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**MODERN WORK.**

## "MISSIONARY" WORK.

An extract from the Chester Diocesan Guild's annual report, published in another column, gives food for thought, and provides an example which, for the extension of the practice of change ringing and of the influence of the various Associations might well be copied far more than it is at the present time. The report says: "A very encouraging feature of the (peal) performances is the extended area over which they are distributed. In 1906—the best in this respect—the peals were rung in 25 towers; this year they extend to 35. This is in some measure due to the continuance of the practice by the Chester members of visiting parishes where change ringing is not observed, or not far advanced." The missionary work which here is indicated cannot but have good results. To the Chester Guild the advantages are already accruing, and other Associations would gain a similar benefit if they followed the example set by Chester.

From time to time we hear of some little band of enthusiasts making a tour of towers outside the pale of the associations and where change ringing is at a low ebb or non-existent. Where, upon these visits, the local ringers can be got hold of, we may rest assured that the advantages of becoming affiliated to the Association, within whose area the tower is situated, are usually fully explained, but what we should like to see is the Associations generally making a more systematic effort to bring these towers within their ranks. No Association should be content to rest upon its oars until every tower within its territory, where there are peals of bells and ringers, is brought in. This may, perhaps, be thought an impossible ideal, for the difficulties are many, but of this we are certain that in many cases a more persistent effort would have better results than those at present gained.

The independent activities of unofficial members cannot be overrated, they do good in an informal way, but the Associations themselves might do a good deal more. We are quite aware that there are many instances where those responsible for the working of the various organisations are untiring in their efforts, and where this is so the results are obvious. But, unfortunately, there are a good many towers which are judged upon a casual acquaintance, and, because there is merely a non-change ringing band, is given the "go-by." It ought to be remembered, however, that in every band, if they be but "stony" men, there may be potential peal ringers, and that none is too bad to be totally ignored. Every Association no doubt professes to search after additional towers, but, as we have already said, there is a good deal of scope still left in many of our ringing organisations for further work in this direction.

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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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**TEN BELL PEALS.**

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.  
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 26, 1911, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 6
EDWARD A. HERN ... 2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
GEORGE T. POTTER ... 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 8
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... 9
JOEL HERN ... 5	GEORGE R. POTTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and  
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

LONDON.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

*On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
ARTHUR N. HARDY ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
*EDWIN F. PIKE ... 3	WILLIAM HEWETT ... 8
FRANK J. HAIRS ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5	SAMUEL SOUTHBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON, and  
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. G. Matthews. This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor has been rehung by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY BROWNJOHN ... Treble	*GEORGE SEWARD ... 6
HENRY PRING ... 2	*EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 8
ALBERT STOWELL ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	RICHARD CHAMMINGS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM A. CAVE, and  
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DEVONPORT, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

*On Saturday, September 23, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT HIS MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD CHAPEL,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST W. MARSH ... Treble	WALTER H. MARSH ... 5
HAROLD BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 6
FRANK HOCKADAY ... 3	WILLIAM FORD ... 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 4	JOSEPH WOODLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (aged 19), a member of the Charles' Church, Plymouth, band, who is spending a holiday in Plymouth previous to going to Cambridge.

IRTHLINGBORO'.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 26, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY ... Treble	CHARLES KELLER ... 5
JAMES GARRATT ... 2	WALTER J. GERMAN ... 6
JAMES S. WARD ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
J. HUBERT HORN ... 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This is the first peal of London rung in the county by an entirely local band. All the above are residents in the town and members of the belfry. Rung as a farewell peal to C. Keller, who is leaving for Auckland, New Zealand, much to the regret of the ringers. The conductor's rooth peal on the bells.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS GORE ... Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	JOHN FLINT ... 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 3	GEORGE THOMPSON ... 7
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

LONDON.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... Treble	J. ARMINGER TROLLOPE ... 5
HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
FRANK J. HAIRS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal of Norfolk rung in the Metropolis, by the Association and by all the band, except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt.

WORCESTER.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH, QUARTERLY PEAL.)

*On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

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

WILLIAM PAGE ... Treble	JOHN MORRIS ... 5
WILLIAM RANDFORD ... 2	*CHARLES L. SADLER ... 6
GEORGE HINTON ... 3	*WILLIAM EDGINGTON ... 7
JOSEPH BRETTIEL ... 4	GORDON CHECKETTS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

\* First peal of Major. The conductor's rooth peal and rung as a birthday compliment to him. It was also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sadler.

## PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in A flat.

JOHN SMITH ... .. Treble	GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 6
CHARLES MILLS ... .. 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 7
THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 4	JOHN SOUTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

## ASHSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY TAYLOR... .. Treble	JOHN WYATT ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 2	THOMAS A. SHRUBB ... .. 6
ALBERT GOLDSMITH... .. 3	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7
WILLIAM COOK... .. 4	GEORGE COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. Taylor, who was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES ;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM ALDIS... .. Treble	RICHARD BALDREY ... .. 5
JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... .. 2	ALFRED FUNNELL ... .. 6
JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ... .. 3	GEORGE POYNTZ ... .. 7
FREDERICK WHITHAM ... 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells by all the band, and in the county of Norfolk.

## SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, September 29, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Treble	GEORGE PIPER ... .. 5
*FREDERICK H. G. FEARS... 2	HARRY CLARK ... .. 6
BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 7
COLEMAN MORLING ... .. 4	ARTHUR BANKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

\* First peal with an inside bell. Mr. B. Thorp was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

## EDMONTON.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;**

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

HENRY DAINS ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 3	JAMES PARKER ... .. 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD... .. 4	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and  
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

\* First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the Coronation Memorial Hall, at Edmonton.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES ;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qrs. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ... .. Treble	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... .. 5
WILLIAM STEELE ... .. 2	GEORGE POYNTZ ... .. 6
ALFRED FUNNELL ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

## ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT CHRISTIAN ... .. Treble	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 2	JAMES HARRIS ... .. 6
J. JAMES JACKSON ... .. 3	RICHARD MOUNT ... .. 7
T. HENRY HARDY ... .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal has the 6th her extent home at nine course ends, and was rung as birthday compliment to T. H. Hardy. Messrs. Christian, Atkins and Jackson hail from Yarmouth, Cambridge and Belton, Rutland, respectively.

## GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*THOMAS H. PARKIN... .. Treble	THOMAS SERIMSHAW... .. 5
ALONZA W. LONG ... .. 2	CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 6
JOHN W. SEAMER ... .. 3	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ... 7
JOHN E. KENNINGTON ... 4	JAMES LAMB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of St. Hugh's Church by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

\* First peal. The tenor man is in his 70th year and the ringer of the 5th in his 66th.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and  
Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to N. R. Bailey, it being his first peal as conductor.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

REUBEN BALDWIN ... Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
THOMAS H. COLBURN ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. ... 7
SIDNEY R. ROPER ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and  
Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

First peal of Major as conductor.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

*THOMAS HUGHES ... Treble	GEORGE HUGHES ... 5
*THOMAS HILL ... 2	*BERT HORTON ... 6
*BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 3	EDWIN J. TYLER ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*WILLIAM HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.  
The ringers of the 2nd, 6th, 7th and tenor belong to the local band; of the treble and 5th to St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury; of the 3rd to Coseley; and the 4th to Willenhall.**SIX BELL PEALS.**

## WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, September 25, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4
ALFRED DAVIES ... 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## PETERBOROUGH.

## THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 26, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being seven 720's differently called.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE JUTSON ... Treble	*WALTER CROSS ... 4
*THOMAS VAUGHAN ... 2	FREDERICK T. COOKE ... 5
†HERBERT A. TRAYNAR ... 3	JOHN J. JUTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

\* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. Rung as birthday compliment to Mrs. Jutson.

## GLASBURY, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 42 six scores.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN VIZOR ... Treble	J. P. HYETT ... 4
A. G. ARNOLD ... 2	EDGAR JONES ... 5
†LEONARD LEWIS ... 3	*THOMAS TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by L. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. The above peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. R. H. Gibbon, Minor Canon of Ely Cathedral (and eldest son of the Rev. H. H. Gibbon, Vicar of St. Peter's, Glasbury), to Miss Mary Harris, St. Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridge. This is the first peal ever rung on the bells by a completely local band and was rung at the first attempt.

## CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 30, 1911, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

THOMAS WRIGHT ... Treble	*GEORGE COOK ... 4
BERNARD FISHER ... 2	WILLIAM JACQUES ... 5
*WILLIAM T. FREEMAN ... 3	*JACK COURT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor were elected members before starting.

## LAMBERHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 1, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOSEPH H. LAMBERT ... 4
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

The above ringers are all brothers and it is their first peal together. J. A. Lambert was proposed a member of the Association before starting.



**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES ;**

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5—6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT ...	7—8
FRANK BLUNDELL ...	9—10		

Composed by J. CARTER, and  
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Rung on the seventh anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, September 28, 1911, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES ;**

JAMES HUNT ...	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER ...	3—4	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ...	7—8
FRANK BLUNDELL ...	9—10		

Composed by J. CARTER, and  
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.**LATE PEALS.**

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	Treble	JOHN C. TRUSS ...	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	ROBERT H. YOUNG ...	6
FRED HAYES ...	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	7
RALPH COLES ...	4	FRANK W. BOXELL ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and  
Conducted by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells by all the band and by the above Guild.

NEW SHOREHAM.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 27, 1911, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND ...	Treble	HENRY STALHAM ...	5
BENJAMIN BASSETT ...	2	*LIONEL SEARS ...	6
GEORGE NORRIS ...	3	EDWARD LINDUP ...	7
JOHN SMART ...	4	BERT CHALLEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

\* First peal in the method.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, October 2, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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FREDERICK JOHNSON ...	4	BRIAN HILDITCH ...	Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.**

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Thursday, Sept. 7th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief, owing to change course, through someone coming into tower: A. Davies 1, W. Webb 2, V. White 3, G. M. Cockin 4, C. Bird 5, A. Greenfield 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, C. Green 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 546 of Union Triples: C. Peck 1, H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, T. Bartholomew 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, T. Bartholomew's longest length as conductor.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Hind (longest length away from the tenor) 1, F. Willey 8; conducted by H. Haigh.

CAVERSHAM.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1120 of Bristol Surprise: H. Simmonds 1, A. D. Cullum 2, G. Essex 3, J. Hands 4, G. Irvine 5, C. R. Lilley 6, R. T. Hibbert 7, E. W. Menday (conductor) 8.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, E. Coles 3, C. O. Hobbs 4, C. Williams 5, W. Heath 6, W. Bolton 7, J. Hole 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 17th, 504 and 251 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Perkins.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by B. Thorpe, and 336 conducted by G. Piper. The following ringers took part: G. Piper, B. Thorpe, C. J. Morling, J. Sykes, F. W. Harding, W. Green, R. J. Dawe, A. Banks, G. and H. Clark, and A. J. Perkins. Also 240 Bob Minor, conducted by J. Sykes.—On handbells, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 720 Bob Minor: Ben Thorpe (Ashton-under-Lyne) 1—2, A. J. Perkins (South Beddington) 3—4, Joe Sykes (Huddersfield) 5—6.—Also on Thursday, Sept. 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by the same three ringers. Conducted by A. J. Perkins. Also 288 and 360 Kent.

RUGBY.—The Warwickshire Guild and St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.—On Monday evening, Sept. 18th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1280 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Taylor 1, W. Malins (composer) 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenton 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton (conductor) 7, J. W. Chandler 8. First quarter-peal of London on the bells, and by the St. Andrew's Society.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Hickman 1, J. Woolley 2, A. Coppock 3, T. Horton 4, F. J. Tite 5, F. Johnson 6, E. J. Oliver 7, W. Bellamy (conductor) 8.

THRAPSTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Coleman (first in the method) 1, T. Jervis 2, L. Wyman 3, D. Redhead 4, R. Loveday 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6.—On Thursday, Sept. 21st, for the Harvest Festival, 462 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, Sept. 24th, for morning service, 462 and 168 Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: J. Coleman, D. Redhead, L. Wyman, T. Jervis, F. Stubbs, T. Arnold, R. Loveday, C. Arnold, R. Bland, J. Nickerson (conductor).

EXETER.—The Devonshire Guild.—On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, at St. Sidwell's Church, two 288's Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Drake 1, T. G. Bartlett 2, A. W. Brighton 3, E. Seargeant 4, A. Monkley 5, E. Shepherd 6, W. Richardson 7, C. R. Lilley 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples, with A. D. Sowell, of Kea, Cornwall (first course) 1.

MIDDLEHAM.—St. Alkelda's Guild.—On Sept. 19th, at the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. E. W. Dunn (first 720) 1, Henry Parrish 2, Wm. Sykes 3, Thos. Sarginson 4, Chris. Clarkson 5, Henry Pauli 6. Also 720, with Mrs. Pauli ringing the treble.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Saffron Walden, on Sept. 19th, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: F. Pitstow (conductor) 1, T. R. Dennis (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, F. J. Pitstow 3, J. Penning 4, J. Freeman 5, E. Pitstow 6, R. Strong 7, W. Parish 8.

LLANDAFF.—The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 446 Bob Major: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, J. Pritchard 3, W. Heath 4, T. Cox 5, W. Biss (conductor) 6, W. Bolton 7, J. Alridge 8.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sept. 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: H. Mansfield 1, T. W. Dickenson 2, L. G. Mallion 3, R. Rayner 4, W. Mansfield 5, W. Ensden (conductor) 6.

PLYMOUTH.—On Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at the Church of Emmanuel, an attempt was made for Hollis' five-part, which had to be abandoned after ringing 2600 changes in 1½ hours' splendid striking, owing to the tenor going badly: L. Osborne 1, W. Rundle 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, J. Woodley 4, G. H. Myers 5, H. Bennett 6, E. W. Marsh 7, W. Hobbs 8. The peal was attempted on the 41st anniversary of the church, and as a compliment to the Rev. G. B. Berry, the Vicar, who has gone to China for six months' mission.

BLETCHLEY.—On Sept. 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: S. Smith 1, J. Mead 2, J. Mark 3, W. Sear 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, Wm. Crane, senr. (Bangor) 8.

**HEAVITREE, DEVON.**—The Devon Guild.—On Thursday, Sept. 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, which came to an abrupt end in the seventh part, after 1 hr. 5 mins: A. W. Brighton 1, E. Shepherd 2, T. Laver 3, J. R. Sandover 4, W. Lethbridge 5, C. G. Glass 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. Boundy 8.

**WIMBORNE.**—At the Minster, on Friday, Sept. 21st, 575 Grand-sire Caters: Miss E. K. Parker 1, J. S. Rumming 2, J. Stone 3, F. Sparshott 4, R. O. Street 5, U. Stewart 6, C. Goodenough 7, W. W. Gifford 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, A. Osman 10. Also three courses of Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 1, H. S. Newnham 2, J. S. Rumming 3, G. Preston 4, U. Stewart 5, C. Goodenough 6, W. W. Gifford 7, A. Southey 8.

**WEST DIDSBURY.**—At Christ Church, for Harvest Festival, on Sept. 24th, 576 Bob Major in the morning, and 560 in the evening: H. Chandler 1, W. Holbrook 2, H. Berry (Prestwich) 3, H. Brockill 4, T. Peacock 5, F. Brickett 6, J. Leigh 7, R. Davies (conductor) 8.

[A large number of touches are unavoidably held over until next week.]

## 19,440 MAXIMUS ON HANDBELLS.

### INFORMATION WANTED ON AN INTERESTING RECORD.

Dear Sir,—I have before me a scrap book compiled by the late William Chrisfield, of Green Walk, Holland Street, Blackfriars Road. It was sold by him in 1859 to the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe for 30s.

The book is made up chiefly of views of churches and records of peals in various parts of the country. There is, however, one manuscript letter (amongst others), the contents of which I should be pleased if any reader could give an account, for if authentic the record deserves to be preserved. Snowden, in his treatise on Treble Bob, makes no mention of the performance, hence my inquiry.—Yours truly,

T. HERVEY BEAMS.

Bradpole, Dorset.

[Copy.]

Derby, January 23rd, 1844.

Dear Sir,

The underneath is the peal I rang on my handbells, which took me 13 hours and 43 minutes, New Treble Bob Maximus:—

23456	M	W	H		M	W	H
36452	1		2		42563	1	2
15362		1	1		56423		1
56342		2			62453		2
65243	2		2		26354	2	2
24653		1	1		35264		1
45623		2			56234		2
53624	1		2		64235	1	2
62534		1	1		23645		1
23564		2			34625		2
32465	2		2		43526	2	2
46325		1	1		52436		1
62345		2			23456		2
25346	1		2				
34256		1	1				
45236		2					
54623	2		2				
63542		1	1				
34562		2					

19,440

Elijah Roberts.

There is nothing to show to whom this note and peal was sent.—T. H. B.

### A VISIT TO LLANDOVERY.

The Builth Wells ringers, who are members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, had a very enjoyable excursion on Saturday when, at the invitation of the Rev. D. Edmonds Owen, the Vicar, they visited Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, and rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles at the Church of Llandovery. This church contains an interesting peal of six. The treble is inscribed, "When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing," the 2nd and 3rd bear the words, "Peace and good

neighbourhood." "Prosperity to the parish," is the sentiment expressed on the 5th, while on the 4th is, "Jno Jones, Vicar, 1720," and on the tenor the names of five churchwardens. The ringers were entertained to tea at the Vicarage, and afterwards visited several places of interest, including Llanfair Church, where is to be seen the tomb of the late Rev. W. Williams Pantycelyn, the great Welsh author. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness, and the local ringers for having the bells ready. Those who took part in the ringing were: F. S. Sparkes 1, W. A. Sparkes 2, F. L. Sparkes 3, C. Powell 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MR. J. W. TAYLOR AND LADY RINGERS.

The tower of the historic Church of Darley Dale, near Matlock, was the scene on Saturday of the activities of the Midland Counties Association of change ringers, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting. Among the places represented were Derby, Burton, Wirksworth, Loughboro', Swanwick, Ripley, Duffield, New Mills, and Matlock.

During the afternoon and evening short touches were rung in various methods, including Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative, and Treble Bob.

During the interval for tea, Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughboro', vice-president of the Association, addressed the members. He remarked that during the quarter 23 peals had been rung in 20 different towers, and the total for the year was 102, against 94 last year (applause). Referring to the question of whether ladies should become ringers, Mr. Taylor observed that some of them might think that ladies already interfered a good deal in their amusements and business, but members of the fair sex had got "push and go" in them, and he did not see why they should not ring. He was of opinion, however, that ladies ought not to attempt either long peals or the ringing of heavy bells. If ladies took up the Art, they would be quite equal to the average male ringer (hear, hear).

The Rev. R. Whittington, Rector of Darley, was admitted an hon. member of the Association.

### DERBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Crich, on Saturday week, and proved to be a very successful one, members being present from Derby, Ripley, Kirk Ireton, and Swanwick, together with the local company. On arriving about 3.30 p.m., the visitors found the bells ready, and after having a look round the church proceeded to the belfry. The bells are a very hand ring, having recently been augmented from five to six, through the kindness of a local gentleman. The work and "splice" reflect great credit upon Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough.

The ringing was very satisfactory, and consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Manchester Doubles, Plain Bob Minor (including a 720), and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A most gratifying feature was the fact that every touch was brought home.

At the subsequent meeting, held in the belfry, Ripley was selected as the next place of meeting for October.—Mr. A. H. Ward proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and coupled with it a vote of thanks to Mr. Brown for making such splendid arrangements.—Mr. Brown, in responding, said that on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens he was glad to welcome the Midland Counties Association to Crich, and it had been a great pleasure to him to have the bells rung, and to meet new and old acquaintances. He also hoped that they would again pay a visit earlier in the summer, so that they could have a tour round this old and interesting village.

### WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the weddings of Mr. G. W. Ayres and Miss F. Routledge and Mr. C. Gibbons and Miss A. Routledge on Sept. 23rd, and of Mr. Davis and Miss M. Jones on Sept. 24th, the following touches were rung at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on the two days: 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Bullock 1, H. Rumens 2, W. Cooper 3, E. D. Lillywhite 4, G. Cooper 5, H. F. Hull 6, W. J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8. 720 Bob Minor (with tenor covering) by A. Bullock, J. C. Adams, E. D. Lillywhite, C. Cooper, W. Cooper, H. Rumens (conductor) O. L. Twist; and a touch with Mr. Clayton on the 5th.

At Appledore, Kent, on Thursday, Sept. 26th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Eleanor May Clarke Johnson to Mr. William Llewellyn Colthup, of the Devonport police, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: G. Johnson 1, C. Tribe 2, A. Johnson 3, S. W. Hills 4, E. G. Johnson 5, F. S. Brown 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, F. Mitchell 8. The ringer of the treble is the bride's father, the 3rd her uncle, and the 5th her brother. At a reception, afterwards held at Veness House, the residence of the bride's parents, the ringers and friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained. The happy couple afterwards left for Bournemouth for the honeymoon prior to residing at Devonport.

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

### THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The Midland Counties Association will have been established 30 years when next April arrives, and it has a proud record behind it. Many well-known men in the Exercise have been connected with its upbuilding, but none of its officials was ever held in higher esteem than the present hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. White, who for twelve years now has discharged the arduous duties which such an office involves. Mr. White is a native of



MR. W. E. WHITE.

Bingham, Notts, and celebrated his 47th birthday last Friday. In early life he served several years on a sailing ship, but subsequently he settled down in the lace trade in Nottingham. He was always fond of the sound of the bells, but he did not take up ringing until 1886, when a band was formed at Cotgrave, where he was then living. Not one in all the band could ring a bell when the company was got together, and, as they had no instructor, the early difficulties can well be imagined.

By dint of an enormous amount of perseverance, however, the initial obstacles were surmounted, and from 1888 to 1890 this little company became practically masters of any method for their five bells. In 1887 Mr. White was elected captain of the local band, and has been at their head since then until the present time, except for about three years from 1892 to 1894, when he resided in Nottingham, and rang at All Saints'. In 1887, also, Mr. White joined the Midland Counties Association, with

which he was subsequently to be so closely identified, and rang his first peal in 1889—5040 of Minor in two methods—at Sandiacre. In that year, too, he was elected a member of the committee, and local hon. secretary for the Nottingham District in 1893. On the retirement of Mr. J. O. Lancashire from the secretaryship of the Association in 1899, Mr. White was unanimously elected to fill the office, and proudly holds that position to-day with the confidence of every member of his Association. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1906.

A staunch Churchman, Mr. White is a member of the Ruri-Decanal Conference for the Bingham Deanery, and he holds strong views upon the desirability of ringers being sound Churchmen. Mr. White has not rung a large number of peals, for living in a village where, until 1906, there were but five bells, his opportunities have not been great. He has the following 5000's to his credit:—

Doubles .....	4
Minor (conducted two).....	7
Grandsire Triples .....	3
Stedman Triples .....	2
Bob Major .....	3
Double Norwich Major .....	1
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	3
Grandsire Caters .....	1

Total ... 24

### LEEDS CHURCH BELLS, KENT.

The bells at Leeds Church, Kent, are now in good going order again. Members of the Kent County Association from Benenden, Marden, Headcorn, Linton, Lenham, Tunstall, etc., have visited the church to try the bells, and touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung. The work of recasting the seventh and ninth and entirely rehanging the whole peal of ten with steel headstocks has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Howell, bell founder of Ipswich. The verdict was, that the "go" of the bells was excellent, and that the new bells were in perfect harmony with the rest of the peal. The tenor is a beautiful bell of about 21 cwt., cast by Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe, a parish in the neighbourhood.

These bells are somewhat historical from a ringers' point of view, for on April 7th and 8th, 1761, James Barham and the Leeds' Youths succeeded in ringing 40,320 changes of Bob Major in 27 hours. This is supposed to be the longest peal ever rung, and it is on record that 13 ringers took part in the peal, relieving one another at intervals.

The tower was built in the year 1119, and is peculiar in appearance, being little higher than it is wide. The following is a copy of the inscription on the headstone of James Barham, who is buried in the churchyard:—

#### IN MEMORY OF

James Barham, of this parish, who departed this life January 4th, 1818, aged 93 years, who from the year 1744 to the year 1804 rung in Kent and elsewhere 112 peals not less than 5040 changes in each peal and called Bobs and S. for most of the peals, and on April 7th and 8th assisted in ringing 40,320 Bob Major on Leeds bells in 27 hours.

## ODD CHANGES.

### Collected from all Quarters.

A very interesting letter has been unearthed from a scrap book which came into the possession of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in 1859, and if its contents can be substantiated it makes hitherto acknowledged handbell records look insignificant. Signed by Elijah Roberts, it speaks of the performance of 19,440 rung on handbells in 13 hours 43 minutes, the method being New Treble Bob Maximus. Mr. T. H. Beams, who sends the letter for publication, asks for further particulars, if they are obtainable, and it would certainly be interesting to have more details of such a remarkable performance.

Two north country ringers, whose business takes them to many parts of England, had a rather amusing experience recently in Sussex. They walked one Sunday from Seaford to the ancient village of Alfriston, where there is a peal of six. They made themselves known to the local ringers, but were not invited to have a pull. When eventually they suggested they would like to take a rope they were politely told that, as the bells *required careful handling*, visitors were not allowed to ring them.

So there was nothing left but for the two gentlemen concerned to take themselves back to Seaford. Those bells must indeed require very careful handling if Messrs. Ben Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield, may not be trusted to ring them. But it is only an example of the exaggerated ideas which some "stony" men get when they have never pulled a bell outside their own tower.

Mr. George Hughes, who has but one arm, the left, took part on Saturday week at West Bromwich in the first peal of Erin Cinques that has been rung. Mr. Hughes rang the seventh.

With some of the ropes in a straight line and very close together, St. Michael's Church, Sowton, Devon, is a difficult place to ring at, although there is a musical peal of eight with a tenor of 9 cwt. On Saturday week eight members of the Devon Guild attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, but the attempt came to grief after fifty minutes first class ringing. A. W. Brighton 1, G. W. Challice 2, F. W. Richards 3, H. V. Richards 4, E. Shepherd 5, C. G. Glass 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, A. Acreman 8. Better luck next time.

A book which should have considerably more than local interest is in course of preparation. It will contain the reminiscences of Mr. Henry Burstow, an old Horsham ringer. Quite a character is Harry Burstow, who in his younger days was a peal ringer, and who can still, though more than four score years of age, sing some 400 songs, many of them full of quaint lore. It is a tribute to his marvellous memory that he can sing any one of them at request.

The book, which will include some account of the old bell foundry at Horsham 1590—1616, is to be published to subscribers at 2s., and the proceeds will go towards a fund to supplement the old gentleman's present meagre

income. Mr. W. Albery, of 49, West Street, Horsham, the author, will be glad to receive subscriptions, so that the names of subscribers can be printed in the book, which will be published about the end of the present month.

The band in the little Norfolk village of Saxlingham are to be congratulated upon ringing the first peal of Duffield in the county. Sixteen months ago most of them could only ring a plain course of Major by heart, but with the encouragement they received from Mr. W. Steele and Mr. Aldis they persevered with method ringing, and on October 13th last year scored their first peal of Bob Major.

Oxford Treble Bob followed on February 14th this year, and Kent on April 22nd, while they have now added a peal of Duffield. Every man in the company lives in the village, and rings regularly for Sunday services. To start a young band and ring peals in four Major methods in just over a year is a distinct credit to them, and is an example which other young ringers will do well to emulate.

On Friday week an attempt was made at St. Alfege, Greenwich, for a peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to Mr. A. S. Beer, who has left the borough for Southsea. Owing to illness one of the band had to ask the conductor to bring the bells home at halfway. All felt a pang at losing the peal, but a greater one at the loss of a colleague. They are only consoled by the fact that their loss may prove another belfry's gain, and they wish to place on record their recognition of Mr. Beer's great abilities, apart from ringing, and tender him their thanks for his services in the past, and wish him prosperity in his new venture. The half peal was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. by A. S. Beer 1, F. Bennett 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. Foreman 4, I. G. Shade (conductor) 5, W. Berry 6, T. Jakeman 7, H. Hoskins 8.

## A NEW SOCIETY.

### TO SUPPLEMENT WORK OF THE M.C.A.

A most enthusiastic and successful meeting of clergy and ringers of the Sparkenhoe II. Deanery was held on Saturday last at Barwell, Leicester, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. A. Titley). After some ringing, a short service was held, and an address given by the Rev. J. F. Griffiths on the influence and appreciation of the sound of church bells. A sumptuous tea, provided by the Rector, was most highly appreciated by the ringers. These were present, with their clergy, from Barwell itself, Shilton, Kirkley, Stanton, Hinckley, Higham, Stoke Golding and Drayton.

A business meeting was opened by some remarks by Rev. G. M. Edmonds on the relations of clergy and ringers as fellow church workers. It was then resolved that a society of church bell ringers be formed for the Rural Deanery, not in opposition to the Midland Counties Association, but to supplement its work, and act as a feeder for it.—The Rev. W. P. Hurrell, R.D., was appointed president, Rev. J. F. Griffiths secretary, and a committee was formed consisting of Messrs. W. Humphreys, E. H. Stoneley, T. Latkin, C. Rowley, C. Briggs, J. Needham and W. Martin. Those invited from Peckleton, Croft and Witherby were unfortunately unable to attend.

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### ANNUAL MEETING AT BLACKPOOL.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

After a lapse of eleven years, Blackpool was again visited by the Lancashire Association for the annual meeting, which was held on Saturday. The day being fine and the town such a popular seaside resort, the meeting brought together a crowd of quite 150 members and wives, some making a full day of the trip. Four peals of eight and two rings of six bells were at the disposal of the members, the new peal at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.) coming in for a fair share of criticism, and being also the most popular. Several of the visitors thought them the best and easiest to ring; although there was no fault to find with the other peals. One thing noticeable was the well-kept belfries at all the places, and also the Lancashire welcome extended to the members. The test of numbers came at 4 p.m., when all were called to St. John's for shortened evensong. The Rev. N. S. Jeffrey, M.A., Vicar, intoned the prayers, and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Association) read the lesson. The preacher was the Rev. C. B. Hulton, M.A., Vicar of Worsley, who gave a short but stirring address, based on the words, "Be ye also perfect." He urged his hearers to strive for the ideal of perfection in their ringing as also in their daily life. These annual gatherings were days of intercourse with one another to tell of their failures, and to gain encouragement from the results obtained by others. It was a practical address from a practical ringer. It was followed with rapt attention, and gave encouragement to the ringers to strive for something higher in the year that is before them.

Tea was afterwards partaken of, and what with the ringing and the sea breezes, the visitors were quite ready for this part of the programme. Only some 80 had asked to be provided for, however, and as over 140 presented themselves for tea, the caterers were put to great inconvenience, as were also those who had taken the precaution of sending in their names. Tea had to be served in two sittings, and the arrangements generally were thrown out of gear.

The meeting was in charge of the President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and the general routine business was got through very expeditiously, and in the course of the proceedings a presentation was made to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who was secretary of the Association for 23 years, and who had to resign his post on taking up a position in Scotland. The gift took the form of a handsome mahogany timepiece in the Queen Anne style, with a silver plate suitably inscribed. The clock strikes the Cambridge chimes on four gongs. Mr. Wreaks was unable to get down from Scotland to receive it, and his elder son received it in his father's name, acknowledging the gift in a few well-chosen remarks.

The President, in the name of the Association, thanked all retiring officers for their past services, and the meeting then proceeded to elect new ones. Mr. S. Biterley was elected vice-president, and Mr. W. H. Shuker was appointed secretary to fill Mr. Wreak's unexpired term.

Mr. J. H. Banks begged hard to be relieved of the office of ringing secretary, owing to pressure of other business, but no one would undertake the office, and he was, therefore, prevailed upon to take it again for another two years. The auditors were re-elected without opposition, but there were six names put up for the four Central Council representatives. A vote resulted in the election of the President, Messrs. H. Chapman, T. Redman and J. H. Banks. Kendal, in the far north, was fixed as the place of the next annual meeting.

The best thanks of the meeting was given to the incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of St. John's for use of the schools for tea and meeting.—The Rev. N. S. Jeffrey responded in a happy speech, saying he was glad to see so many present.—The bells were kept going during the day and evening in the standard methods, short touches being the order, to give as many as possible a chance of having a pull.

The committee, in their report for the past year, said the number of members is 1,268, a slight increase on the preceding year. Over 1,000 reside in the county. The worth of the society is £100 18s. The number of peals rung was 71, slightly below the total last year. Two new rings of eight have been put up in the county, also two trebles to complete an octave and a peal of eight recast. Mention was also made of members gone abroad and others that have died during the year.

**GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 17th (the Harvest Thanksgiving), five 720's of Minor, viz.: Woodbine, Oxford, Duke of York, Kent, and Oxford Delight: N. Patmore 1, B. J. Miller 2, E. Sagers 3, N. Wallace 4, H. Wallace 5, B. Patmore 6. In the Oxford: J. Patmore 1, Nathan Patmore 2. In Duke of York: N. Patmore 1, A. G. Langdon 2. In Kent: J. Patmore 1, B. J. Miller 2. In Oxford Delight: N. Patmore 1, B. Carter 2, E. Sagers 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, B. Patmore 6. Conductor throughout, B. Patmore.

## THE CHESTER GUILD.

### A GRATIFYING REPORT.

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild has just been issued and, on the whole, the doings for 1910 are looked upon as favourable. Financially, the Guild has improved its position, and the total membership at the close of the year was 749, of which 595 were ringing and probationer members.

"Never during the existence of the Guild," continues the report, "has there been such a manifestation of activity in the way of peal attempts as in the year under review. The Chester and Crewe branches have been vigorous before, but they have quite eclipsed themselves this year; while the Stockport branch has fully maintained its standard. Grappenhall branch, too, has revived a measure of its former energy, as seen in the three peals placed to its credit. The splendid total of 64 peals is the highest yet reached, and the methods, though not so numerous, are quite of average quality. A very encouraging feature of the performances is the extended area over which they are distributed. In 1906—the best in this respect—the peals were rung in 25 towers; this year they extend to 35. This is in some measure due to the continuance of the practice by the Chester members of visiting parishes where change ringing is not observed, or not far advanced. Performances deserving of special mention are the three peals of Superlative Surprise Major in the Chester district, and the peals of Stedman Triples by the Crewe members. The latter have been rung by the members of the Christ Church tower themselves; a performance not only highly creditable to them, but never before accomplished in the Guild. These peals have raised the average value of the year's performances, which, had they been in other methods, would have been disappointing; and also have placed the Guild in the 15th position among the other Associations. A fact claiming serious attention is that, excluding peals of Minor, only four peals each of Triples and Major have been rung by entirely local bands."

The total peal points obtained was 716, an average of over 11 per peal. The Bowdon and Stockport branch rung 15 peals, Chester 18, Crewe 11, Grappenhall 3, Macclesfield 2, Wirral 0, mixed bands 15. The report adds: "The formation of Guilds or Associations of Ringers has done much towards producing a marked improvement in the condition of our belfries, and in the conducting of matters appertaining thereto. It is a ground for congratulation that such improvement is traceable in our own Guild. There is, however, one belfry duty which does not appear to receive the general attention it justly demands, viz., the punctual payment of the annual subscriptions. Rule 8 requires payment in advance. But there is an increasing number of cases where payment is not made until after the year has closed. Such a practice obviously causes additional trouble to the lower secretary, and more still to the branch secretary. It is hard to believe that the spirit of brotherliness, which undoubtedly is noticeable among ringers, would allow its possessors to remain indifferent to the convenience of those into whose hands they have committed the management of their affairs."

Upon this subject also the Master has something to say. Mr. Edward Barber calls attention to the fact that there is no characteristic more essential for a ringer than punctuality and regularity. While punctuality is most important in summoning the congregation to church, in fulfilment of the first object for which the bells are provided, it is also necessary in regard to the payment of subscriptions, if the management of the Association is to be carried on successfully.

The report, which covers 44 pages, and contains a great deal of interesting and useful information, was printed at "The Ringing World" Office.

## CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

### A NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough branch of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Doddington, on Saturday week. By kind permission of the Rector ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and subsequently an admirable tea, served at the Stag's Head by Host Gibson, was thoroughly enjoyed, about twenty members being present from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Isham, Earls Barton, and some of the local ringers. Afterwards, a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Geo. Randall, of Higham Ferrers.—Mr. W. Newman wrote that, owing to his illness, he was compelled to resign the district secretaryship.—The General Secretary, Mr. F. Wilford, said he was sure they were all extremely sorry at the resignation.—The Chairman (Mr. G. Randall) also made allusion to the illness of Mr. Newman, saying his place would be hard to fill. He was a splendid ringer, good company, and a man that was always ready to help in the art of ringing.—It was unanimously resolved that Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough, be appointed secretary in place of Mr. Newman.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wellaston, or failing that, Finedon.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.



## ASSOCIATION NOTES.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

At the 1910 annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, a letter from the then hon. secretary was read, in which he suggested that a meeting of representative members of the Association should be held to discuss the organisation of the society.

The rules of the Association had always provided for a committee, but this committee has never met (certainly not for the last 20 years), and the management has, therefore, devolved upon the few officers, i.e., the Master, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretaries of the three branches into which the Association was, until recently, split up. The consequence has been that while the branches have been well looked after and fostered, the Association itself has been neglected, and that through no fault of the officers, but of the system.

The suggested meeting took place at Stonehouse, on Saturday week, when there were present: The Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (in the chair), Messrs. J. B. Tyler, C. H. Gordon, R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), S. Moore (Cirencester), W. Hale (Painswick), J. Austin (Gloucester), F. Oakhill (Wotton-under-Edge), R. W. Hyner (Swindon), J. Wathen (Tewkesbury), and the hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Cave.—It was decided to form a new branch at Swindon to comprise the towers in the Archdeaconry of North Wilts. This will take a few towers from the Bristol branch, and a few from the Cirencester branch, and Mr. E. Bishop and Mr. R. W. Hyner were to be asked to undertake the duties of chairman and hon. secretary respectively until the first meeting, which will probably be held near the end of the year.

On the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary of the Wotton-under-Edge branch (Mr. F. Oakhill), it was agreed to transfer the towers of Almondsbury, Alveston and Olveston, to the Bristol branch, and this will take effect from January, 1912. A useful discussion on the system of working the branches took place, Mr. W. Hale's contribution being especially valuable.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Association at Cheltenham, on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1912. Cheltenham was, in years gone by, one of the strongholds of the Association, but change ringing there has recently dwindled almost to the vanishing point. It is, therefore, hoped that there will be a good attendance of members at the meeting, and that some, if not all, of the old members will rejoin.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business, Mr. R. J. Wilkins gave notice that he will move a resolution at the annual meeting with reference to discontinuing affiliation to the Central Council. The Master (who is hon. secretary of the Council) promised to strongly oppose the motion, and the debate should prove highly interesting.

### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The September monthly meeting was held at Aston Manor on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, and a very fair number of members attended, representing Rugby, Coventry, Allesley, Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield, Aston, and Stratford-on-Avon. Mr. James George, the Master, was none the worse for his strenuous week's tour in South Wales, and led the ringing with his accustomed zeal. The bells were kept going from about five o'clock onwards, in the following methods: Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples, Superlative Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob.

A few members rang in their first touch on ten bells and, although none of the ringing was up to a high standard, some good practice was obtained, which it is hoped will make members more enthusiastic in getting about to the meetings of the Guild when they are held in the outlying districts of the county.

It was to be regretted that the August monthly meeting, fixed for Henley-in-Arden, proved abortive, only four ringers turning up, one each from Warwick, King's Norton, Birmingham and Stratford-on-Avon. The next meeting of the Guild will be the quarterly meeting and, all being well, will be held at Nuneaton, on Saturday, October 28th.

### STEDMAN THEORY.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—If I have failed to understand Mr. James' letter, it must be a reflection on my ability to make his meaning clear, for I am vain enough to claim intelligence. The answer to his last question is obvious, for five bob blocks of Original Doubles, connected by fifth's place instead of first, are not a touch, neither are they a new principle. They form a method, based on the Original principle, now fairly well known as "Erin." If this point is now cleared up, perhaps Mr. James will remember that he has not replied to my last letter.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## LADIES IN THE BELFRY.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with interest the letter written you by "E.J.B.," published in this paper on 15th September. I cannot understand why such a step should be taken, more especially as her father and brother are both ringers belonging to the same band. The reason for such action, viz.: "The belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place," is not only ridiculous, but absurd. In what condition can a man's mind be in to make such a statement as this? How about having females in the choir, and also female organists? As the clergyman in question contends that the belfry is not part of the church, would he please let us know what it is? The under-mentioned rule, which was an additional one added to our rules by our Bishop, who is also Rector of our church, namely, "That members recognise that the belfry is a part of the church, and thus 'sacred to the service of God' and that they will remember this in their speech and behaviour," is plain enough. I always did contend that the belfry was part of the church, and the rule before-mentioned seems to favour my contention. I hope by this time, however, the Rector has been approached, and the lady reinstated, otherwise my advice to the band is give the bells a rest; or, in plain English, do not ring. I am sure all your readers would like to know how this matter progresses. Perhaps "E. J. B." will let us know later.—Yours faithfully,

THOS. V. HORNER.

Nunhead, S.E.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like to add my testimony of the great benefits derived socially and financially through the presence and influence of ladies in our belfries. When one pauses to think what St. Alfege, Greenwich, would have done without Miss Christabel Airey and her sister, the daughters of the late Astronomer Royal, and the Ancient Society of College Youths without Miss Macalpine Leny, one can only suggest to the objecting cleric concerned, "evil be to him who evil thinks."

H. HOSKINS.

14, Chevening Road, Greenwich, S.E.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in your last issue a letter from Mr. Arthur Cox defending the action of the clergyman mentioned in "E. J. B.'s" letter on lady ringers. I regard the insinuation of the said clergyman as an insult to all intelligent ringers, who, as a rule, are men of sound moral principles, and I have no hesitation in saying that anyone violating them in a belfry would quickly receive marching orders. It is well that parsons of this type are few and far between. As to Mr. Cox's assertion that ladies have no right in a tower, I say they have as much right there as himself. Why is a belfry standing over the church not as much a part of the church as one standing on a level? I wonder if Mr. Cox considers his bedroom part of his house; the assertion that it was not so would be just as true as his contention relating to the belfry.

He says that the ringing world wants a better class of men, viz., the middle-classes; then things would go better. If he wants to create a class distinction, why not suggest the upper classes? Then I should think according to his line of reasoning that things would go better still. If Mr. Cox himself is of the class he would introduce to the Exercise, I should say that the sooner the ladies oust them the better, as such snobbery will not assist in improving the quality of the ringing, nor the morals of the ringers. As to his objections to lady ringers, they may be summed up in the one word, "selfishness." Personally, I would like to see many more added to the ranks of lady ringers, and would like nothing better than to take a back seat occasionally and see them ringing touches and peals entirely on their own without the aid of mere man.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT SHARP.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall not require much of your space to answer Mr. Cox's letter in your last issue. I should like him to tell me why he makes a distinction between belfries on the ground floor and those in a more elevated position, and also why a lady should not enter a belfry, even if the belfry is not part of the church. But the belfry is part of the church in the same way that Mr. Cox's brains are part of himself, although very much hidden. He wants a better class of men to ring, but why on earth does he wish to exclude women? There is room for all in the ringing world, and what is wanted is more men and women; not snobs, but good ringers, whatever their station in life.

F. J. PARKER.

Edmonton.

### WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and District Association was held on Saturday at the pretty village of Chaddesley Corbett, the Vicar and his good wife giving a warm welcome to the visitors. Ringers were present from Old Hill, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Brierley Hill, Hartlebury, Rushall, Stourbridge, Clent, Wolverley, Chaddesley Corbett, and Selly Oak, together with the general secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman. Service was held in the church, and a short address was given by the Vicar on bells and bell ringing in England and on the Continent. He impressed upon his hearers that after ringing the bells, calling others to church, they themselves should take their place in the House of God.—During the service, Mr. Johnson, of Old Hill, kindly presided at the organ.

After the service, a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and presided over by Mrs. Griffith Williams, was partaken of in the schools. At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar was unanimously elected an honorary member. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Rowly Regis, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Chaddesley Corbett, conductor, Mr. W. Short.—On the motion of Mr. A. E. Parsons, seconded by Mr. H. Mason, and supported by Mr. J. R. Newman, Mr. R. Matthews was re-elected Master. Mr. J. Pigott, representative on the Central Committee, and Mr. E. J. Dowler, secretary. The last-named remarked that the first year of the Association since its division into branches had been in every way successful, so far as the Northern branch was concerned, and the same could be said of the Western and Southern branches, although not so well situated for railways as the Northern branch.—Mr. Mason moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and to Mrs. Griffith Williams for presiding.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Chaddesley Corbett, and hoped he would have the pleasure of doing so again on some future date.

Touchees of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

### HELPING THE "LIMPING ONES."

The quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke district of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday week, at Oakley, when ringers to the number of 33 assembled from Basingstoke (7), Overton (4), Deane (2), Rotherwick (4), Whitechurch (2), Woolton Hill (3), Oakley (9); Mrs. Steedman, of Steventon and Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham, also joined the party. Several were prevented from coming by the threatening aspect of the afternoon, and one, the Rev. F. N. Harvey, through missing a train.

The little six-bell tower was well-filled from 4 o'clock till 9, when an adjournment was made to the Village Room (probably to the relief of some of the villagers), and a pleasant half-hour put in on the handbells. At 6 o'clock the company sat down to a magnificent tea, provided by the kindness of Mrs. Walter, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hume. A useful business meeting followed, at which a good report was given of the bells at Woolton Hill, now put into going order by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and steps were taken to secure instruction for this young band, three of whom cycled over 18 miles to be present at the meeting. Instruction at Whitechurch is also to be resumed.

Plain courses and touchees were rung in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the tower bells; and in Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob, on handbells. The writer, a working ringer not very far advanced, is glad to record his observation of the kindness with which first class ringers (of whom there were several present at Oakley) are glad to use these smaller country meetings in helping on the limping ones who can do a little and want to do a great deal more. Nothing can be of better service to the Exercise at large than this invaluable and kindly help. The annual meeting of the district will be held at Basingstoke on November 18th.

### KENT ASSOCIATION AT HEADCORN.

The annual meeting of the Ashford district of the Kent Association was held at Headcorn, on Saturday week, when about 30 members attended, representing Appledore, Benenden, Lyminge, Marsham, Selindge, Stone, Tenterden, Willesborough, Woolwich, and a good number of the local band. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock, and afterwards 20 members sat down to tea, the Vicar presiding. A special service was subsequently held in the church, and a short but very appropriate address was given by the Vicar. The business meeting was held in the Vestry, after the service. The hon. secretary and the district representative were both re-appointed, and one new member elected. The following meetings were arranged for 1912, viz.: Tenterden in February, Eastwell in May, Hythe in September (annual meeting).—Mr. G. Paine proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the special service and address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting. In responding, the Vicar assured the ringers that it was to him a labour of love, and he extended to one and all a hearty welcome, and promised to become an honorary member of the Association.—Touchees of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round during the afternoon and evening.

### COSELEY RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of the Coseley Parish Church and a few friends (including Messrs. W. Bayliss and B. Reeves, from Bradley), had their annual outing on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23rd. The place selected was the village of Brewod. Leaving Coseley by brake at two o'clock, in gloomy weather, and driving through the Black Country capital (Wolverhampton), Brewod church was reached after two hours' ride. Here the visitors were met by Mr. J. Perry, one of the local ringers, who had previously obtained the use of the bells from the Vicar (the Rev. C. Duntley). After taking the visitors through the interior of the church, and showing them the different monuments, a visit to the ringing chamber was made. Here is a large tablet, bearing the following unique warning to ringers:—

"Ye gentlemen ringers, both far and near,  
That are disposed to ring here;  
To mark this law and keep it well,  
The man that overthrows his bell,  
Sixpence he must pay  
Before he goes hence away;  
He that ring with glove, spur, or hat,  
Sixpence he must pay for that;  
If he either curse or swear,  
Sixpence must pay while you are here,  
'Tis not a place to quarrel in  
To curse or swear it is a sin."

J. Brewster, W. Icke, Churchwardens, 1845.

The bells (a beautifully-toned ring of eight) were raised in peal, and were soon set going to a musical touch of 264 Grandsire Triples, followed by 464 Bob Major.

An adjournment was then made to the residence of Mr. J. Perry, where, under the supervision of Mrs. Perry, a capital tea had been prepared, and to which all did justice. Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the host and hostess, and while some of the visitors made a tour of the village, others returned to the tower, where touchees of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob Triples were brought round, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Fisher, of London and Bristol Surprise fame. On leaving the tower, the ringers were introduced to the Vicar, who was heartily thanked for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells. The return drive was then commenced, and Coseley reached soon after eleven o'clock, after a most enjoyable day. The ringers desire, through "The Ringing World," to thank Mr. Perry for his efforts to make the outing such an enjoyable one.

### MR. W. PAGE'S 100 PEALS.

Mr. W. Page, who has just rung his 100th peal, is probably the first Worcester man to reach the century. The peal was first attempted on Sept. 23rd, and lost after 40 minutes' ringing, through a most unusual occurrence. The tenor rope caught round the corner of the box, forced itself out of the ringer's hands, and then coiled itself round a cross beam in the top of the ringing chamber, effectually eluding recapture.

	Rung	Conducted
Minor in 4 Methods	1	—
Minor in 7 Methods	7	1
Minor in 10 Methods	1	—
Grandsire Triples on Handbells	6	2
Grandsire Triples on Tower Bells	18	10
Grandsire Major	1	1
Grandsire Caters	3	1
Union Triples	1	—
Stedman Triples	22	1
Stedman Caters	2	—
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	—
Bob Major	11	8
Bob Royal	3	—
Canterbury Triples	1	—
Canterbury Major	2	1
Superlative Surprise Major	4	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	—
Double Norwich Major	6	—
Oxford Bob Triples	2	1
	100	26

The peals of Grandsire Triples include one non-conducted. Rung in thirty-eight towers and six counties.

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## NOTICES.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 7th. —A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.**—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7th next, at Christ Church, Dore. Eight bells, tenor 11 cwt., available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warbleton on October 7th. Ringing from 3 o'clock, tea at 5.30.—George H. Howse, Divisional Sec., Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Yaxley tomorrow, Saturday, October 7th. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—F. Cooke, Honorary Secretary.

**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Wednesday, October 11th. For particulars see notices sent to secretaries of companies. It is hoped that all the towers in the town will be available.—Notice of intention to be present to be sent by October 9th to C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Late St. James' Society), Established 1824.—The ninth Annual Grand Bohemian Concert will take place at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, October 14th. Doors open at 7.15, start 7.45. Admission by programme price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the Association, or from Frederick J. Hardy, Hon. Sec., 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Charing on Saturday, October 14th, 1911. Through the generosity of the Rev. Rendell Carter tea will be provided to all members who attend, and who notify the district secretary not later than Monday, October 9th. Belfry open at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual business meeting. Half railway fares up to 2s.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and six-bell contest will take place at Lightcliffe Congregational Church on Saturday, October 14th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who order from me by October 9th.—Geo. Naylor, Honorary Secretary, 7, Bramley Lane, Lightcliffe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social of the above branch will be held on Saturday, October 14th, 1911, at Heywood. Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Social at 7 o'clock. The party will be held in the Conservative Club, York Street. Tickets, gentlemen 1s. 3d., ladies 1s.—J. H. Barton, Branch Secretary

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on October 14th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Park Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Scorton on Saturday, October 14th. Reduced railway fares from Preston (1s. 4d. return) will be granted if a sufficient number is obtained.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.—W. H. Shuker, Branch Secretary, 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at All Souls' on Saturday, October 14th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincoff, Branch Secretary.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Next meeting at Lindfield, October 14th (postponed from September 16th). Tower open 3, tea 5.30 at Bent Hotel. Those intending to be at tea must let me know by Tuesday, October 10th.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

**LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aberdare on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5 o'clock.—Rev. Connop L. Price and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. M. Harvey), at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the donor of the bells, J. F. Stilwell, Esq. Those members intending to be present are requested to notify me not later than the 11th. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should now be paid.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, October 14th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Paul's, Fulney, will be available from 11 o'clock. Dinner at the White Hart Hotel at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Service with short address at the Parish Church at 3.30.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rolleston on Saturday, October 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern district.—A meeting will be held at Graveley, near Stevenage, on Saturday, October 14th. Will all 6 or 5 bellringers take notice of this meeting especially arranged for them. Those who can come are requested to inform B. H. T. Drake, Honorary District Secretary, 29, Bancroft, Hitchin.

**NOTICES (continued).**

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will take place on Saturday, October 14th, at Newmarket. The bells of All Saints (8) and St. Mary's (5) will be available for ringing after 2 p.m. A meat tea will be supplied at Messrs. Games, Queen Street, at 6d. per head. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society).—A quarterly meeting of the Association will take place at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., on October 16th. Tower open at 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. Business meeting at the headquarters' room, Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, W.C., at 9.30. All members should attend.—Frederick J. Hardy, Honorary Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Croston, on Saturday, October 21st. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, October 21st. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea in schoolroom at 6 o'clock, 1s. per head, to be followed by business meeting. Bells available from 3.30 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, October 21st. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Duke, in Upper Street, at 5.30. A practice will take place at St. Martin's on Wednesday next, 11th inst., at 8 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, October 21st. Bells available from 3.45. All members and friends cordially invited.—William J. Kemp, Honorary Secretary, 177, Chatsworth Road, N.E.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, October 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

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