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## GILLETT & JOHNSTON

CROYDON, Surrey.

BELLS,

CLOCKS,

CARILLONS.

At St. Michael's Parish Church,  
Ashton-under-Lyne,

The Record Long Peal of  
Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 Changes)  
was rung on Easter Monday, 1911, by  
the Ashton-under-Lyne Society in  
8 HOURS and 39 MINUTES.

In November, 1910, all the 12 bells were  
repaired and the Tenor (27 cwt.) com-  
pletely rehung by:—

GILLETT & JOHNSTON.

The Ringer of the Tenor in the Record  
Peal wrote:—

“Your work to this Bell is a **SPLENDID  
CREDIT** to you.”

James George,  
April 18th, 1911.

### TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATION.

One of the matters upon which the Central Council intend to legislate at their meeting at Leicester next Tuesday is the question of the representation of the various Territorial Associations upon the central body. At present each association sends a number of delegates based upon its total membership, 75 members entitling a society to one representative, over 150 to two, more than 300 to three and over 450 to four, which is the limit of representation allowed to any one society. In the past the total roll of membership has been the figure upon which the associations have returned their delegates, but this roll, in the case of all the societies, is made up partly of members non-resident in the area covered by their respective spheres of operation. To the extent to which an association is swelled by non-resident members, it has inflated qualifications in regard to representation, and it would certainly put all the societies upon an equitable basis if the resolution to be discussed by the Council should be passed. The motion, given in another column, has been very judiciously worded, and excludes from its scope such organisations as the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths and The Waterloo Society. Obviously these associations cannot be dealt with upon any territorial basis, for their members are scattered throughout the country, although their headquarters are in London. Generally speaking, of course, the Territorial divisions are well defined, and no difficulties are likely to arise, but it is not every case in which a simple settlement can be arrived at. Where there is overlapping there is bound to be some trouble, and if the Central Council agree in principle to the resolution, and the principle is one upon which the majority of the members will probably be agreed, they will doubtless be called upon to define certain of the territorial areas. Take, for instance, the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, or the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association. If these be affiliated societies they may be adversely affected, as would any association operating in the area of other organisations, to which the members may also be affiliated. Another example is to be found in the south-west corner of Surrey, which is within the Winchester Diocese, and is covered by both the Surrey Association and the Winchester Guild. An equitable arrangement, such as that suggested by the resolution, could not be carried out with justice if, in such cases as this, the members are to have representation on the Central Council through both societies, while others are to be limited in representation through one only. This is a side of the question with which the Council must deal if it decides to adopt the resolution.

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TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Todmorden.  
Solicitor. December 10, 1910.  
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,  
Bell and Brassfounders,  
Smethwick.

Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

The day after you completed the work, a peal of 5040 changes was rung on the bells. This of course was a creditable performance on the part of the Ringers, but it also proves how well balanced and how accurately the bells must be. I am sure the tone and the workmanship leave nothing to be desired. All our people and neighbouring ringers too have a good word for them.

I understand you will be over here when the bells are consecrated and you will have the satisfaction of hearing this letter verified.—

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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**TWELVE BELL PEAL.**

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*RALPH COLES ... .. 7
*SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 2	*ARTHUR F. ASHMAN ... 8
JOHN EVANS ... .. 3	*FRED HAYES ... .. 9
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	*RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 10
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 5	*JAMES W. WILKINS... .. 11
JOHN C. TRUSS... .. 6	BENJAMIN PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN NELMS, and  
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. The Mayor of High Wycombe (H. J. Cox, Esq.) has kindly promised to present a peal board to the tower to commemorate the above performance. Rung on the occasion of Empire Day.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 8, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE ... Treble	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ... .. 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD... .. 8
EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The ringer of the 6th hails from Watford.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 18, 1911, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE ... Treble	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ... .. 7
EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD... .. 8
HARRY HOLIFIELD ... .. 4	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 5	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed by the late J. COX, and  
Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

ERNEST W. MARSH... Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. NEWCOMB ... 2	HAROLD BENNETT ... .. 7
WALTER H. MARSH... .. 3	FRANK HOCKADAY ... .. 8
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT ... 4	GEORGE HARRY MYERS... .. 9
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON 5	FRANCIS PURSE... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and  
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters in the Three Towns by residents. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS ... .. Treble	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... .. 5
ALFRED FUNNELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM STEELE ... .. 6
FREDERICK WHITHAM ... 3	GEORGE POYNTZ ... .. 7
JOHN F. WILSON ... .. 4	*GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method as conductor.

THE METROPOLIS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON, W.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JARROLD HAYWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DEAN ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON... .. 6
*WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 7
HENRY S. ELLIS ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAJOR C. HUGHES D'AETH Treble	JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 5
R. G. LEWIS ... .. 2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 6
W. W. HUGHES D'AETH... 3	T. HERVEY BEAMS ... .. 7
HARRY J. PARSONS ... .. 4	W. G. B. NORTHOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal on the bells, which one of few peals of eight by Billris, recently restored by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, Bristol, with all new fittings. The go and striking is perfect.

GOSFORTH.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN  
ASSOCIATION.On Empire Day (Wednesday, May 24), 1911, in Three Hours and  
Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt., in E flat.

*W. A. CARR ... .. Treble	ROBERT W. FALCONER ... 5
W. H. BARBER... .. 2	JOS. W. PARKER ... .. 6
†B. C. DIXON ... .. 3	A. H. HILLIER... .. 7
NORMAN FLECK... .. 4	J. S. RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal in any method, and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Carr and Parker belong to Sunderland, Dixon to Benwell.

## UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

*JOHN J. PRATT ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE ... 5
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. PRATT.

\* First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of Empire Day.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HORNEY ... Treble	JAMES PARSONS ... .. 5
ERNEST E. BISH ... .. 2	JOHN FEIST ... .. 6
THOMAS STRINGER ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 7
HENRY J. GRAVETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. GRAVETT.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES SAMSON ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and  
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7
SAMUEL PEARCE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. LAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday. All the above are members of the local company.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	GEORGE SPENCER ... .. 5
SYDNEY CARTER ... .. 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 4	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... Tenor

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

\* First peal as conductor and of Major away from the treble. Rung on the Queen's birthday, also as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Heston.

## HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... 5
ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
HERBERT DAY ... .. 3	PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. 7
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 4	BART MITCHELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 2	THOMAS KING ... .. 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and  
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

## ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HAYES ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4	ERNEST PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE ALLEN ... Treble	SIDNEY SMITH ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	REGINALD BAILEY ... 6
WILLIAM JACQUES ... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 7
BERNARD FISHER ... .. 4	FRANK BOSWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. G. W. F. Munby, formerly Rector of the parish, and for many years an hon. member of this Association.

## WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs.

WALTER S. INWOOD ... Treble	GEORGE H. BARKER ... 5
HUBERT EDEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... 7
GEORGE N. PRICE ... .. 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.



## EDMONTON, N.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr. Treble	*EDWARD F. COLE ... 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD ... 6
*JOHN T. KENTISH ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD ... 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by Miss EDITH K. PARKER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

## CHILVERS COTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE  
WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE ... Treble	*DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 2	*HERBERT CURE ... 6
*THOMAS DICKINS ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr. 7
*JAMES F. CLARKE, Judr. 4	*ALFRED HANCOX ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE, Senr.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, and also the first peal in the method by entirely local ringers. The ringer of the 5th is 14 years of age. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 5
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 2	HARRY FLANDERS ... 6
J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CHARLES CASTLE ... 7
HENRY RANZETTA ... 4	ALBERT J. BAYNES ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT E. CHICHESTER, Esq. Treble	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS ... 2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ... 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.**SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## BARLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 24, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being forty-two 6-scores.

DAVID HALES ... Treble	ROBERT HOWARD ... 3
HARRY HOWARD ... 2	*ALBERT DELLOW ... 4
WALTER MANSFIELD ... Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER MANSFIELD.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

## RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Being 720 each of Grandsire, April Day, Morning Star, Old Doubles, and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Canterbury Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*AUSTIN HEAD ... Treble	CHARLES MOSS ... 3
FREDK. C. LAMBERT ... 2	JOHN O'NEILL ... 4
ALBERT LEE ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At 7, MARKETT ROAD, HOLLOWAY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5-6
ERNEST PYE ... 3-4	WILLIAM PYE ... 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire, A. W. COLES.

This was the conductor's rooth peal on handbells. It had been arranged to ring Cinques, but, meeting short, the above was rung instead.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

In THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 7023 CHANCES ;**

JAMES HUNT ... 1-2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE, Senr. 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL ... 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty, King George V.; also as a compliment to F. Blondell and J. Hunt. Longest peal on handbells by all.

## PINNAR, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At THE "ANTONEYS,"

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRANK MARTIN ... 1-2	CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 5-6
GEORGE SHIPP ... 3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7-8

Conducted by FRANK MARTIN.

Umpire, ALBERT GEORGE.

This is the first peal rung by F. Martin and J. E. Rootes; the first peal on handbells and first peal of Triples by G. Shipp; and first peal on handbells by C. N. Leman.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Leesfield, Oldham, has been forwarded without the date.

The time of the peal rung at Great Yarmouth and recorded in our last issue should have been 3 hrs. 22 mins., and not 3 hrs. 32 mins. as stated.

**LATE PEAL.**

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 29, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 29 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.

BERNARD WITCHELL ... .. Treble	REV. E. V. COX ... .. 5
JAMES PRATT ... .. 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 6
J. D. JAMES ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. COPE ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... .. 4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. Gallimore (father of the ringer of the tenor, and captain of the local band), completing 55 years as a ringer at the Cathedral. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

**LONG PEAL ATTEMPT ON HANDBELLS.**

We have received a notice that four members of the Pudsey Parish Church Society intend to attempt 13,440 Bob Major on handbells in Richardshaw Lane Girls' Council School, commencing at 6.30 a.m. Unfortunately, however, our correspondent has omitted to mention the date.

**DOUBLE NORWICH AT WORSLEY.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to draw Mr. W. Willson's attention to the few remarks he makes about the Double Norwich quarter-peal rung at Worsley, in which the Rev. C. B. Hulton took part. I wish to say that all the band who rang in the touch are Worsley men, who have learned all their ringing at Worsley, and are now all living within the sound of Worsley bells, and not Manchester men, as he states. I may also state that at our practice last night one of our curates, the Rev. H. B. W. Dennison, rang his first touch on tower bells, ringing the tenor to a short touch of Stedman Triples, and also a short touch of Grandsire Triples. Wishing you and your paper every success.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Worsley.

**MIDDLESEX RINGERS AT STAINES.**

A South and West District meeting of the Middlesex Association was held at Staines on Saturday, an attendance of about 25 being attracted to this beautiful riverside resort. Ringing took place in the afternoon at the old Parish Church of St. Mary, the tower of which was built in 1631. Tea was partaken of at The Beehive Hotel, Mr. T. Beadle, the District Master, presiding over the subsequent business meeting, at which representatives were also present from Isleworth, Teddington, Feltham, Wokingham, Shepperton, Staines, Sunbury, Ealing, Earl's Court, Wandsworth, Southall and Heston. The next meeting was fixed for Harlington, in the strawberry season, the actual date being left to the hon. secretary to fix, on account of the vagaries of the English climate, which is the important factor in the ripening of the luscious fruit. The subsequent meeting will be held at Sunbury. Thanks were accorded to the incumbents of St. Mary's and St. Peter's for the use of the bells, and a similar compliment was passed to the Master for presiding. The evening was spent at St. Peter's, the picturesque church built by Sir Edward Clarke, which overlooks one of the prettiest reaches of the Thames in that district. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

**BURY ST. EDMUND'S, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday last, for evening service, in 52 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), composed by J. Carter: A. E. Moore (conductor) 1, J. Levitt 2, F. Dewell 3, H. F. Moore 4, F. Levitt 5, W. Radley 6, C. Woodcock 7, H. R. Moore 8, H. A. Turner 9, R. Moore 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Moore, Woodcock and Turner.—On handbells, 448 Superlative Surprise: R. Moore 1, H. F. Moore 2, J. Levitt 3, F. Dewell 4, A. E. Moore 5, W. Radley 6, H. R. Moore 7, H. A. Turner (conductor) 8.—Also 288 Kent Major: F. Dewell 1—2, J. Levitt 3—4, P. Dewell 5—6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7—8.

**COMPOSITIONS.**

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008.

By A. J. TITE (Seven Kings).

2 3 4 5 6	I	4	5	6	2 5 3 4 6	I	4	5	6
4 2 6 3 5				—	3 2 6 5 4				—
2 6 4 3 5				—	2 6 3 5 4				—
6 4 2 3 5				—	6 3 2 5 4				—
4 5 2 3 6	—	—	—		3 4 2 5 6	—	—	—	
2 5 6 3 4	—	—	—		2 4 6 5 3	—	—	—	
5 6 2 3 4				—	4 6 2 5 3				—
6 2 5 3 4				—	6 2 4 5 3				—
5 2 4 3 6	—	—	—		4 2 3 5 6	—	—	—	
5 4 2 3 6				S	4 3 2 5 6				S
2 4 6 3 5	—	—	—		2 3 6 5 4	—	—	—	
4 6 2 3 5				—	3 6 2 5 4				—
6 2 4 3 5				—	6 2 3 5 4				—
4 2 5 3 6	—	—	—		2 6 4 5 3	—	—	—	
5 2 6 3 4	—	—	—		6 4 2 5 3	—	—	—	
2 6 5 3 4				—	2 3 4 5 6	—	S	—	
6 5 2 3 4				—					
2 5 4 3 6	—	—	—						
2 4 5 3 6				S					

Repeated produces 2 5 3 4 6.

The 2nd is never in 5th's or 6th's place at a course end throughout the peal, which has the 3rd, 4th and 5th in consecutive order in 5th's place. Repeat first part twice for 5280 changes. This has the 3rd, 4th and 5th each eighteen times in 5th's place at course ends in consecutive order.

**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056.**

By J. W. WASHBROOK.

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H
5 2 4 3 6			—	
4 3 5 2 6			—	—
2 5 6 3 4		—	—	
3 2 6 5 4		—	—	
6 5 3 2 4		—	—	
2 6 3 5 4		—	—	
5 2 3 6 4		—	—	
3 6 5 2 4		—	—	
2 3 5 6 4		—	—	
6 2 5 3 4		—	—	
5 3 6 2 4		—	—	
4 6 3 2 5		—	—	
3 4 6 2 5		—	—	
5 6 4 2 3		—	—	
4 5 6 2 3		—	—	
6 4 5 2 3		—	—	
4 2 6 3 5	—			
6 3 4 2 5		—	—	
5 4 3 2 6		—	—	
3 5 4 2 6		—	—	
4 2 3 5 6		—	—	
3 4 2 5 6		—	—	
2 3 4 5 6		—	—	

In this peal the 2nd is never in 4th's or 6th's place till the last course, and is the first peal with these qualities.

**ALFRED BOWELL,**  
**CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,**  
**IPSWICH.**

## THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

The next step in our study of change ringing brings us to the actual performance of ringing by method, as it is called. It merely means the adoption of a system by which, without memorising the figures—that, in a long length, would be impossible—we can ring, in mathematical sequence, the changes that can be obtained upon any given number of bells. The principle upon which these changes are obtained I have already shown in various examples. We have seen, for instance, how, in the case of six bells, by changing first all the three pairs, and then each of the two middle pairs, and so on alternately, twelve changes can be got. These twelve changes are the extent to which we can go by this simple method, which provides for each bell what we now know as the plain hunt. But six bells will give us 720 changes, so it is obvious that we must do something besides plain hunting. That varying duty has also been explained in the “dodging” and “place making,” and what we now have to do to acquire method ringing is to piece together this hunting, dodging and place making so that the whole 720 may be achieved.

In order not to get too involved to begin with, however, let us look at the principle as applied to four bells. The extent on four bells is 24 changes, and even these cannot be obtained by plain hunting solely. We must have place making and dodging to get them.

1 2 3 4	1 3 4 2	1 4 2 3
2 1 4 3	3 1 2 4	4 1 3 2
2 4 1 3	3 2 1 4	4 3 1 2
4 2 3 1	2 3 4 1	3 4 2 1
4 3 2 1	2 4 3 1	3 2 4 1
3 4 1 2	4 2 1 3	2 3 1 4
3 1 4 2	4 1 2 3	2 1 3 4
1 3 2 4	1 4 3 2	1 2 4 3
1 3 4 2	1 4 2 3	1 2 3 4

Here we have the 24 changes divided into the three leads of which they are composed, a “lead” being the changes between one whole pull of the treble in front and the next whole pull of the treble in that place, the treble having meanwhile hunted up and down. If you examine the figures you will notice that the treble does the plain hunt throughout. In all methods that are known as plain methods the treble adheres to this principle, and thus forms a guiding bell upon which all the others can base their operations, as it were. All the bells do the plain hunt until the treble leads, and then, to prevent repetition of changes, one bell makes 2nd's place, and this act causes all the bells above it to dodge in pairs. In our example, of course, there is only one pair of bells, and one of these bells takes the necessary step backward after lying its whole pull behind, and the other does it before lying behind.

The various phases of the work follow in regular order, and it is therefore possible to lay down certain rules, by which the changes can be rung, based upon the different positions in which each bell passes or crosses the treble. On four bells the table would be: Pass the treble in 3-4 (in this case turning the treble from behind) dodge in 3-4 down, *i.e.*, after lying the whole pull behind; pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 3-4 up, *i.e.*, before lying the whole pull; pass the treble in 1-2, make 2nd's place (in this case it is one whole pull over the treble) and lead again. Now this table is given exactly in the order in which the work is done by the 2nd bell. In the case of the 3 or 4 it is precisely the same, except that each starts in a different place.

All the bells go off into the plain hunt; the first time the 2nd passes the treble in hunting up is in 3-4, therefore the 2nd dodges in 3-4 down; the first time the 4th passes the treble in hunting up is in 2-3, therefore it dodges in 3-4 up; and the first time the third passes the treble is in 1-2, therefore it makes 2nds. Here I must leave the matter for this week, with this suggestion that my young friends should learn to write, or “prick” out these changes for themselves, noticing as they proceed the various steps in which the bells are involved.

“Stedman.”—The usual place at which to call the bobs in Stedman is at the beginning of the fifth change of the six. Some conductors leave it later, but it is not altogether a good plan, for if you do not get the bob until the backstroke has been practically begun, the warning is hardly long enough in order to adjust your pull for the extra dodging.

## CONDUCTOR.

### RINGERS' CYCLE RUN.

#### TOWERS WHERE BELL-HANGERS ARE NEEDED.

The first cycle run of the season, organised in connection with the Society for the Arohaconry of Stafford, took place on Saturday week. Ringers from Walsall, Wolverhampton and Four Oaks, met at Longdon, at 3.15. After admiring the magnificent Norman south doorway and chancel arch, and the excellent state in which everything visible is kept in the church, writes a correspondent, we ascended the tower, where there are five bells by Robert Newcombe. Unfortunately for us, they very much need rehanging—a fact which made it quite impossible to “strike” a six-score. Having mentioned the names and addresses of a few bell-hangers to the Vicar, we were off to Abbots Bromley, where we found ringers from Uttoxeter and Haughton, awaiting our arrival. Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Singles were soon tapped off on a good ring of five, which are only spoiled by the flatness of the fourth bell. The Vicar entertained us to tea, and showed us photographs of the famous “Horn Dance,” which takes place in the village annually at the “wakes” on the first Monday after September 4th, and to which visitors come from all parts of England. This year the event will be held on September 11th. The horns are the property of the Vicar of the parish for the time being, and are kept in the tower. This dance is a pageant of immemorial antiquity. The performers are twelve in number: the six with the reindeer horns; one (now called Robin Hood) with a hobby-horse; a boy with a cross-bow and arrow; a man representing Maid Marian; another in the guise of a fool; and two musicians. All wear special and very quaint costumes of red and green, with flowered breeches. The most plausible suggestion as to the origin of the dance is that it was a demonstration to prove that the townspeople possessed the right of hunting deer in the adjoining Needwood Forest.

Our next tower on the programme was Blithfield (6), where five minutes, owing to a service, were quite sufficient on bells which sorely need rehanging. The six miles between us and Ingestre were soon covered. We were here joined by a ringer from Bloxwich, who had been patiently waiting our belated arrival. We had indeed fallen on a sorry selection of towers (except Abbots Bromley) that afternoon, for here again the bell-hanger needs to be employed, while the second bell is very sharp, not only in tone, but in “going-over,” as one of our party found out. Three courses of Bob Minor were brought round, in addition to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Although a ride of over twenty miles lay before most of us, we left Ingestre at 8.30, having thoroughly enjoyed the outing, if not all the bells.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION REPORT.

The annual report of the Essex Association is to hand, and records steady progress during the past year. The membership has risen from 715 to 737, but the increase of 22 does not represent in any way the number of joining members, non-compliance with the last clause of rule III. being responsible for a large number of names being struck off the list in each division. There is a balance in hand of £13 18s. 4d. on the general account, against £14 8s. 9d. in the previous year, and the reserve fund stands at £84 18s. 9d., an increase of £2 1s. Sixty-eight peals were rung in 1910, in 36 towers, an increase of 11 on the year, which, although not a record, shows more activity in this direction. The report itself is admirably arranged and full of valuable information to the members, while an appendix gives instructions in Grandsire and Plain Bob, and contains general hints for beginners and those who instruct them.

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## OUR WEEKLY ILLUSTRATION.

### The Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A conspicuous figure in the Exercise to-day is the Rev. Henry Law James, the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The services which he has rendered and is rendering to the association of which he is the head would be sufficient to justify the assertion that he is among the foremost of those who are successfully extending the Art, but Mr. James' influence extends far beyond the boundaries of the Diocese of Lincoln. It is not flattery, it is a mere appreciation of hard fact, when we say that the Rev. H. Law James is one of the strong men—intellectually—who at present adorn the ringing world. Both as a ringer and as a composer he stands in the front rank. On



THE REV. HENRY LAW JAMES.

some technical matters he, perhaps, holds views which are not generally accepted, but Mr. James is a gentleman who has the courage of his convictions, and is as outspoken as he is gifted. His opinions carry great weight, and his arguments are made with the authority of knowledge. Upon theoretical questions he has very few equals; certainly there are none who excel him.

Born at Cathedral Gardens, Gloucester, on November 18th, 1868, just beneath the Cathedral tower, in which are nine bells, upon which the chimes play at one, five and eight o'clock, Mr. James early had a love for the bells, a love which he attributed to these chimes. For years he went up into the Cathedral tower when ringing was in progress, and he was taught to handle a bell by Mr. G. Wanklyn, then Master of the company which rang Grandsire Triples with very wide leads and splendid striking. St. Michael's bells were increased from six to eight in 1887, and Mr. James founded St. Michael's Juniors on

September 6th of that year. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples with the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild at Upton St. Leonards in 1888.

In 1887 he had joined the Cambridge University Guild, and called the Guild's first peal, Bob Triples in hand, in 1890, followed shortly after by Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, the latter being the first peal in the method on handbells.

Wherever he has gone the Rev. H. L. James has organised the forces of ringing. In 1891 he settled in Stamford, and started St. Martin's Scholars, ringing various peals of Minor with them. In 1898 he became Vicar of Surfleet, and in 1899 he founded the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by getting the four societies in the diocese to amalgamate. Mr. James was elected Master, and has filled the office, to the benefit of the Guild, ever since. He called the Guild's first peal, Bob Major, at Heckington, in the year of its formation, and in 1902 got Surfleet bells increased to six, two 720's of Bob Minor being rung on them the very day that the treble arrived.

The Rev. H. Law James is the representative of the Guild upon the Central Council, of which body he is one of the most distinguished members. He is a member of the Standing Committee and the Legitimate Methods Committee. He is the author of "Stedman Theory," and he still holds strongly to the conclusions arrived at in that work that the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques have not yet been rung. As a composer, Mr. James is equally well-known, and peals of Grandsire Triples, London, Superlative and Cambridge Royal; the first seven-part peal of Stedman Triples ("Norwich Variation"), Double Norwich and a seven-part peal of Kent Major stand to his credit. It is characteristic of Mr. James' precision in definition that in the list of his peals, which he has sent us for publication, he should indicate that the Stedman Triples and Caters were in the Norwich variation and that Plain Bob Triples and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Triples are only "so-called." Mr. James has conducted considerably more than half the peals he has rung, and his most notable performances include, in addition to the first peal of Double Norwich in hand, and the first peal by the Cambridge University Guild, mentioned above, the first peal of Stedman in Wales, the first peal of Double Norwich Caters, the first two peals of Cambridge Royal, the first peal of London in Gloucestershire, and the first Surprise peal in Northamptonshire. His peals of Minor include the first peals of seven 720's in 8, 9 and 14 methods.

Mr. James is a member of no fewer than 19 societies, including the following:—The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; the Ancient Society of College Youths; Cambridge University Guild; the Society of Painswick Youths; London County Association; the Society of Cambridge Youths; Oxford Diocesan Guild; Essex County, Norwich Diocesan, Midland Counties, Bedfordshire, Central Northamptonshire, North Wales and Lancashire Associations; St. Martin's Scholars, Stamford; and the Lincoln, Winchester and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds.

His 201 peals are made up as under:—

	Rung.	Con- ducted.	In Hand
Kent Treble Bob Maximus .....	1		
Plain Bob Maximus .....	1		1
Grandsire Cinques .....	1		
Cambridge Surprise Royal .....	3	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal .....	4	3	

Plain Bob Royal .....	3	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters .....	1		
Stedman Caters (Norwich) .....	6	2	
Grandsire Caters .....	4	1	
London Surprise Major .....	2	2	
Gloucester Surprise Major .....	1	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major .....	9	8	
Superlative Surprise Major .....	6	3	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major .....	30	25	1
Double Oxford Bob Major .....	2	2	
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	18	12	
Oxford Treble Bob Major .....	3	2	
Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Major ...	1	1	
Plain Bob Major .....	16	10	1
Stedman Triples (Norwich) .....	40	11	
Grandsire Triples .....	13	4	1
Plain Bob Triples (so-called) .....	3	2	2
Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Triples (so-called) .....	1		
Minor .....	30	26	
Doubles .....	2	2	
	201	120	6

### ODD CHANGES.

#### Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the large number of peals which we may confidently expect to be rung on Whit-Monday, only those reports which reach us on Tuesday can be guaranteed insertion in next week's issue.

On the subject of the peal at South Wigston by a band whose average age is 19 years 10½ months, Mr. E. Morris writes that he did not claim the peal to be by the youngest band that has scored a 5,000, but the youngest in the Midlands, meaning the Midland Counties. The band in the Stoke Golding peal of Minor beat the South Wigston peal by ten months, but Mr. Morris still claims the South Wigston peal to be by the youngest band to ring a peal on eight bells by the M.C.A.

It is astonishing what can be done with enthusiasm and a little perseverance. Just a year ago Mr. J. Vickers, of Derby, bought a peal of handbells, and set to work to initiate some boys into the mysteries of the change ringing Art. They have made rapid strides, and have rung several quarter-peals, with the valuable assistance of Mr. A. Ward as conductor. But on May 21st a quarter-peal was rung conducted by Mr. Vickers' eldest son, who is just 17 years of age. It occupied 36 mins., and was rung by T. Vickers (conductor) 1-2, J. Vickers, senr., 3-4, A. Braines 5-6, J. Vickers, junr., 7-8.

Those attending the Central Council meeting on Whit-Tuesday will find that the Great Central Railway is the most convenient route from many places between London and Lancashire and Yorkshire. This go-ahead line provides the last word in comfortable travelling.

As briefly mentioned in this column last week St. Mary's Church, Nelson, Lancs., is to have a peal of bells, the

gift of an anonymous donor. The peal is to be worthy of the noble building in which they are to be placed, the cost being estimated at £1,600. There are to be thirteen bells altogether, with a tenor of about 40 cwts.

The work upon Wrington bells, which are to be augmented from six to ten by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, has been commenced. The magnificent old six are now at the Whitechapel foundry, and the tenor has been found to scale 37 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs. The treble is 11 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb. They will be returned to the tower with new headstocks and fittings. The opening is to take place on November 1st.

Ewhurst, in Surrey, where the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild held a successful meeting on Saturday week, has two bells over 400 years old. In 1671 two more were added, and in 1835 the tower collapsed, and the four bells fell into the churchyard. In the Coronation year of Queen Victoria the tower was restored, and two more bells added, making a peal of six, and now the suggestion is made that the Coronation of King George might be very fittingly commemorated by completing the octave.

A monthly combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday week at Wargrave. A good number of members were present, representing the towers of Wokingham (All Saints), Hurst, Binfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Wargrave and Waltham. During the evening touches in the following methods were rung: Cambridge, Double Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

Ill-fortune seems to have attended the attempts of the Plymouth men to score a peal at Bodmin. On Easter Monday and again on Saturday week a peal of Grandsire came to grief, the first time through illness outside the church, the second through the indisposition of one of the ringers. On each of the excursions other towers in the neighbourhood were visited, including St. Breock and Egloschayle. The latter peal seem to have been neglected, as the tenor is not pealable, although only rehung as recently as 1906. At Lanhydrock on Saturday week several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by J. Glynas, E. W. Marsh, R. Dobson, H. Bennett, W. Rundle, F. Hockaway, W. Ford, J. Woodley.

One hundred peals on handbells! This is Mr. William Pye's latest achievement. A wonderful performance, even for a wonderful man.

A printer's little error crept into the very able and lucid paper upon the in-and-out-of-course of changes, by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, which appeared in our issue a fortnight ago. In the last paragraph there was a transposition of figures, making it appear that 12345678 is out-of-course. Rounds, obviously, is in-course, and the figures should have been 12435678.

The Middlesex Association have decided to alter the date of their annual meeting from September to the Saturday after Easter. This has been done so that the financial year may be completed before instead of after the annual meeting.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING.

The third session of the Seventh Council (21st annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 6th, in the "Old Guildhall," of the Old Town Hall, at Leicester, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

#### AGENDA, 1911.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Statement of accounts and of sale of publications.
3. Election of honorary members.
4. Introduction of new members to the President.
5. To receive and discuss the reports of the following Committees:—
  - (a) Peal Collection.
  - (b) Church Press.
  - (c) Legitimate Methods.
  - (d) Peal Values.
  - (e) Peals' Analysis.

To discuss the following:—

6. That nothing shall be recognised as a Peal of Minor, unless it consists of at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties; but that the 5040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes, with or without extra 720's.

7. That for the purpose of representation on the Central Council only such members of any Territorial Association as are resident within the area covered by that Association shall be considered in fixing the number of representatives which such Association is entitled to elect.

8. That the Central Council give to the "Ringing World" recognition equal to that accorded to the "Bell News" for the publication of official reports and communications, and that any peals published exclusively in the "Ringing World" shall be counted in the Central Council's analysis.

9. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,  
Hon. Secretary.

There will be a social gathering of members and ringing friends in the evening at the Grand Hotel.

### HOW TO GET TO THE OLD TOWN HALL.

The custodian of the Old Town Hall has kindly furnished the following directions for reaching the building from the various railway stations:—

Great Central.—Three minutes' walk. Turn to the right on leaving the station, then second on the left, St. Nicholas Street, first on the right, High Cross Street, and first on the left, Town Hall Lane.

M.R. and L. and N.W.R.—Cross the road and take Marlborough Road car, rd., and alight at High Cross Street. Turn to the left, and first on left again.

Great Northern.—Take car marked "East Park Road," rd., and alight at the Clock Tower. Thence walk up Silver Street, the continuation of which is Town Hall Lane, the building being towards the further end, on the left hand side, immediately past St. Martin's Church.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, when about 34 members were present. Ringing commenced in the afternoon, with some good touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman. Subsequently a tea was provided in the school by the local ringers, and much enjoyed. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, president of the Association, occupied the chair at the business meeting, and was supported by the Vicar of Newchurch, who was made an honorary member. Eight new members were also elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the ringers for their kind hospitality, and to the ladies who so kindly waited on the visitors at tea.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### Mr. William Snowdon Retires from the Presidency.

#### "THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

By kind invitation of the local branch, the May meeting was held on Saturday week, at Shipley, in lovely weather. As showing the magnitude of these periodical Yorkshire gatherings, it is on record that 230 ringers sat down to tea, drawn from some forty towers in all parts of the shire of Broad Acres. The bells of the Parish Church (8) were available all day, and were kept swinging in various methods. Touches at these meetings are limited to about twenty minutes' duration, in order that as many as possible may have a pull. The ring of eight at Bolton and the six at the Congregational Church, Saltaire, were also kindly placed at the members' disposal. At the general meeting, following the tea, the resignation of Mr. Snowdon, who has so worthily filled the office of president for 25 years, was announced, and expressions of the greatest regret were universal on receipt of the news. The preliminary announcement was made on the circulars sent out beforehand, and we cannot do better than quote the paragraph, which is as follows: "The committee have to announce with the greatest regret that our esteemed president, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, has resigned the office. Mr. Snowdon states that he feels it his duty to the memory of his brother Jasper, our first president, to complete some of his unfinished writings, for the benefit, he hopes, of the whole Exercise, and that he finds it impossible to do so and also retain office. Mr. Snowdon has been strongly urged to reconsider his resignation, but for the above reason, coupled with other pressing duties, regrets that he cannot do so, nor can he accept a seat on the committee. At a special committee meeting held on March 25th, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, was unanimously elected president for the unexpired term of office; and the vacancy thus caused on the committee was filled by the election of Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesbrough."

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. W. Cribb, Vicar, for the use of the bells and schools, and in his unavoidable absence, was suitably replied to by the Curate, the Rev. W. Bowker.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rev. C. H. King for the use of Bolton bells; also to the Rev. M. Pringle and deacons for the use of the bells at Saltaire Congregational Church. To the Shipley branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies assisting at the tea tables, was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks, one and all being agreed that everything had been done to ensure a pleasant meeting for all. A kind invitation put forward from Skipton, to hold the September meeting there, was accepted. The new president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall ably discharged the duties of chairman, and his reply to an appreciative vote of thanks brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

### BELL RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Saturday the bell ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, held their annual excursion, Ripon and Thirsk being visited. Leaving Scarborough by the 6.33 a.m. train, Ripon was reached just before ten o'clock, when a substantial breakfast was partaken of at the Black Swan Hotel. Afterwards the party drove to Fountains Abbey, where they admired the beauties of the ancient ruin and the surrounding scenery. Returning to Ripon, the Cathedral was visited, and permission having been obtained beforehand for a ring on these grand bells, which go excellently, the excursionists were met by the Cathedral band—among the best of good fellows—who joined in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. The journey was then resumed, and Thirsk was reached about four o'clock. After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied by tea at the cafe, the Parish Church was visited, and the visitors were joined by Mr. H. Brown, the foreman ringer, and Mr. R. Brown, junr.—The Vicar of Thirsk (the Rev. Austin) having kindly given permission for a ring, a short touch of Plain Bob Minor was brought round before evensong. After the service, 120 Grandsire Doubles was first tapped off, and then 540 and 350 Grandsire Triples rung in good style, the band standing as follows, viz.: T. Cole 1. H. Brown (Thirsk) 2. H. Milner 3. R. Brown (Thirsk) 4. H. Ferguson 5. J. R. Barton (conductor) 6. H. Gibson 7. F. Davison 8. This brought to a close the ringing for the day, and the return journey was commenced at 8.58 p.m., Scarborough being reached at 11.45 p.m., everyone having enjoyed the outing, which is one of the best the band have had, to the utmost. They take this opportunity of thanking the Bishop of Knaresborough for the use of the Cathedral bells; the Rev. Austin for the bells of the Parish Church, Thirsk; and the local men at Ripon and Thirsk for kindly making arrangements, which contributed so largely to the success of the outing.

The Henfield (Sussex) ringers had their annual outing on May 9th, when, in delightful weather, a party of fifteen visited Seaford. The morning was spent on the famous Seven Sisters cliffs, where some tunes and a few courses of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells. Luncheon was partaken of at the Old Tree Hotel, and in the afternoon the party visited various places of interest in the neighbourhood, afterwards returning to the Seaford tower and ringing two 504's of Stedman Triples. On the return journey a call was made at Brighton, and Caters rung at St. Nicholas' Church.



## TIMELY TOPICS.

By Will Willson.

It is quite a common thing nowadays to read footnotes to first peals after bell restorations as "rehung by Messrs. So and So, and the go is splendid." This kind of thing brings satisfaction to all concerned, but it was not always thus. In an old journal before me, I read that "a band of good ringers came with the intention of ringing a 5040, but, after ringing five hundred changes, they stopped. The authorities said it was because the bells and ropes, with other fittings, were too new, but the captain of the ringers told his men to put their coats on again, and they all came away in high dudgeon, declaring that no band that ever lived could ring a peal on the bells." The sequel I find in a record of the ultimate first peal rung some three years later, when the bearings had worn themselves smoother; but it took two men to ring the tenor through, although the bell was only 24 cwt.

On that occasion it was necessary to take the best men for the job. One of them was by name Thomas Langham, a regular "hard nut," and the sixth bell being false-struck, in addition to its reputation for settling all those who tried to ring her through a peal, Tommy was deputed to "put her through." The locals, who knew something, said "He'll never do it," and one bolder than the rest came up to him and offered to wager a sovereign against the feat. Now, even in those days, I suppose, ringers knew very well that there was always more than an even chance against any peal at any time, so Tommy was not anxious to take it until the local gentleman extended the odds by allowing the wager to stand "that even if they got the peal, Tommy would have a wet shirt." "Done," said Tommy; and the money was staked.

Now it was a hot day, and as the peal went on those outside could tell that the man at the sixth was undergoing a "gruelling," by the way the bell rolled about and dropped among the others from time to time. The local punter was on good terms with himself—better terms than he would have been had he known that "the man at the sixth" was wagging his ear, a feat Tommy could do just as a dog wags its tail when it is pleased. In three hours and twenty minutes the bells came home, and the locals rushed up into the belfry to test Tommy's shirt wet with sweat. They opened the door, and saw him *nude to the waist*! "I knew I'd won that sovereign before we started if we got through," he said afterwards; "because I didn't mean to wear a shirt a day like this"—and he wagged his ear again.

According to the peal columns, the Mottram-in-Longdendale men have their eyes on Timbrell's 17,120 of Treble Bob Major, Mr. I. Sidebottom having called part of it for a practice peal. This recalls the fact that June 6th is the anniversary of the Debenham long peal of Oxford 16,608 rung nineteen years ago. On that occasion Arthur R. Aldham, who had gone down to his native county for the attempt, rang the fourth and sent me the result "rang the 16,608 Oxford Bob Major in fine style. Time, ten hours and thirty-two minutes. Jemmy Motts conducted off treble." June 6th, 1892, was Whit-Monday, and hot weather. Should the Mottram men go for the 17,120 on

the new bells, let us hope there will be no argument afterwards, or cause for it. When they rang the 16,800 it was disputed, and the striking condemned. Perhaps the lesson will be gained from that occasion, that it is unwise for anyone to enter the ringing room while a long peal is in progress, and it courts disaster to permit any well-intentioned but foolish friend to go around and push lolly-pops and brandy balls into the ringers' mouths. Moreover, it discounts a performance.

A paragraph has gone the round of the press headed "The Vicar's Voice," and says that a Sunderland choir has threatened to resign if the incumbent persists in singing with them! Shocking! The account does not give the choristers' reasons, nor does it say whether the reverend gentleman sings through his ear or his nasal organ. It will be interesting to watch for the sequel. We Churchmen know full well that there exists a species of choir-worship, or rather a monopoly of the service by the organist and choir. A musical programme well rendered is one thing, and congregational worship is another. With very few exceptions everyone can appreciate a beautiful anthem or the setting of the "Magnificat" to such as that by "Hattersley in E flat"—an exquisite musical gem, but the tendency is to crowd the whole service in some churches with such ornate music in which the choir only participate, that one is bound to ask where do the congregation come in? Such places may fill with millinery, but the *men* are absent. When the sterner sex want a sacred concert they prefer to go to where they can sit down to it. This criticism is by one from within, who knows that the elimination of congregationalism from our churches means a dwindling membership. If the Sunderland instance is a case in point let us hope that the Vicar will assert his rights.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Northampton on Saturday week. Members were present from All Saints', St. Giles', St. Edmund's, St. Sepulchre's, Northampton; St. Peter's, Wellingborough, Burton Latimer, Kettering, Cogenhoe, Harlestone, Kingsthorpe, Boughton, and Weston Favell. The members spent a pleasant time in St. Giles', St. Edmund's, and St. Sepulchre's belfries, where touches in various methods were rung. Afterwards about 50 sat down to tea in St. Giles' Church Buildings, among those present being the Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Gurney), the Rev. J. A. Jukes (Curate), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Ravenshoepe), the Rev. J. R. Friend (Collingtree), Alderman W. Tomes, Mr. D. A. Berry, Mr. F. Wilford (hon. secretary), etc. An excellent tea was done full justice to, the ladies presiding at the tables being Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Sharrman, Mrs. Wilford, Mrs. Prigmore, and Miss Wills. After tea, the Rev. E. C. Channer proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Giles', the churchwardens, and all those who had lent bells for their entertainment that afternoon. They were also very grateful to those who had arranged the meeting, and he had great pleasure in coupling the Vicar and the churchwardens with the toast.—The Rev. T. A. Gurney responded, mentioning that was the third belfry he had been associated with—Swanage (Dorset), Clifton, and St. Giles'. Referring humorously to the people whom he expected to hear a grumble from owing to the bells ringing, he said there were some people, who, no matter how rich a feast was placed before them, had not the appetite to take it.—Mr. D. A. Berry (St. Giles') and Alderman Tomes (St. Edmund's) also responded, paying a high tribute to bell ringing and the character of the ringers.

## ST. ILLTYD'S CHURCH, BRIDGEND.

The annual meeting of the bell ringers was held in the Parish Room on Saturday, the Rev. D. Phillips, Vicar, being in the chair.—Mr. R. Evans was re-elected Master for the 23rd year in succession.—The Vicar congratulated him on his re-election; also complimented him upon his faithfulness in the tower.—Mr. A. J. Stanley was re-elected secretary.—The Vicar complimented Mr. T. J. Evans upon his regular attendance, he having made a "possible." As an appreciation, the Vicar said he would present Mr. Evans with a Bible.



## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING AT HADLOW.

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Hadlow on Saturday week, and was well attended, members being present from Chiddingstone, Horsmonden, East Peckham, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, together with the local ringers. There was ringing during the afternoon, and the members attended a special service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Monypenny). Mr. C. Groves, of the local band, presided at the organ. The members joined heartily in the singing of the well-known hymns, "All people that on earth do dwell," and "O Jesus, I have promised."—The Vicar then gave, as he termed it, a short talk as from man to man, taking as his text, Daniel iii., 24—25. The reverend gentleman, at the outset, extended a hearty welcome to the members, whom he was glad to see in such numbers. At the conclusion of the address, the hymn, "O happy band of pilgrims," was sung.

Service over, the members adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided, supported by Mr. J. Burgess (people's warden), and Mr. H. S. Ward. After tea, the business meeting was held.—The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read a letter of regret for non-attendance from Mr. J. P. S. Hervey (Vicar's warden). One new member was elected, and the election of another was confirmed. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Tunbridge Wells on June 4th, the method to be Bob Major, and the conductor, Mr. E. C. Lambert, of Horsmonden.—The Secretary reported that the bells at Edenbridge had been recast, and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Oroydon. He visited Edenbridge on April 23rd (when the bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester), and the tone and the "go" of the bells were everything that could be desired. A new treble had been added at Cowden, making a ring of six.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for his excellent address, and for generously providing the tea.—The motion was carried unanimously, and the Vicar, in replying, said that he could only repeat what he said in his address, that it gave him the greatest pleasure to welcome them to Hadlow. He recognised the enormous amount of good their's and other Associations had done, and he hoped the time would not be far distant when they would pay Hadlow another visit. He added that he thought their service that day was unique, as it was conducted entirely by members—himself, the organist and organ blower, all being members of the Association.

The Secretary, in proposing votes of thanks to Messrs. J. Burgess and H. S. Ward for their attendance, recalled what they done at the time when the bell frame was condemned as unsafe for ringing, and they were faced with a heavy expenditure to do the necessary repairs. Although they had not been able to have done all that was desirable, yet the members were very pleased at the manner in which they took steps at once to raise the funds for the work.—Mr. Burgess, in reply, expressed his pleasure at being present at their meeting, and said that what he had done as hon. secretary of the Bell Restoration Fund had been a pleasure. They had raised and spent about £150 on the bells, and he was very glad that their efforts had been successful.—Mr. H. S. Ward disclaimed that he had done anything in connection with the work, beyond having a certain amount of impudence in trying to persuade people that it was their business to help to restore the bells, when they thought otherwise. However, he was glad they had done what they could, and although all had not been done that was desirable, yet he could assure them it was not lost sight of, and he hoped at some future time the trebles would be recast, and an entirely new frame put in. Mr. Ward concluded by paying a compliment to Mr. Latter for the way in which he conducted the business of the district.

Votes of thanks to Mr. C. Groves for presiding at the organ, and to the ladies who so kindly waited upon the visitors at tea, concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where touches in various methods were rung until 9.30.

The captain of the local band (Mr. A. H. Reader) very kindly arranged for the tower at Hadlow Castle to be open to members, and a good many availed themselves of the opportunity of climbing to the top, from whence a good view of the surrounding country was obtained.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held at Brierley Hill on Saturday. The bells were set going at 4 o'clock, and at 4.30 the Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Dibben), who gave an address upon the words: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord," Psalm cxxii. After the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where tea was provided by the kind thought and generosity of the Rector. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the esteemed Master of the Guild (Mr. S. Spittle), through the unavoidable absence of the Rector, who was obliged to leave at the end of the service.—Mr. Spittle, on behalf of the president, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, presented to the Brierley Hill band the book prize entitled "The Bells of England," by the Rev. Dr. Raven (the book is the gift of the president), and Mr. Whatmore,

in accepting it, on behalf of the Brierley Hill company, expressed his thanks as well as those of his band to the president for his gift. Routine business having been transacted, it was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at the pretty village of Wombourne. The best thanks of the meeting was given to the Rector for the service in church, for the use of the schoolroom, the tower and bells, and for kindly providing tea for those present; also to the organist and choir for the part they took in the service.—A special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. D. Jones for kindly presiding at the tea-table and attending to the wants of the visitors.—Mr. D. Jones, St. Luke's, Blakenhall, replied on behalf of his wife, and a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Monday, May 8th, for practice, 540 Bob Royal: E. Dewey 1, H. Reeves 2, H. Bennett 3, H. Ewins 4, T. Brown 5, W. Claydon 6, A. Holman 7, W. Smith 8, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 9, H. A. Hoad 10.—Also 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ewins 1, F. T. Hoad, senr. (conductor) 2, W. Claydon 3, H. Reeves 4, A. Holman 5, G. Croucher 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad 8.

RICHMOND, YORKS. — Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Friday, May 12th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1911 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins., to commemorate the Coronation year of His Majesty King George V.: G. Holmes 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.

BLETCHINGLY, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Streeter 1, H. Reeves (conductor) 2, H. Ewins 3, G. Croucher 4, A. Harman 5, J. Sherlock 6, H. A. Hoad 7, H. Edwards 8.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Saturday, May 13th, for practice, 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Scillitee 1, H. Cooper 2, S. Fleuty 3, L. Wiseman 4, J. French 5, F. Claydon 6.—Also a 720 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Claydon 1, F. N. Burst 2, J. Fleuty 3, H. Cooper 4, S. Fleuty 5, L. Wiseman 6, J. French 7, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 8.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE. — The Midland Counties Association.—On Tuesday, May 16th, at St. Margaret's Church, by six members of the Stoke band, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, in 22 mins., being the first 720 in the method by all and on the bells: E. Vallance 1, W. Horton 2, G. Stoneley 3, R. Clifford 4, T. Vallance 5, E. H. Stoneley (conductor) 6.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 16th, for practice, 1137 of Stedman Triples: W. Townson 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 1260 of Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, J. Langstroth 2, J. Lofthouse 3. Others as above.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 17th, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Kimber 1, G. Upshall 2, A. Smith 3, W. Lowman 4, A. Baigent (conductor) 5, E. Clapshaw 6, T. Upshall 7, W. Sherfield 8.—On May 7th, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Upshall.—On May 2nd, 532 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by C. Edwards.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX. — On Thursday, May 18th, for practice, 720 of New London Pleasure, and 720 of Kent Treble Bob: W. Wiffen 1, O. Laver 2, G. Arnold 3, F. Claydon 4, J. French 5, E. Ridgwell (conductor) 6.

SOUTHFIELDS, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 20th, five members of the London Society of Composers met for a handbell peal of Grandsire, which was lost at about 2,000 changes: J. D. Matthews 1—2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, C. N. Leman 5—6, T. Loosemore 7—8. This is the second attempt the band have made, but, living so far apart, they have very few opportunities of meeting. Afterwards the following methods were rung: Two courses of Stedman Triples (conducted by A. J. Perkins); 504 Grandsire by J. Dark; 160 Bob Major by J. Boughton; Grandsire Caters and Cinques; and Treble Bob Major, and Royal.—Also a short touch of Grandsire Triples: J. Boughton 1—2, A. J. Perkins 3—4—5—6, C. N. Leman 7—8. This touch was called by J. D. Matthews.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. — Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Saturday, 576 London Surprise Major: J. C. Adams 1, G. Pigott 2, H. Knight 3, G. Hughes 4, J. Bass 5, W. Fisher 6, C. F. White 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8. First touch of London on the bells.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, 240 New London Pleasure. — For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Wharmley 1, C. H. Cottam 2, A. Elliott 3, W. N. Clowes 4, W. Dobbs 5, W. Wharmley (conductor) 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—The Towcester and District Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, for morning service, 480 Grandsire Doubles: A. A. Fennemore 1, C. Faulkner 2, G. Basford 3, L. A. Smith 4, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 5, W. Hammond 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Webb 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, G. Spencer 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, J. Edwards 7, H. Beadle 8. Arranged for C. A. Hughes, who hails from Lymington, Hants.

**FRENSHAM, SURREY.**—At No. 1, Nightingale Villas, 720 Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: Geo. T. Harris 1, A. Chuter 2, H. Chaffey 3-4, G. Fletcher (conductor) 5-6. First 720 by G. Fletcher as conductor. G. Harrison only commenced ringing on Easter Day.—On Sunday, May 14th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Rendell 1, C. Edwards (conductor) 2, G. Fletcher 3, H. Chaffey 4, C. Leman (Wealdstone) 5, W. Horne 6. First 720 on the bells for a Sunday service.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, recently, for practice, 450 Grandsire Caters: W. Claydon 1, H. Reeves (conductor) 2, A. Holman 3, F. T. Hoad, senr., 4, T. Brown 5, H. Jordan 6, G. Croucher 7, H. Ewins 8, H. A. Hoad 9, G. F. Hoad 10.—Also 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ewins 1, F. T. Hoad, senr. (conductor) 2, W. Claydon 3, A. Holman 4, G. Croucher 5, H. Reeves 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad 8.

**THE CHART, LIMPFIELD.**—For practice, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: E. Head 1, S. Heath 2, P. Tidy 3, G. Tooth (first 720) 4, L. Tidy 5, A. Jarrett (conductor) 6.—720 each of College Exercise and Superlative Surprise: W. Collins 1, P. Tidy 2, S. Heath 3, E. Hoad 4, L. Tidy 5, A. Jarrett (conductor) 6. 720 each of College Exercise and Superlative Surprise: W. Collins 1, P. Tidy 2, S. Heath 3, E. Hoad 4, L. Tidy 5, A. Jarrett (conductor) 6.

**SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.**—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 40 minutes: H. Bond 1, Miss G. Grant (aged 14) 2, T. Grant (conductor) 3, S. White 4, W. Starr 5, J. Burston 6.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.**—Kent County Association.—On Sunday afternoon, May 21st, for a meeting of the Church of England Men's Society, the band all being members, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Allen 1, J. Bures 2, G. Jones 3, R. Tall 4, R. Constant 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. The Milton ringers thank Messrs. Constant and Tall, of Gravesend, for completing the band.

**CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Greening 1, \*W. Webley 2, R. Thomas 3, C. Webley (conductor) 4, W. Greening 5, \*F. R. Price 6. \*First quarter-peal. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the memory of Mrs. Martindale Vale, wife of Major Martindale Vale, of Coddington Court.

**GREAT BARDFIELD.**—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 College Single, 120 Oxford Bob, 120 Bob Minor.—For evening service, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Hills 1, W. Piper 2, H. Bowers 3, A. Piper 4, E. Townsend 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6.

**DRIFHLINGTON.**—The Yorkshire Association.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, H. Brown 2, D. Thornton 3, S. Collinson 4, S. Barron 5, G. Barron 6, F. Barker (conductor) 7, G. Steel 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 21st, at St. Mary Magdalene, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Flanders 1, G. Thurlow 2, H. Brookes 3, H. J. Ranzetta (composer and conductor) 4, G. Charge 5, J. Cornford 6, A. Turner 7, G. Gomer (first quarter-peal) 8.

**PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: F. Colclough 1, J. Harper 2, T. Griffiths 3, F. Evans 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, T. Watton 6, W. Mills 7, H. Priest 8.

**DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 21st, 630 Darlston Bob Triples: J. Mark 1, G. Morgan 2, H. Belcher 3, W. Smith 4, T. Lowe 5, E. Unitt 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, J. Lowe 8.

**EDENBRIDGE.**—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Leigh, junr. (first in method) 1, G. Edwards 2, E. Seal 3, W. Leigh 4, A. Belton 5, — Markwell 6, J. Heasman (first in method as conductor) 7, J. Steady 8. First quarter on the new bells.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Sunday, May 21st, for morning service, at St. Edmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: B. O. Soden 1, R. Turner 2, C. Tebbutt 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, J. Mackay 5, A. Deacon 6, J. W. Metcalf 7, W. Gammage 8. Arranged for R. Turner, of Kettering.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Sunday, May 21st, for evening service, at St. John the Baptist Church, Tuebrook, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Twist 1, H. Fyles (conductor) 2, J. Hammersley 3, E. Caunce 4, P. M. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist 6, S. Stewart 7, W. Mansell 8.—On Wednesday, May 24th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Hammond, senr., 1, G. R. Newton (conductor) 2, T. Hammond, junr., 3, H. Fyles 4, P. M. Hayes 5, W. F. Twist 6, E. Caunce 7, W. Mansell 8.

**ROYSTON, HERTS.**—On Sunday, May 21st, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. G. Wilkerson 1, W. L. Darlow (conductor) 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts (composer) 5, R. G. King 6. This 720, rung for the first time, is obtained by bobs at the first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth lead ends, twice repeated.

**PRESTWICH.**—The Lancashire Association.—On Tuesday, May 23rd, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 720 Bob Minor: J. Gratrix 1, W. Eckersall 2, W. Bullough 3, F. Rogers 4, W. Ford (conductor) 5, R. Bent 6.

**NUNEATON.**—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the residence of Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: Douglas H. Argyle 1-2, Thos. W. Chapman (conductor) 3-4, Harry Argyle 5-6, Roland Pollard 7-8. This is the first quarter-peal on handbells by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

**RUGBY.**—St. Andrew's Society.—On May 24th, in honour of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. C. White 1, R. Watson 2, E. Hughes 3, J. A. Fenton 4, J. George 5, W. Malins 6, J. B. Fenton (composer and conductor) 7, A. J. Hessian 8.

**RICHMOND, YORKS.**—On Empire Day (May 24th), at mid-day, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob, with 7-8 covering: G. Holmes 1, J. J. Peake 2, J. G. Kinchin 3, J. T. Frenchum 4, A. Morton 5, J. G. Woddy (conductor) 6, R. J. Todd 7, G. Brand 8.—In the evening, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 39 mins.: G. Holmes 1, T. Thorpe 2, J. J. Peake 3, J. G. Kinchin 4, J. T. Frenchum 5, J. G. Woddy 6, R. J. Todd 7, A. Morton (conductor) 8.—On Ascension Day (May 25th), at 7 a.m., a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob, with the 7th covering: H. Thorpe 1, G. Holmes 2, J. T. Frenchum 3, A. Morton 4, J. J. Peake 5, J. G. Woddy (conductor) 6, G. Brand 7.

**LIVERPOOL.**—The Lancashire Association.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Tuebrook, on May 24th (Empire Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by J. H. Barrett): T. Hammond, senr., 1, G. R. Newton (conductor) 2, T. Hammond, junr., 3, H. Fyles 4, W. Hayes 5, W. Twist 6, E. Caunce 7, W. Mansell 8.

**GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Wednesday, May 24th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: — Sturgeon 1, — Sturgeon 2, E. Bishop 3, A. E. Moore (conductor) 4, W. Foulger 5, H. A. Turner 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Horace Foulger, conductor of the local company, his brother ringers wishing him much happiness. Messrs. Moore and Turner belong to St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmund's.

**WESTERHAM, KENT.**—On Empire Day (May 24th), after meeting too late for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Selby 1, R. Holder (Hayward's Heath) 2, G. B. Selby 3, E. Hoad (first-quarter in the method) 4, A. J. Lewis 5, A. A. Jarrett 6, D. Wright 7, J. Heath 8.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Thursday, May 25th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins.: C. Terry 1, J. Town 2, G. Clarke 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, J. Lovell 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Friday, May 26th, in honour of the Queen's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Smith 1, F. A. Barnett 2, W. Horne 3, C. Edwards (conductor) 4, G. Upshall 5, W. H. Lowman 6, T. Upshall 7, W. Sheffield 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by an entirely local band.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On May 27th, at St. Luke's Church, 1344 London Surprise Major: Rev. E. V. Cox 1, G. Hughes 2, H. Knight 3, G. Pigott 4, J. Bass 5, W. Fisher 6, C. F. White 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8. Longest length by the society.

**WORCESTERSHIRE.**—Worcester and District Association.—On Sunday, at St. Helen's Church, 840 Stedman Triples: G. Hinton 1, J. Morris 2, G. Bretwell 3, W. H. Johnson 4, T. Bullock 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, E. Watkins 7, J. Pardoe 8.

**BENHILTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. Raynor 1, L. C. Ferrige 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3, P. Coard 4, W. Wood 5, J. Webb 6, J. Warwick 7, F. Ford 8. This quarter contains the 24 6-7's at back stroke, with the least possible number of calls.

### DUDLEY RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Ten members of the Dudley Guild of change ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday, May 20th, as recorded in our last issue, to commemorate the wedding day of the president of the Guild, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley, who, with Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, invited the ringers to supper in the vicarage on the evening of Ascension Day. A sumptuous repast was provided for a company numbering 14, and the Vicar and Mrs. Maitland personally superintended the wants of their guests. After supper an adjournment was made to the beautiful lawn, which was decorated with fairy lamps and lanterns, and where the company was augmented by about 30 invited guests to meet the bell ringers. Tunes and courses of changes on the handbells were rendered by the ringers, and bowling and other games took place. A smoking concert followed, at which songs were rendered by Miss Madge Lewis, Messrs. Joseph Lewis, S. Spittle, C. Faulks, H. Sheppard, T. Watton; and a pianoforte solo by Miss Ruby Maitland. Mr. T. W. North kindly accompanied the songs.—The Vicar, in a feeling speech, thanked the ringers on behalf of himself and wife for the peal they accomplished. He had listened to the ringing, and was pleased with the way the bells were being rung, not knowing at the time the purpose for which they were ringing. He also thanked the ringers for their steady and punctual attendance to duty on Sundays and other occasions, when called upon in the interest of the services of the church.—Messrs. Naylor and Nicolls (churchwardens) endorsed the remarks of the Vicar, and promised to do all they could to encourage and support the bell ringers.—Mr. Spittle suitably responded on behalf of the band, and a verse of the National Anthem then brought a very happy meeting to a close.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.**

The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. Divine service at St. Mary's at 11.30. Preacher, Rev. W. A. Errington, Rector of Hunsdon, Herts. Business meeting to follow.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Folkestone on Whitsun Monday, June 5th. Committee meeting (in Woodward Institute), 11 a.m. Service at 12 (address by Rev. A. F. Ruddy, Rector of Lyminge). Dinner at 1 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Hythe (8), Lyminge (8), Cheriton (6), Newington (6).—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT.**—A meeting will be held at Massey on Whit-Monday, June 5th. Bells available all day. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Tea will be provided, 6d. each, 5.30, at the Blue Bell.—J. Jutson, Secretary, pro tem., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The first monthly ringing meeting of the season will be held at Belper on Saturday next, June 3rd. Bells (six) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Bart Mitchell, Hon. District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at Whitley Bay and North Shields. Bells of St. Paul's and Christ Church available all day. Committee meeting at the Station Hotel, Whitley Bay, at 1 o'clock. Dinner same place at 1.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify.—Chas. Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Whit-Monday, June 5th. The bells of Higham and Irthlingborough also will be ready at 10 a.m. Service in the church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at the Green Dragon at 1 o'clock. Luncheon—members, 1s.; visitors and friends, 2s.—F. Wilford, Honorary Secretary, 29, Bostock Avenue, Northampton.

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley, Bucks, on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3.30.—F. W. Booth, Hon. Secretary.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, June 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A special meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5, with an address by the Vicar. Unveiling of peal tablet at 5.30. Tea in schools at 6. Intending visitors must send word not later than Tuesday, June 13th.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, June 17th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shaker, Branch Secretary.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL RINGERS.**—Festival, Thursday, June 8th, at Ledbury, by kind permission of Rector and churchwardens. 11 a.m., Divine service, preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Hereford, with offertory for the Guild; 12 noon, business meeting in the Baptistry; 1 p.m., dinner (2s.) at the Royal Oak Hotel. Ringing by arrangement at Ledbury, Eastnor, Colwall, Coddington, and other towers. The Herefordshire and Worcestershire Agricultural Society's show, second day. All bookings to Ledbury this day at 1½ fares, irrespective of number of each party.—Augustus C. Lee, Honorary Secretary, Lugwardine Vicarage, Hereford.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, June 10th. Tower open from 3.30 till 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector, for those who let me know by Thursday, June 8th. Service at 6.30.—H. Evans, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Mr. B. Harman, School Road, Smallfield, near Horley, Surrey, will be staying in North Devon between June 3rd and 11th, and would like to arrange peals or touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob or Double Norwich Major.—Communications should be sent to above address.

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