Thornton Street, Walworth, S.E.——Lance-Sergt. F. A. Holden's address is now Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham.

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BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: W. Barrow 1, J. Brett 2, C. Brett 3, G. Dann 4, O. Collins 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.

DORKING, SURREY. — On October 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Holloway 1, E. Presling (first quarter of Grandsire) 2, W. Tarling 3, A. Baker 4, E. E. Dodd 5, H. Boxall (conductor) 6, J. White 7, W. Lynch 8.

BOSHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ticehurst 1, F. Brown (conductor) 2, J. H. Blake 3, G. Marshall 4, F. Terry 5, F. Keavell 6.

CLENT, WORCESTER.—On Oct. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss F. Thatcher 1, G. Popnell 2, W. Boughton 3, Miss K. Thatcher 4. C. Boughton 5, Wm. Shilvock 6, Wm. Short (conductor) 7, J. Barber 8.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On Oct. 8th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Major Chas. Judge, J.P., the highly esteemed people's churchwarden for the past 25 years, 1232 Bob Major, with a cover: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, T. Stockdale 3, F. Merrison 4, J. Highfield 5, T. Morton 6, G. Dowling 7, G. T. Miller 8, G. Hare 9. Also 252 Stedman Triples.

TWYFORD.—On the morning of October 7th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins., by the local band: A. Ings 1, F. Oxenbury (composer) 2, W. Carter 3, E. Wateridge 4, L. Lampard (conductor) 5, W. Young 6, T. Spratt 7, J. Penton 8.

DENTON.—Chester Guild.—At St. Anne's Church, on October 7th, 1680 changes, comprising 240 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Wragby, Tanner's Pleasure and Killamarsh: H. Bardsley 1, W. Wilde 2, A. E. Marshall (conductor) 3, J. Walters 4, J. Pollitt 5, E. Walters 6. The longest length by all except the conductor.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

This issue of our paper appears amid the festive season when from their station "Midway 'twixt the earth and sky," the bells will be pealing joyously in celebration of Christmas, and with their brazen voices telling of the season of peace and good-will. This is the time when above all others the bells are welcomed by the public, for to an Englishman Christmas without bells would be devoid of one of its greatest traditions. The bells are almost as essential a feature of the festival as the roast beef and plum pudding themselves—that is if Christmas is to follow the lines of conventional celebration—and we ringers have an important part to play. It is, however, hardly necessary to bid ringers to be up and doing at this particular time, for they are to-day very much alive to their opportunities and privileges as well as to their duties, and doubtless there will be many records to chronicle, representing the principal doings in the belfries of the country during the present week. The interest of the Exercise will be specially centred upon the attempt for the long peal at Evesham on Saturday, when an effort will be made to beat the existing record for Treble Bob Royal, established as long ago as 1784, and the band will have the best wishes of all ringers for their success.

Bells being such a traditional feature of the Christmas festivities, the season affords greater scope for the exercise of our Art than any other of the festivals, and upon this occasion the ringers' services are, perhaps, appreciated by a larger section of the public than upon any other. In ringing for our own pleasure, therefore, it would be well that we should not forget that we are ringing also for the pleasure of others, and it is, consequently, quite as essential, at this time especially, that the bells should be rung well. The public expect and listen for the bells at Christmas more than they do at any other season, and the public's expectancy is the ringer's opportunity. It is one of the occasions when a chance is afforded of popularising the bells, and the surest way to do this is to give only the best.

As long as the festival of Christmas lasts we hope the bells will play their customary part. For centuries they have rung out the message of peace and goodwill, for centuries more may they continue to share in disseminating this spirit, for we believe that, to the part they play in the Christmas festival, is due, in no small measure, the feeling of love which is cherished by most Englishmen for the

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

HENRY F. EWINS	...*Treble*	JOHN H. WHITE	6
WILLIAM H. CARD	2	ALBERT HARMAN	7
OSCAR GILBEY	3	JOHN SHERLOCK	8
ARTHUR HOLMAN	4	HENRY A. HOAD	9
GEORGE F. HOAD	5	HARRY N. EDWARDS	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	...*Treble*	SIDNEY DAWE	6
FREDERICK ATWELL	2	*FREDERICK VILES	7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	3	BENJAMIN THORP	8
WILLIAM B. BISS	4	JOSEPH E. SYKES	9
FRED CHAMBERLAIN	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Seymour R. Barker.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

THOMAS J. SALTER	...*Treble*	THOMAS BLOORE	6
THOMAS COLLINSON	2	THOMAS HUGHES	7
THOMAS RUSSAM	3	THOMAS MILLER	8
THOMAS HILL	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
THOMAS J. BRATTON	5	THOMAS H. REEVES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung on the eve of St. Thomas's Day; also as a birthday compliment to Thomas H. Reeves.

WEST HAM.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5013 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM DORAN	...*Treble*	JAMES HUNT	6
ARTHUR N. HARDY	2	FRANK BENNETT	7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD	8
HAROLD BURTON	4	HARRY FLANDERS	9
FRANK I. HAIRS	5	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal. Mr. F. Hairs' 150th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN GILL	6
CHARLES BOWER	2	TOM WILDE	7
THOMAS JAKEMAN	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
CHARLES BROADBENT	4	SAMUEL BOOTH	9
JOSEPH MELLOR	5	HARRY CHAPMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Oxford Royal in Ashton-Under-Lyne. First peal of Oxford Royal for all except the ringers of the treble and tenor.

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

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

LAWRENCE E. MEARS	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE	6
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	FRED TURNER	7
ERNEST NIDD	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	8
J. FRANK PROCTOR	4	ARTHUR MACKEARS	9
HARRY THORPE	5	*SAMUEL BAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal on ten bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 5th and 6th the extent behind the 9th in the tittums position.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 6, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD	*Treble*	JOSEPH MELLOR	5
CHAS. BOWER	2	BENJ. GILL	6
THOMAS JAKEMAN	3	JOHN HARRISON	7
CHAS. BROADBENT	4	SAMUEL BOOTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Oxford on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G.

ERNEST DUMPER	*Treble*	ALBERT MARKS	5
OWEN H. GILES	2	GEORGE WILLIAMS	6
CHARLES J. FRAY	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

ARTHUR DEAN	*Treble*	DAVID WRIGHT	5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	2	HENRY L. GARFATH	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	7
BENJAMIN MORRIS	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

This was A. Dean's 150th peal; and W. S. Smith's 212th, he having rung 179 and conducted 100 for the Surrey Association.

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OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH	*Treble*	THOMAS HOWARTH	5
JAMES SHAW	2	WILLIAM RILEY	6
WILLIAM WHEWELL	3	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH	7
JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE	4	JOHN BENTLEY	*Tenor*

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

First peal of Surprise Major by the Blackburn Branch and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method by all the band all of whom belong to the local company. The peal was rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late churchwarden of the parish.

HECKINGTON.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ARTHUR DIXON	*Treble*	†WALTER H. WOOD	5
REV. H. LAW JAMES	2	*THOMAS HUMBERSTONE	6
JOHN T. HOLMES	3	WILLIAM DICKINSON	7
†CHRISTOPHER WARD	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

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

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

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWIN BREEZE	*Treble*	JOHN WILKINSON	5
*JAMES W. BELL	2	*HERBERT H. BARKER	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	7
HENRY FYLES	4	JAMES MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

* First peal of Stedman.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN DIVISION QUARTERLY PEAL.)

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. THOMAS	5
WALTER ALCOCK	2	EDWARD W. BRAY	6
PERCY CARTER	3	JOSEPH SHARP	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	JOHN JUDD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SPITALFIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 33⅓ cwt.

THOMAS KING	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the heaviest peal of bells on which a peal in this method has been rung.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE NORRIS	...*Treble*	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	5
HORACE TULETT	2	HARRY C. INGLE	6
HARRY EVANS	3	ALFRED W. GROVES ...	7
WILLIAM HILLMAN	4	ARTHUR ARNELL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, December 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALBERT E. WOOD ...	...*Treble*	OSCAR GILBEY	5
JOHN SHERLOCK	2	*FRANK HAWKINS	6
ARTHUR HOLMAN	3	GEORGE F. HOAD	7
HENRY F. EWINS	4	ALBERT HARMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major.

GREENWICH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB	...*Treble*	HENRY HOSKINS	5
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	WILLIAM BERRY	7
WILLIAM FOREMAN	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Caters.

TWERTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN ...	...*Treble*	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	5
THOMAS F. KING	2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	6
*ARTHUR K. HARRISON ...	3	SAMUEL HECTOR	7
*THEODORE GRANT	4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman.

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 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

* First peal of Major. This was George R. Pye's 600th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

P. C. WILLIAM FLOYD ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON	5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	2	REGINALD BROUGH	6
GEORGE POVEY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	*ALFRED BROCKMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES WINSER	5
*VICTOR ROWLANDS	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	6
ALFRED HONE	3	WILLIAM HAIGH	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	EDWARD FRIEND ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. HAIGH.

* First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. HART ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	2	ALFRED W. GROVES ...	6
WILLIAM HILLMAN	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
ALBERT HARMAN	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

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

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SIDNEY REDDICK	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	5
GEORGE A. COOK	2	JOHN HOYLE	6
ARTHUR HUGHES	3	EDWARD HULL	7
JOHN WYATT	4	WILLIAM COOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble and 3rd were elected members previous to starting, W. Cook's 50th peal, all of which have been rung at the above church. Mr. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, was specially invited to ring in this peal rung on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the recasting of the bells into a peal of eight by that firm. The ringers were very cordially invited to supper at the Rectory by the Rev. R. A. Waddelove after the peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES	5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT...	2	*CORNELIUS CHARGE... ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

THIRSK, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*HENRY BROWN	...*Treble*	*ROBERT HORNBY	5
JOHN STOTT	2	JAMES METCALFE	6
ROBERT BROWN	3	THOMAS METCALFE	7
JAMES WILLIAM MEESAM	4	ERNEST ROBERT MEESAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

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

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

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*ALBERT STREETER ...	...*Treble*	HENRY F. EWINS	5
OSCAR GILBEY	2	WILLIAM H. CARD	6
HENRY A. HOAD	3	ARTHUR HOLMAN	7
†JAMES H. JUDD	4	GEORGE F. HOAD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. This peal is a reduction of 6048.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

BERT CHALLEN	...*Treble*	ALFRED W. GROVES ...	5
GEORGE H. HOWSE	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
ALBERT HARMAN...	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

ASHBOCKING.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt., in A.

CHARLIE CHURCH ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BENNETT	4
GEORGE FLEMING	2	ALBERT FLEMING	5
GEORGE PRYKE	3	GEORGE FARNISH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

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

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*HENRY MORLEY ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE MORLEY	4
HENRY F. EWINS	2	OSCAR GILBEY	5
*EDWARD ATKINS	3	*ALFRED WOOD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD ATKINS.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells which were augmented to six in May, 1901. Messrs. Gilbey and Ewins hail from Reigate, the rest belong to the local band.

ASH-BY-WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire Minor, Woodbine Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt., in A.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN...	...*Treble*	GUY R. AMBROSE	4
GEORGE A. JONES	2	FREDERICK HAYES	5
JOHN BURLES	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Hayes, of the Swanscombe band, nephew of the ringer of the 5th. The band wish to thank the Rector of Ash (the Rev. H. B. Hennell), for the use of the bells and his kind hospitality after the peal. H. Holden came from Meopham, the remainder from Milton-next-Gravesend.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Sunday, December 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 Six-Scores each of Stedman and Plain Bob, and 10 of Grandsire.

ALFRED TECKOE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE...	4
CHARLES R. LILLEY	2	ALFRED E. FULLICK... ...	5
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...	3	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The peal was specially arranged for Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, who entertained the band to tea after the peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Pigot) for the use of the bells, and Mr. Rodenhurst for his hospitality

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. FINCH	4
ALFRED CLEMENTS	2	ROBERT G. MILES	5
CHARLES E. FISHER ...	3	WILLIAM B. REEVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

First peal in six methods on the bells by a local band.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
10 different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER MANSFIELD	...*Treble*	*ALBERT HOWARD	3
†WILLIAM PEACHEY	2	HARRY HOWARD	4
ROBERT HOWARD	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. MANSFIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, rector.

COOKHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Tuesday, December 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb., in F.

Robert H. Young ... ...*Treble*	William H. Fussell ... 4
*Charles Edwards 2	William Horne 5
George Martin 3	Richard Buckland ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Edwards.

* 25th peal in 1913. The first peal on the bells, recently restored by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of London. Dr. Batchelor, the Rector, kindly entertained the visitors to supper after the peal, and Foreman Tegg and the local men congratulated the band on its success, a vote of thanks being accorded Mr. H. Fowler for making the arrangements.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Harry Jewiss ... ...*Treble*	William Nye 4
*Frederick Hollands ... 2	Thomas Jull 5
William T. Hyland ... 3	William H. B. Wilkins *Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. Wilkins.

* First peal in seven methods and first peal with a bob bell.

WEST PENNARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 28 cwt.

William Brass ... ...*Treble*	Walter Fudge 4
Henry J. Trim 2	Percy S. Merson 5
William Fudge... 3	*Harry Holland ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Percy S. Merson.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

William J. Wood ... ...*Treble*	William H. B. Wilkins 4
Thomas Jull 2	Cecil Bishop 5
William T. Hyland ... 3	William Nye ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. Wilkins.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Norwich, Netherseal, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

George A. Blaxley... ...*Treble*	J. Edward Chapman ... 4
William C. Lewis 2	Walker T. Wilson ... 5
Frank H. Talbutt 3	E. Maurice Atkins ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. Atkins.

This is the first peal in seven methods, containing only Treble Bob and Surprise methods to be rung by a Northamptonshire band. It is also the first of this description on the bells, and by all except conductor.

HOLT, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called 10 different ways. Tenor 13 cwt.

*William Baxter ... ...*Treble*	Arthur K. Harrison ... 4
Samuel J. Hector... ... 2	*Joseph T. Dyke 5
Charles Raison 3	Sydney Francis ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. Dyke.

* First peal away from the tenor. J. T. Dyke was elected a member before starting. Rung as a welcome to the new vicar, the Rev. T. Roberts, and in honour of the birth of a daughter to the treble ringer.

WHITCHURCH, Nr. CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Fredk. Joe Bailey Junr.*Treble*	Geo. Mortimer 4
Frank J. Bailey 2	Fred. Chamberlain ... 5
William B. Biss 3	Thos. Middleton ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by William B. Biss.

* First peal by ringer of treble, who is only 15 years of age. G. Mortimer was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. The band wish to thank the Rev. L. Ll. Davies for the use of the bells.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*John Taylor ... ...*Treble*	*John W. Lakin, Junr. ... 4
Thomas R. Vaughan ... 2	George R. Truss 5
John L. Jutson 3	John B. Hallifax ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by John B. Hallifax.

* First peal. Mr. J. Taylor was elected a member of the Association. Rung on the eve of St. Thomas's Day.

WARKTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 Six-Scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

Matthias Hobbs ... ...*Treble*	Charles Cooper 3
Frederick Kilborn 2	George Henry Patrick 4
* Robert G. Black ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Robert G. Black.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to the ringer of the third on his 21st birthday.

WELLINGORE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Saturday, December 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, and Fulbeck Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

Albert Payne ... ...*Treble*	Caleb L. Simcock 4
Charlrs W. Baines... ... 2	George Scott 5
Richard W. Porter... ... 5	Charles W. Else ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles W. Else.

First peal on the bells. First peal in five methods by all except George Scott.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

At 129, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	*Frank Bennett	5—6
*Frank I. Hairs	3—4	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7—8

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

* First peal in the method on handbells; and by the Association.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Frederick J. Hardy	... 1—2	Alfred W. Grimes	... 5—6
Challis F. Winney	... 3—4	Joseph Barry	... 7—8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.
Umpire, Mr. A. D. Barker.

SALISBURY GUILD.

PROGRESS OF THE WEST DORSET BRANCH.

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

Tea was afterwards provided in the schools, and the business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. C. F. Langford (president of the branch). About 60 ringers 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 during the year amounted to £7 0s. 10d. The expenditure, including £1 1s. to the Stoke Abbot Bell Fund, was £5 12s., leaving a balance in hand of £3 14s. 8d.—The meeting voted £2 2s. to the Diocesan Guild Fund.

GRATIFYING REPORT.

The annual report read by the Chairman stated: "It is now three years ago since the re-organisation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild called our West Dorset branch into existence, and it is very gratifying to note that the new life then infused has grown stronger than the most optimistic could have dared to hope. The good work done during the past three years is very considerable, and the keen interest now taken in the art of change ringing is the most encouraging evidence of the wisdom of dividing the old unwieldy districts into smaller and more easily workable branches. In our West Dorset branch we have 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 up to the present are affiliated to the Diocesan Guild. The branch cannot be really strong unless a larger majority, or all of the towers are affiliated."

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 hoped 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 these bells at the disposal of the Guild, and the Ringing Master (Mr. T. H. Beams) and others, who had given such valuable assistance during the past year, concluded: "There are now many members of this branch who have obtained a knowledge of change ringing, and regular practise, resulting in considerable and praiseworthy progress in the art, is carried on in several towers—at Beaminster, Bridport, Bradpole, Litton Cheney, and Lyme Regis. It is to be hoped that this keenness will continue and increase, and that those who have already made progress will visit other towers to encourage and help forward the work which is one of the primary objects of the Guild."

The report was adopted, and the whole of the officers re-elected.

THANKS.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Litton Cheney (where the local band have taught themselves change ringing without the aid of an instructor), the summer meeting at Lyme Regis, the autumn meeting at Rampisham, and the annual meeting at Bridport.

Mr. Beams was re-appointed to represent the branch on the Diocesan Committeee, and the Revs. C. H. Cooke (Vicar) and A. Needham (curate), of Netherbury, were elected members.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. C. Hutchings for his kindness in receiving them that day and arranging the service, which he was sure they all thoroughly enjoyed (applause). He also thanked the ladies for their presence and help (hear, hear). The caterer (Mr. C. T. Moores) was also deserving of thanks for the excellent tea he had provided (applause). The votes of thanks were carried with acclamation.

The Rev. G. C. Hutchings, in replying, said the success of the day had been due to the exertions of their excellent secretary and chairman, one being responsible for the tea, and the other for the necessary arrangements for the service.

Mr. C. A. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, thanked the chairman and the meeting for the invitation that day, and conveyed to them the cordial wishes of the Dorchester Branch.

This concluded the business, and the company again adjourned to the belfry, where ringing was kept up till about nine o'clock.

FOUNDRY STAFF PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the footnote to the peal rung on Saturday, December 13th at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, I beg to point out that a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Parish Church, Loughborough, on February 10th, 1888, which I conducted. My late father, my brother (Edmund Denison) and myself, together with seven of our employes took part in this.—Yours very truly,

Loughborough. JOHN W. TAYLOR.

RINGERS UTILISE MUNICIPAL BELLS.

On Saturday week the members of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association held their usual monthly meeting at the Manchester Town Hall. Ringers turned up in good numbers from Ashton-under-Lyne, Stockport, Worsley, Pendleton, Eccles, Whitfield, Birch, Didsbury, Prestwich, Platting, Gorton, etc. Mr. Sam Wood occupied the chair, and the cathedral was chosen as the next place of meeting. —A vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities and local ringers for placing the bells at the disposal of the members.

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By J. W. Parker.

23456	1	4	5	6
32654		—		—
25436	S	—		—
52634		—		—
26354	S			—
62453		—		—
24653				—
62345			—	
23645				—

Five times repeated with single at 1 in the last course of the 3rd and 6th parts.

First rung at Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, October 11th, 1913.

BRIGHTON'S NEW PEAL OF TEN.

The arrangements for the provision of a peal of ten bells for St. Peter's, Brighton, have now been completed, and the work, which is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, is to be finished by Easter. A peal with a tenor of 25 cwt., and a total weight of about 111 cwt., is to be provided, hung with tough iron headstocks and hard steel gudgeons in two separate iron frames, seven bells being on the lower level and three above. They will be hung more than 20 feet below the level of the present eight, and thus place a minimum of strain upon the tower and soften the sound of the bells outside.

When the new ring is installed, Brighton will possess two peals of ten and one of eight.

Another name peal. This time by the Thomases of the Midlands. They scored a peal of Stedman Caters at Wednesbury on Saturday.

HARPENDEN, HERTS. — On Sunday, Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. Dellar 1, H. Day 2, W. Hill 3, H. Jarman 4, D. Dellar 5, H. Coburn (first quarter on an inside bell) 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, B. Coote 8.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus	... ...	2 peals
Treble Bob Maximus ...	... ...	3 ,,
Stedman Cinques	... ...	9 ,,
Stedman Caters	... ...	1 peal

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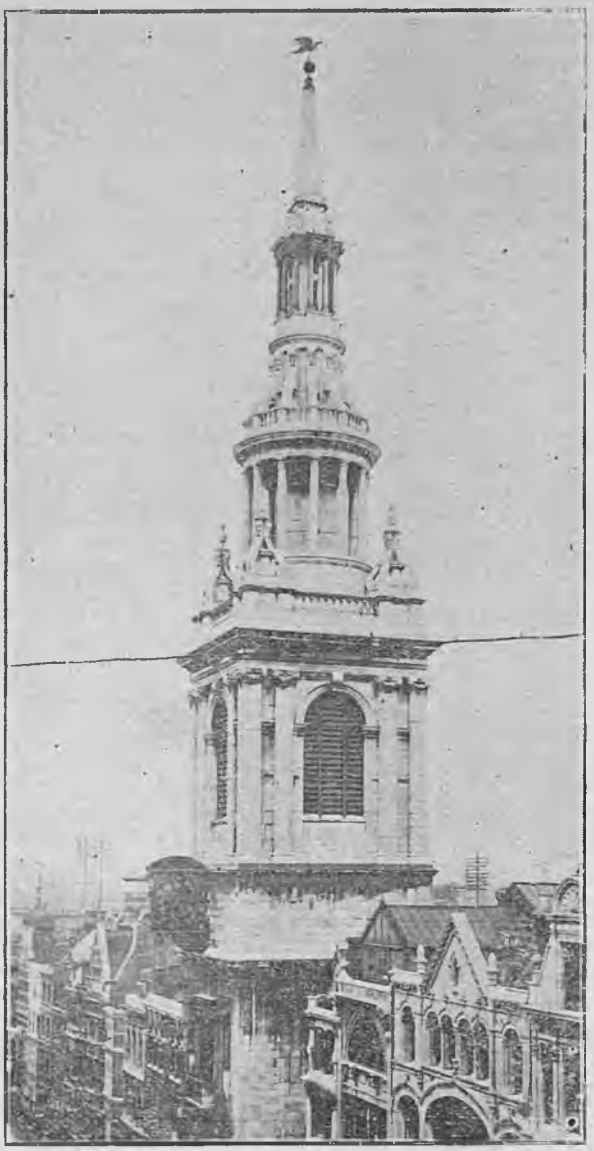
BELLS OF FAMOUS ENGLISH CHURCHES.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW, LONDON.

By J. R. Jerram.

"Bow-bells" have ever been notorious both on account of the "Dick Whittington" legend, and also from the supposition that to be a true "Cockney" one must have been born within their sound.

With regard to their history we find that in very early times John Downe, a worthy citizen, left two tenements in



Hosier Lane (now Bow Lane) "for the maintenance of the great bell." In 1469, by an order of the Common Council, a bell was to be rung every night at nine o'clock, and lights were to be exhibited in the steeple during the night to direct travellers to the metropolis. According to *Stow*, William Copland, tailor, the King's merchant, being churchwarden in 1515, gave the great bell which was to be rung nightly at nine o'clock. He adds that this bell was first rung as a knell for the death of the donor. *Weever* states that she was inscribed "Dudum fundabar Bowbel campana vocabar: Sexta sonat, bis sexta sonat, ter tertia pulsat," *i e.*, "I was cast recently and was called Bowbell. The sixth sounds, the sixth sounds twice, the third strikes thrice." I suppose the latter line alludes to some custom as to the number of strokes given for knells. There appear to have been six bells here at this time, though *Stow* only mentions five.

In the story of Dick Whittington they were supposed to have been ringing in the following order when he heard them and returned to London: 531246, "Turn-a-gain-Whit-ting-ton." By adding two bells in front of this the present well-known Whittington row on eight bells has been produced—12753468, though this does not fit to the original words. But we must bear in mind that in Whittington's time not only was half pull change ringing unknown, but bells were not rung up at all as in the present day. They were only swung at stock level. So we must suppose that on this occasion they were rung in this manner in the order above mentioned.

Both steeple and bells perished in the Great Fire of 1666. After the church and steeple were rebuilt by Wren, an order for a peal of eight was given to John and Christopher Hodson; the funds to pay for same being derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows, Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire. In due course the bells were cast and hung. In 1738 the tenor, being cracked, was recast by Richard Phelps and Thomas Lester, of the Whitechapel foundry. Phelps died in the same year, and the foundry was carried on by Lester, and afterwards by Lester and Pack, who in 1762 recast the other seven bells and added two trebles, thus making a peal of ten, which were rung for the first time on June 4th, 1762, to celebrate King George the Third's birthday. In 1881 two more trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank, to make a peal of twelve. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble and Second.

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The next seven bells from *Third* to *Ninth* inclusive:—

LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT 1762. WM GIBSON & JAs PIERREPONT CH:WARDENS. (These seven bells have impressions of coins and 🔔 ornament upon them. The ninth has the 🔔 ornament repeated ten times and five impressions of coins).

Tenth.

RT REVD DR THOS NEWTON, RECTOR; WM GIBSON & JAs PIERREPONT CHURCHWARDENS OF BOW; THOS & JNO STEVENSON CH:WARDENS OF PANCRAS * LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT 1762.

Eleventh.

WILLIAM GIBSON & JAs PIERREPONT CH:WARDENS OF BOW (3 coins) ♣ (a crown) SAMUEL BLACKWELL ESQR GAVE L50 0 0. LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT, 1762. ▽ (arms of Blackwell.-Argent, a greyhound sable; on a chief indented sable 3 bezants).

Tenor.

BOW BELL 1669†SAMUEL LISLE D:D RECTOR, ROBT GREEN, WM CANNELL, THO: PARIS, INO WALDRON, INO RAINFORD, CHURCH: [end of first line—below] WARDENS RECAST 1738. RICHARD PHELPS, THO: LESTER FECIT. †††††OO† [be-

low on the waist the weight is engraved]. Wt 53 :0 :22.

The tenor is 65 inches in diameter, and the inscription is in thick coarse type.

In 1819 the steeple was repaired and strengthened with iron ties. A record of this is engraved on the waist of the eighth bell; "These chain ties of cast iron were applied for the security of this tower September, 1819. George Gwilt, Archt."

About seven years ago the bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Since then two peals of Treble Bob Maximus and about half-a-dozen of Stedman Cinques have been rung on them. But, perhaps, the most noteworthy performance is a peal of 5088 London Surprise Major, rung on the back eight, on January 14th, 1911, in four hours. The last peal of Stedman Cinques was rung as recently as November 29th, 1913.

In 1905 new quarter chimes were added to the clock, which play as follows: First quarter, 5123; Second, 512—314; Third, 789—X84—534; Fourth, 512—314—579—X8E; the hour being struck on the tenor.

In a future issue we hope to give copies of the old peal boards in the tower.

We are indebted to Mr. F. E. Dawe for the unique photograph of Bow tower reproduced on the previous page.

A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

MEMORIES OF AN ANCIENT FOUNDER.

Whilst spending a holiday at Banbury I wandered one day into the village of Chacombe, in the neighbouring county of Northants. The church, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, is an Early English structure, built of stone, with an embattled tower containing a peal of six bells. Knowing that the Bagley's had a bell foundry here during the 17th century, I searched amongst the tombstones for any commemorating this family, and the only one I could find in the untidy and neglected churchyard was a small headstone, overgrown with grass, on the right hand of the path leading to the south porch. It was inscribed as follows:—

"Here lyeth the body of Henry Bagley, who departed this life the 1 day of January, 168 3-4.

"To Perpetuate ye memory of an Ingenious Bellfounder this stone was repair'd A.D. 1791."

Wondering what pious benefactor had caused this stone to be restored, I climbed up the dusty stairs leading to the bell chamber, and found the answer, after I had examined the bells. The ring of six are inscribed as follows:—

Treble. Domino Canticum Novum, 1694.
2, 3 and 4. William Bagley made me 1694.
5. John Briant of Hertford, Fecit, 1790.
6. Cast by John Warner and Sons, Limited, 1863.

It will be seen that John Briant, of Hertford, recast the 5th in 1790, and as he is known to have been a generous and open-handed man, it was he, no doubt, who restored his brother craftsman's tomb.

Unfortunately Briant fell upon evil times in his old age, and ended his days in the Spencer Almshouses at St. Albans, practically penniless. He was buried in the churchyard of All Saints', Hertford, where his grave is unmarked and forgotten! His bells are found all over the South and Midlands, and as far away as Tuam and Edendery, in Ireland, but his crowning achievement was undoubtedly the glorious tenor at St. Michael's, Coventry, now, alas, silent. He must have had a good and lucrative business, but no doubt his open-handed and generous nature, of which we have an example at Chacombe, proved his undoing. His name, however, will always be remembered by us change ringers for the many good bells that he has left behind to perpetuate it. O, si sic omnes!

WAYFARER.

ERIN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the Rev. E. S. Powell's letter in your last issue on this subject, may I remind him and those interested of a letter which appeared in your issue of September 8th, 1911. In this I pointed out that the transferring of bobs from 3-4 to 5-6 was of no value for obtaining the extent. Opinions may differ as to what is useful, or what is meant by increased scope for composition. If the latter term is taken to include increased facilities for varying peals, then Mr. Powell is correct.

You may first vary the position of the bobs, and then compose a peal, or first compose a peal and then alter your bobs, but as an aid to connecting the 50 primary round blocks into one whole, the transferring of bobs is useless.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

A COURSE-END.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The other day I was present at a large gathering of ringers, and the conversation drifted into a learned discussion (far above my limited comprehension) in which "course-ends" was a frequent and important theme for argument. Once during a slight lull I ventured to ask "what are course-ends, and where do they come from?" and though some attempts were made to enlighten me, I must confess I could not in any way grasp the explanation put before me. I felt this was mainly due to my natural obtuseness. I then asked how many course-ends there were, and one said there were about 20, another said 120, and a third said in his opinion there were 720. I suppose these can't all be right, or is there really no definite number. Now, can any of your readers give any definition or explanation of this seemingly abstruse subject such as may be grasped by an individual with an ordinary (very ordinary) amount of intelligence, and an earnest desire for information on a subject on which there seems to be such a difference of opinion, or lack of information among those who I have been told are some of the shining lights of the Exercise. Are there any books published, or is there anybody to whom I can apply personally or by letter, who can put me through my difficulty? I shall be grateful for any light on the subject, however small.

LITTLE BOB.

Perhaps we may venture to give our correspondent some information on the subject, although if any of our readers can explain the matter in a way likely to be more easily grasped by those seeking after knowledge, we shall be pleased to give their definitions publicity for the sake of those desiring to learn.

To begin with, a "course-end" is the last change of a "course," a "course" being the set of changes, starting from a lead end (or its equivalent) and ending at a corresponding spot, and containing in between these two rows the complete work of a method, as performed by one bell, usually the tenor. As an example, a course of Bob Major includes 112 changes, in the ringing of which the tenor does the whole work of the method, and the course-end is that change at which that bell arrives again in its original position after completing the work. Bobs, however, may curtail a course in some methods, or may lengthen it in others by causing a repetition of a portion of the work, but the course-end is still the change where the tenor (or other bell with a fixed work) completes its circuit of the method.

The number of course-ends may vary according to the variety of method and the number of bells. Thus, in a peal of Stedman Triples there are 60 course-ends, while in the extent of Bob Major (40,320 changes) there are 360 course-ends. In the same extent of changes in a method in which the treble has a Treble Bob hunt there could not be more than half this number, as a "course" is twice the length.—[Ed. "R.W."]

ANCIENT BELLS RESTORED AT WHATTON.

At Whatton, Notts, the ancient bells have been recast and rehung and augmented to six by the addition of a treble. The five original bells were all of ancient date, one having been cast in 1590, 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 took place on Tuesday in last week, and 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 and 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. Thorne, 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 follow:—

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

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

3rd.—James Gelstrop, Richard Bell, 1618. Weight, 6 cwt. 10 qrs. 6 lbs.

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

5th.—All men that hear my mournful sound repent before you lye in ground, 1618. Weight, 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 13 lbs.

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

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The last meeting of the year was held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday week, when the representatives who 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 and Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being practised. At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Appledore on the 17th January, 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. Cobon, of Rye, and the hon. secretary was instructed to draft a communication on the members' behalf.

Chelmsford Cathedral Tenor Bell.



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

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

YORK MINSTER (Tenor 50½ cwt.)

THE BOSTON GUILD.

RINGING ACKNOWLEDGED BY U.S.A. PRESIDENT.

The most recent activities of the Boston (U.S.A.) Guild are chronicled by Dr. A. H. Nichols, who writes: The past week has been one of unusual acitvity for Boston ringers, they having rung by invitation in four different towers, while their performances have received noteworthy recognition.

On Sunday, Nov. 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 Nov. 25th in celebration of the marriage of the younger daughter of President Wilson at Washington. On the following day, the President acknowledged by telegram this thoughtful compliment.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 26th, the ringers went to Hingham to ring the announcement of a conjoint service of different parishes on the eve of thanksgiving, 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.

A LOST PEAL

Thanksgiving day, Nov. 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 morning 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 apartment for coffee and cigars, and an introduction to the other instructors. Later a 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 artistic 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.

AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER'S DESCRIPTION.

The "Boston Globe" described at length the efforts of the ringers in connection with the wedding peal for President Wilson's daughter, and it provides interesting as well as entertaining reading. We, therebore, reproduce the article as it appeared:—

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 bell ringers. 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 5000 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.

BRADPOLE BELLS.

A DORSETSHIRE 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 to the belfry, as well as to the whole edifice. It was presented to the church by Mr. Clement N. Nicholson, of Naish 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 1896 A. M. Broadley, Esq., of The Knapp, added a treble bell. In 1910 the third and fourth 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, on Wednesday of last week, 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, an official of the Great Western Railway, who had given great assistance in the pageant, organised to pay off the balance of cost of the restoration. Mr. Pope travelled specially from Paddington for the occasion, thus testifying to the great interest which the railway company exhibited 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 1, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 2, J. Lathey 3, S. Vining 4, H. Haines 5, P. H. Beams 6, T. Lathey 7, A. Hile 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RECORD MEETING OF THE NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Bishop Stortford on Saturday week, and proved a record in point of attendance for the district. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Lane) the bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held, at which the Vicar gave an interesting address, and welcomed the members to Bishop Stortford.

There were 47 members present from Bishop Stortford, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Harlow Common, Harlow St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, Rickling, Elsenham, Wenden, Cambridge, Braintree, Hoddesdon, Little Munden, St. John, Deptford, Roydon, and Ware.

The tea and business meeting were held at the Chequers Hotel. Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided, supported by Mr. W. Watts (District Secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) and the Rev. A. M. Winter (Vicar of Stansted). Unfortunately Mr. Howard was unable to stay to the business meeting, as his last train left at 6.30.

The Rev. A. M. Winter, Vicar of Stansted, was elected an hon. member, Mr. Charles Smith, of Hunsdon, a ringing member, and Mr. T. W. Newman, of Hoddesdon, a non-resident life member.

Mr. F. Pitstow was unanimously re-elected district master, and thanked the members for re-electing him. He expressed great pleasure at seeing so many ringers present. — Mr. W. Watts was re-elected district secretary, and suitably acknowledged the renewal of confidence in him.

Waltham Abbey was selected for the next meeting to be held in February.

Mr. G. Dent proposed, and Mr. W. Lawrence seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for holding the service, and for the use of the bells.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the officers for past services, and to Mr. Springham, the steeple-keeper.—Mr. H. J. Tucker proposed, and Mr. G. Dent seconded, a vote of sympathy with Mr. N. J. Pitstow in his illness, and this was unanimously accorded.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included touches of Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, London and Cambridge Surprise Major

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

To celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. G. Le Clercq, the son of A. J. Le Clercq (a well known member of the Farnham, Surrey, band) and Miss Large, of Market Harborough, the ringers were entertained to dinner at the Railway Hotel by the bridegroom, who, unfortunately, was unable to be present, as he was obliged to go back to Colombia, where he holds an important position.

After dinner a most jovial evening was spent in songs and toasts, the toast of the bride and bridegroom being drunk with musical honours. Amongst those contributing to the harmony were Dr. Harwood, and Messrs. C. E. Edwards, T. Upshall, Kimber, Hunt, Chaffey, Ridgers, Croucher and F. A. Barnett.

"AN EXCELLENT JOB."

The excellent work which is a characteristic of Messrs. Llewellins and James' Bristol foundry, has received further recognition in a testimonial received from the Vicar of Brookthorpe, Gloucester, where the firm have just completed the rehanging of the bells in a new A frame, built up on a foundation of strong rolled steel joists. The bells have been provided with complete new mountings of improved design, including cast iron headstocks, and have also been quarter-turned.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Blake) writing to Messrs. Llewellins and James, under date of December 18th, says: "We are very pleased with the way in which your men have done the work here of re-hanging our bells. It is an excellent job. Your foreman was most obliging, and also clever in the way he fitted in the framing without having to cut the walls."

5040 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By Samuel Wood.

23456	M in and 5ths	W	H	
46532	2	x	2	2
34625	2		2	2
42356	2		2	
36524	1		1	2
23645	2		2	2
34256	2		2	

Last three courses repeated.

First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne.

HARBORNE (STAFFS).—On Sunday, October 26th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: W. H. Keys 1, G. Hitchman 2, H. Pratt 3, H. Grosvenor 4, A. J. Cartwright 5, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 6, A. Beacham 7, J. Such 8.—On Oct. 12th, the late Henry Johnstone's 1008 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Hitchman 1, J. Such 2, W. H. Keys 3, H. Grosvenor (conductor) 4, A. J. Cartwright 5, H. Pratt 6, A. T. Hyland 7, A. Hayward 8

HINTON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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 London, Thornbury, Brislington, and various towers in Bristol sat down to a sumptuous repast, to which everyone did justice. Mr. E. P. O'Meara, of the College Youths, London, who was on a visit to Bristol, was voted to the chair, everyone present being pleased to see him again among so many of his early ringing friends.

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 how pleased he was 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 expressed the hope that that 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 throughout 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.

DEATH OF A RYE RINGER.

The Rye branch of the Sussex Association are mourning the loss of a "brother string" in the person of Mr. Harold F. Cobon, whose death took place at Manchester, on Monday, the 8th inst., and whose remains were interred in that city on the following Wednesday. The late Mr. Cobon was only 26 years of age, and was a victim of consumption. Nearly six months ago he journeyed to the West of England, and underwent sanatoria treatment, but this was unavailing. Mr. Cobon was taken from the sanatorium to one of his brothers at Manchester, but only a short time elapsed before he was called to be numbered with the departed.

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 Sunday morning, after the demise, the Rye bells were rung half-muffled, and a well-struck 336 of Grandsire Triples was tapped off by: D. A. Craig 1, G. Kenward 2, P. F. Giles 3, V. D. Laurence 4, W. Bennett 5, G. J. Youngs 6, G. Billenness 7, G. Perrin 8. 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 which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Howes) made allusion to Mr. Cobon, and gave a splendid testimony to deceased's labours as a ringer, and in other departments of the church.—Mr. Cobon has been connected with Rye Church nearly all his life. He was a Sunday School scholar and a choir-boy, and he has done duty in the capacity of altar server. He was a member of the belfry for a good 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 is sadly missed by his colleagues, who know they have lost a member of sterling worth. May he rest in peace.

SPADE WORK IN SUSSEX.

Friendly ringing arranged between the Battle and Salehurst ringers took place at the latter tower. The visitors were met by the local band, and Mr. W. H. Perry, late of Alton, Hants, who has come to reside in the parish, and should prove a great help to the Salehurst men. Ringing commenced with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, brought round in 44 minutes by Jack Thomas 1, P. Carter 2, W. H. Perry 3, W. Robinson 4, T. Booth 5, J. Sinden 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. After tea, at Ye Old Eight Bells, several touches were brought round, including two 210's, and 350, 518 and 120 Stedman Doubles. In addition to the above ringers H. Edwards, J. Goodsell and W. Hoad took part in the ringing. Ringing ceased at 8.30, and afterwards a pleasant hour was spent at Ye Old Eight Bells. —Mr. Franks suggested that more ringing meetings of the kind should be held at various churches to encourage local bands to take up change ringing in a more animated spirit, and it was decided that the Salehurst band should visit Battle early in the new year, when it is hoped to get members of other bands to join in the practice, of which notice will be given.

DEATH OF AN OLD LEYLAND RINGER.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Oliver Worden, who passed away on December 11th, at the age of 74 years. For more than 50 years he was a ringer at the Parish Church. The funeral took place on Saturday week, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect by the following members of the band: J. Watkinson (conductor) 1, E. Crook 2, P. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, T. Crook 5, H. France 6, E. Banister 7, J. Harrison 8.

NOTICES.

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

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Dec. 26th, to commence with a short service in the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. Bells (8) available; also the new (10) bells at St. Woolos available excepting between 3.15 and 6.30.—The Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, December 27th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Thursday, December 25th. Outstanding subscriptions for the present year should now be paid without delay. — H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

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

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1914, at 8.30 p.m. Alterations to rules will be proposed and the balance sheet will be presented. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Secretary.

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

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

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

ECCLES HANDBELL RINGERS' DRAW.—The winning numbers in the draw, in aid of the purchase of new bells, were 2653, 907, 5050, 2507, 40, 2339, 4177, 5574, 6369.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s. 6d., post free, 300 pages. The first peal written in (with weather-proof ink) free of charge, if particulars of same are enclosed with order.—J. Beams, Fir Tree Road, Banstead, Epsom, Surrey.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

BLACKPOOL.—Ringers visiting this seaside resort will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. J. Smith's, 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool. Near sea and Central Station. Send stamp for reply.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mr. Ponton's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol. Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTER. — On Oct. 8th, 720 Bob Minor: Wm. Cooper 1, F. Caldwell 2, R. Moore 3, G. Popnell 4, D. Heathcock 5, T. Heathcock (conductor) 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 9th, 336 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Sinfield 1, J. Mead 2, W. Mead 3, W. Pether 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, F. Hedges (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8. This is the first touch rung by a lady in the North Buck's branch of the Oxford Guild.

SHIPLEY (YORKS).—On Oct. 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins., composed by C. Jackson: *F. Perry 1, E. Murgatroyd 2, J. Cotterell 3, B. Emmett 4, W. Waland 5, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 6, J. Broadley 7, *R. Burnan 8. * Longest length.

RICKLING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 720 Bob Doubles: D. Jolly 1, F. Bonfield 2, W. Patmore 3, A. B. Wiffen (conductor) 4, G. Law 5. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Winifred Mitchell to Mr. Winter Rose, when took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on that date.

READING.—Oxford Guild.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Giles' Church, 504 Stedman Triples: A. H. Burgess 1, L. Osborne 2, G. Goodship 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, F. Griffin 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, N. Cox 8. Also 360 Bob Major, conducted by F. Griffin, and 840 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, G. Goodship 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Osborne 6, F. Griffin 7, N. Cox 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, after a memorial service held at this church at the time of the funeral of the late Right Hon. George William Palmer, of the firm of Huntley and Palmers, Ltd., who was interred at Marlston.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, for the Feast of Dedication, a quarter-peal Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each six-score called differently, in 45 mins.: J. Robinson (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Haines 2, F. Rollings 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal on the bells for more than 50 years.

SELLY OAK.—Worcestershire Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Grove 1, W. Mumford 2, E. Boylin 3, *W. Dowler 4, W. Ikin 5, J. Dowler (conductor) 6, A. Chambers 7, *E. Smith 8. * First in the method.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Oct. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. H. Hawes (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Hubbard (composer) 2, W. Honeyball 3, A. Jones 4, J. Herbert 5, J. Kent 6, G. W. Honeyball (conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, 1248 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Berry (composer and first as conductor) 2, T. Oldham 3, T. K. Driver 4, J. Arrowsmith, junr., 5, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 6, D. Renshaw 7, T. Whellens 8.

STONEY STANTON. — Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Briggs (conductor) 1, E. Garner 2, G. Wood 3, W. A. Needham 4, W. H. Inglesant 5, H. Garner 6, G. Garner 7, N. Walker 8.

CHISLEHURST.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Durling 1, Ar. Durling 2, G. French 3, *W. Wiffen 4, *R. S. Goodchild 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor) 7, J. Newick 8. * First 504 in the method with a bob bell.

BARKESTON.—On Wednesday evening, Oct. 15th, 1913, for practice, 672 Stedman Triples: Wm. Chapman 1, Wm. Andrews, junr., 2, F. Norman 3, E. Chapman 4, H. Norman 5, A. J. Andrews 6, R. Scott (conductor) 7, R. Chapman 8.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On All Saints' Eve, at All Saints', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. Buck 1, A. T. Perkins (conductor) 2, G. W. Heather 3, A. Bundle 4, C. Gordon 5, J. Wignell 6, F. Holder 7, F. Boulter 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: *W. Stratford (first quarter-peal) 1, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 2, J. Porter 3, J. B. Collett 4, J. T. Perry 5, W. H. Carrod 6, G. A. Taylor 7, S. Coley 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. A. Lambert (conductor) 1, J. D. Drewett 2, W. J. Joiner 3, W. S. Smith 4, A. Calver 5, F. Tilley (first attempt) 6, R. Grimwood 7, B. Morris 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, being the harvest festival, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 1064 Grandsire Triples: L. Parnaby (first 1000) 1, F. S. Hodgson 2, G. Wellburn 3, M. Duck 4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck 7, A. Coates 8.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Nov. 2nd, 720 Double Stedman's Slow Course: E. E. Barber 1, W. Niblett 2, F. Bryan 3, F. Stanton 4, C. Camm 5, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all, also upon the bells. For evening service, at St. Matthias' Church, Malvern Link, 1005 of Stedman Triples: W. Niblett 1, F. Bryan 2, E. E. Barber 3, J. Brown 4, H. Chance 5, C. Camm 6, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 7, A. Richings 8. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples conducted by F. Bryan.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Sunday evening, November 2nd, for the Dedication Festival of All Saints' Day, 1680 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 1 hr. 5 mins.: C. Harriman 1, J. Oldham 2, J. Hardy 3, E. Cartwright 4, E. Leslie 5, E. Abbott 6, H. W. Abbott 7, J. Smith 8, E. Reader 9, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 10.

WEST LULWORTH, DORSET.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: F. Curtis 1, J. Orchard 2, H. Williams 3, R. Williams 4, W. Williams 5, Walter Chaffey 6. Conducted by W. and H. Williams.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On November 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1008 Double Norwich Major, in 41 mins.: Cyril Herbert (conductor) 1, W. Janes, junr., 2, David Janes 3, J. Chance 4, S. Avis 5, E. Herbert 6, H. Smith 7, H. D. Harris 8.—On Nov. 12th, 448 Superlative Surprise: H. Smith 1, F. Gilby 2, M. Matthews 3, J. Chance 4, S. Avis 5, Cyril Herbert (conductor) 6, E. Herbert 7, H. D. Harris 8.

BURTON LATIMER.—On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: J. Hendrey 1, J. Pettitt 2, P. Inskip 3, R. Turner 4, G. Lines 5, A. King (conductor) 6. Arranged for Mr. Alfred King, of Luton.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. W. Moore, for 35 years Rector of Appleton, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. White 1, C. G. White 2, G. Holifield, senr., 3 A. H. White 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor) 6, R. White 7, F. White 8.—On Nov. 19th, after the funeral, 504 Grandsire Triples.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at St. John-the-Divine, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Hick (Leeds) 1, Miss L. A. Willson 2, Miss H. F. Willson 3, S. Burton 4, E. Norman 5, T. H. Hardy 6, W. Willson 7, J. Smith 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas', Deptford, S.E., 1248 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 47 mins.: T. H. Hawkins 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, W. J. Kemp 4, A. Jones 5, G. H. Daynes 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, A. D. Barker 8. — On Nov. 20th, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1280 of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: F. V. Martin 1, T. H Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, B. Morris 4, A. Jones 5, A. D. Barker 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, F. J. Hardy 8.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 37 mins.: F. V. Martin 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, A. J. Neale 4, W. G. Matthews 5, A. A. Hughes 6, A. D. Barker 7, T. Clark 8.

BRADFIELD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on St. Andrew's Day, for evening service, 720 College Single, in 25 mins.: C. Hunt 1, S. Chapman 2, J. Abery 3, M. E. Chillingworth 4, G. Parsons 5, G. Abery (conductor) 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 10th, at St. Luke's, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Knott (first quarter-peal away from the tenor) 1, G. Durling (conductor) 2, I. Emery 3, F. Herbert (first quarter-peal) 4, A. James, senr., 5, A. Bygrave 6, S. Marshall 7, T. Jones 8.

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