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## THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

At a much earlier date than ringers for some years, at any rate, have been given the information, we were able, last week, to announce the list of the first eight associations in the Peals Analysis. It must be understood, of course, that the list is unofficial, but, nevertheless, we believe it will be found accurate when the Analysis Committee come to issue their report. Such early publication of the interesting information will, we feel sure, be appreciated by the Exercise.

For the first time, the Winchester Guild has come out at the top, and with a fairly substantial lead. Their position is due, as was pointed out last week, very largely to the persistent efforts of the handbell company at Guildford, who scored 58 peals in hand, of which 54 were Stedman. For the first time, probably, handbell peals have lifted an Association to the head of the table, and ringers will not deny the full share of credit due to the able band whose efforts have had such a result. The race for second place in the analysis was, as matters proved, extremely close, the Middlesex Association, after a remarkable finish to the year—over 800 points were added during November and December by 29 peals rung out of, so far as is known, 36 attempts—coming out just a little in front of the Norwich Association, who put on peals with great regularity all through the year. It is a somewhat curious coincidence that except that the Worcestershire Association takes the place of the Oxford Guild, the eight first places are occupied by the same associations as in 1910, and almost in the same order as in that year. This, at any rate, shows consistency, and that in quality as well as in quantity a high standard of peal ringing was maintained.

Of the conductors, many of the old names will be found among those leading the way, but Mr. A. H. Pulling has taken a big jump to the front by calling no fewer than 67 peals in the year. Mr. William Pye, first in 1910 with 45, was second last year with 46, and among others well up in the list are: Messrs. B. Prewett with 30, F. Bennett with 28, G. Williams with 25, J. Motts with 21, and C. Glenn with 20. Mr. Prewett probably heads the list of peal ringers, for he scored no fewer than 76 during the twelve months. One other feature of the results of the year to which we must allude is the advance of Miss Edith Parker, who, out of 21 peals rung during 1911, conducted 17, including seven peals of London, four of Superlative, three of Cambridge and three of Stedman. No lady has ever before achieved such distinction in the ringing world, and Miss Parker's accomplishment is one of the most noteworthy performances in a year full of interest in the annals of the Exercise.

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### TESTIMONIAL.

John O. Sager, Todmorden,  
Solicitor, December 10, 1910  
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,  
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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.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;**

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

ALBERT WALKER ... ..	Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... ..	7
CHARLES DICKENS ... ..	2	EDMUND J. HOYLAND ... ..	8
FREDERICK DICKENS ... ..	3	ERNEST MANCELL ... ..	9
PERCY O. LAFLIN ... ..	4	THOMAS MILLER ... ..	10
ALF. PADDON SMITH ... ..	5	JAMES E. GROVES ... ..	11
JOHN NEAL ... ..	6	SIDNEY J. JESSOP ... ..	Tenor

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

This composition has the 6th 37 courses behind the 8th, 19 in the reverse tittums, and 18 in the handstroke home position, and was rung with bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Thomas Reynolds, upwards of 33 years a ringer at this church.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,  
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;**

HERBERT STANSFIELD... ..	Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR ... ..	6
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... ..	2	BENJAMIN GILL ... ..	7
JAMES WOOD... ..	3	ALBERT ADAMS... ..	8
CHARLES BOWER ... ..	4	SAMUEL BOOTH ... ..	9
SAMUEL WOOD ... ..	5	BENJAMIN THORP ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal of Royal and its composition was rung by the wish of Mr. James Wood, as a complimentary peal to celebrate his 60th birthday, also to celebrate the 28th birthday of Mr. Benjamin Gill, both of whom rang in the peal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1911,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs.

CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD... 6
ALBERT TURNER ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

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

Specially arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. R. F. Deal, who left for Melbourne, Australia, on the 28th by the SS. Geelong.

[The time was omitted from the report of this peal.—Ed.]

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK SKUSE ... ..	Treble	CHARLES COLLIER ... ..	5
THOMAS F. KING ... ..	2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... ..	6
*ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... ..	3	*SAMUEL HECTOR ... ..	7
GEORGE W. TEMPLE ... ..	4	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal of Major by Messrs. Harrison and Hector who hail from Trowbridge, Wilts. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. J. Noble Boughton and Miss E. E. Axford, at St. Mark's, Purley, Croydon.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER ... ..	Treble	GEORGE COTTIS ... ..	5
ALBERT C. HARDY ... ..	2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... ..	6
*FREDERICK C. RUSSELL ... ..	3	REGINALD BLAKE ... ..	7
CALEB FENN ... ..	4	D'OYLY S. SIMONS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Francis E. Fitt, a former member of the above Society.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES ALDERTON ... ..	Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... ..	5
JOB BREWSTER ... ..	2	CHARLES P. RAMPLIN ... ..	6
*TOWER TAYLOR ... ..	3	BENJAMIN ELLMER ... ..	7
FRED. A. HOLDEN ... ..	4	ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

\* First peal. J. Brewster's first peal for 24 years. Rung as birthday compliment to G. Thompson.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR KITCHENER ...	5
FREDERICK WILLIAMS ...	*JOHN WARNER ...	6
*FREDERICK WHITE ...	SAMUEL PAGE ...	7
ALFRED TALBOT ...	WALTER SMITH ...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

\* First peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

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

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. HAMMOND ... ..	Treble	H. R. BUTCHER... ..	5
*O. HOLMWOOD ... ..	2	C. BRASIER... ..	6
E. BISHOP ... ..	3	A. MARTIN ... ..	7
*F. M. EADE ... ..	4	E. BISHOP, Senr. ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

\* First peal of Triples. F. M. Eade was elected a member of the Association before starting.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

AND THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. ROSS ... ..	Treble	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... ..	5
ERNEST H. COOK ... ..	2	GEORGE C. ILES ... ..	6
*HENRY BARROTT ... ..	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON... ..	7
JOHN W. KELLY ... ..	4	*WILLIAM J. SHELTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to W. J. Shelton, who set sail for Australia on 19th inst.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs., in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 5
EDWARD DUFFIELD ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
HENRY GARNHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
WILLIAM ROOPE ... .. 4	CHARLES ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

BLACKBURN.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours,  
At the Parish Church,

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

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*CHARLES BROCKLEHURST ... Treble	†FRED. PEACOCK ... .. 5
WILLIAM BRIGGS ... .. 2	JOHN WATSON ... .. 6
EMMANUEL DUTESON ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK HINDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. C. Brocklehurst was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

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

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	*ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 5
*HENRY W. COWLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE SPENCER ... .. 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 3	†SYDNEY CARTER ... .. 7
*CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 4	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman as conductor.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

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

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	HENRY T. GOWLETT ... .. 5
*SIDNEY B. WEATHERSTON 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... .. 7
*JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 4	ROBERT W. GREEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

HARRY BARTON ... .. Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM MOTTS ... .. 2	EDGAR PEMBERTON ... .. 6
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	JAMES MOTTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and  
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

BRUTON'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM SPARROW ... .. Treble	FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 5
FRANK COOK ... .. 2	HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 7
THOMAS EDWIN ... .. 4	ALLAN KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major.

DORKING, SURREY.  
WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

EDWARD E. DODD ... .. Treble	HENRY BOXALL ... .. 5
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 2	JOHN WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

This was the quarterly peal for the district.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs., in F.

WALTER SADLER ... .. Treble	JOHN SADLER ... .. 5
JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 2	CHARLES NORFOLK ... .. 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	DAVID ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and  
Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(READING BRANCH, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

WALTER WEBB ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
FRANK MARTIN ... .. 2	HARRY TUCKER ... .. 6
HERBERT HATTO ... .. 3	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and  
Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

GODALMING, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES HAZELDENE ... .. 5
*REGINALD BLAKE ... .. 2	FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 6
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 3	*REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
CHARLES GILES ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	CHARLES COLLIER ... 5
GEORGE W. TEMPLE ... 2	HENRY W. BROWN ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	FREDERICK SKUSE ... 7
EDMUND KING ... 4	THOMAS F. KING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

This is the first peal ever rung in the Bath district by entirely local men.

SALISBURY, WILTS.  
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
FREDK. PRECEY ... 2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT ... 6
JOHN S. RUMMING ... 3	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS ... 4	ALBERT SOUTHEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

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

On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALAM, HACKNEY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	HARRY J. RANZETTA ... 5
HAROLD W. CLARK ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
WILLIAM PYE ... 4	ALBERT J. BAYNES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung through meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN RAY ... Treble	HARRY JEAVONS ... 5
FRED. EVANS ... 2	THOMAS WATTON ... 6
WILLIAM MILLS, Junr. ... 3	WILLIAM MILLS, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS GRIFFITHS ... 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by T. WATTON.

Rung by the local band as a compliment to the Rev. T. G. Swindell, on commencing his 25th year as Vicar of the parish.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BOBBING, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

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

*WILLIAM J. WOOD ... Treble	THOMAS JULL ... 4
ALBERT J. DAY ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

\* First peal of Minor. This peal was rung with the bells half muffled out of respect for the widow of the late Rev. Grayson Moor, formerly vicar of the above parish, who was interred in the churchyard on the preceding Thursday. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage after the completion of the peal by the present vicar.

HODDLESDON, NEAR DARWIN.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 each of Durham, York, Bristol, Lichfield, Wells, London and Worcester. Tenor 18 cwt.

G. HARGREAVES ... Treble	J. ROWCLIFFE ... 4
W. RILEY ... 2	A. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
J. HOULDSWORTH ... 3	C. SHARPLES ... Tenor

Conducted by A. HOULDSWORTH.

First peal on the bells, which have the heaviest six-bell tenor in Lancashire. The ringers belong to Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(NORTHERN BRANCH),  
AND THE DUDLEY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven different 720's.

VERNON ALLEN ... Treble	JAMES WHATMORE ... 4
JOHN LLOYD ... 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
HENRY MARTIN ... 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

First peal of Minor in the tower, and first by all the band except the conductor.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*REGINALD LAST ... Treble	ALPHEUS BERRY ... 4
GEORGE KEMP ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
THOMAS DAVY ... 3	LEONARD LAST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Norwich, Cambridge, and Netherseale. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH ... Treble	FREDK. MANSEY ... 4
GEORGE SNELLING ... 2	JOHN SNELLING ... 5
BERTIE TURNER ... 3	FREDK. SEAGER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band, and on the bells.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, January 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*J. NEWPORT ... Treble	H. MILBOURNE ... 4
G. CREED ... 2	E. F. CREED ... 5
T. G. VINCENT ... 3	G. GODDARD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells, for the use of which the ringers wish to thank the Rector.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN ... .. 1—2	GEORGE EASTMAN ... .. 4
*FREDERICK S. MACEY ... .. 2	JAMES NYE ... .. 5
ALBERT J. DAY ... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

\* First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;**

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 1—2	JAMES HUNT ... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 9—10.	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. S. Goldsmith.

OXHEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,  
At 43, HEATH ROAD,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE... .. 1—2	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... .. 5—6
HENRY HODGETTS... .. 3—4	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... .. 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: CHARLES N. LEMAN.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At 8, ST. THOMAS STREET,

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

AN IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

JOHN R. BARTON ... .. 1—2	HARRY GIBSON ... .. 5—6
HENRY FERGUSON ... .. 3—4	JAMES DIXEY ... .. 7—8

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE, Wakefield, and

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

Umpire: THOMAS COLE.

First peal as conductor. This composition is believed to be now rung for the first time. The peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Cole, senior ringer of the St. Mary's Parish Church Guild.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At 1, CARLTON STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

ALBERT V. INNS ... .. 1—2	DAVID J. NICHOLS ... .. 5—6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... .. 3—4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... .. 7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.  
Umpire, R. CHAPMAN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

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

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 1—2	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7—8
SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 9—10	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires, T. W. RADFORD and REGINALD BLAKE.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains all the 2-4-6-8's.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
In the MASTER'S ROOMS, ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,

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

*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... .. 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... .. 3—4	†REGINALD O. STREET ... .. 7—8

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD and

Conducted by REGINALD O. STREET.

Umpire, F. R. WHITE.

\* First peal away from 7-8. † First peal of Major as conductor.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Brierley Hill, on January 13th, was Charles E. Perkins and was his first peal as conductor.

Mr. E. F. Poppy writes:—Will the band that took part in the peal at Eye on August 22nd, 1911, please accept my apology for ringing a false peal. I was under the false impression that any peal of Bristol would go true to Treble Bob.

# PEAL BOARDS

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BRECON.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Kinsey 1, S. Brooks 2, G. Giblin 3, A. Matthews 4, G. Hardwick 5, W. Hargest 6, W. Evans (conductor) 7, S. Watkins 8.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's variation), in 44 mins.: W. Hargest 1, G. Giblin 2, S. Brooks 3, R. Kinsey 4, G. Hardwick 5, W. Short 6, A. Matthews (conductor) 7, W. Evans 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., 720 of Bob Minor: P. Webb 1, H. Carder 2, E. Webb (conductor) 3, F. Bowtell, W. Flitton 5, J. Webb 6; also 240 Doubles, W. Godfrey, A. Carder and F. Griggs taking part.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, 360 Oxford Bob. To ring in the New Year, 360 Bob Minor.—On Thursday, Jan. 4th, owing to illness near the church, 720 Oxford, on handbells: \*A. Carder 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, \*H. Carder 3, E. Webb 4, F. Bowtell 5, \*A. Lilley 6. \*First in the method. Also two courses of Canterbury: A. Starr 3, W. Flitton 5, rest as above. For morning service, on Sunday, Jan. 7th, 360 and 240 of Oxford.

FRENTHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Mills 1, A. Chuter (first quarter-peal) 2, G. Fletcher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, H. Chaffey 4, E. Day 5, W. Dedman 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Mills 1, H. Chaffey (conductor) 2, W. Court (first 720) 3, A. Chuter 4, E. Day 5, W. Dedman 6.

The Middlesex Association are soon to have another peal of eight in their area. St. Stephen's Church, West Ealing, already possesses an octave, with a tenor 14 cwt., but they are hung only for chiming. The bells are now to be taken down and hung in a steel frame, and fitted with iron headstocks and other modern fittings. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, have been entrusted with the work of transforming them into a ringing peal.

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We often chronicle the doings of some young ringer of exceptional ability, but we think the performance of Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, among the smartest of which we have heard. He is but 15 years of age, and began to ring only last July, yet at Quorndon, Leicester, he rang his first touches of Double Norwich (on the treble), Duffield and Stedman all on the same day, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman. The ringers were E. Bartram 1, L. E. Allen 2, E. Morris 3, A. Pettitt 4, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 5, R. H. Bartram 6, J. Morris 7, C. H. Fowler 8.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

### A PROSPEROUS SOCIETY.

#### SUPPORT FOR A RINGERS' BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME.

A thriving little society, about which not a great deal is heard, but which is doing excellent work in the somewhat remote south-eastern corner of Kent and Sussex, is the Romney Marsh and District Guild. The annual meeting has just been held at Appledore, and very encouraging reports were presented. Representatives attended from Appledore, Ashford, Iden, Rye, and Stone-in-Oxney, while members from Benenden, Hawkhurst, New Romney and Tenterden were only kept away by the inclement weather. During the afternoon Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and tea was afterwards partaken of at the Swan Hotel, at which the Master, Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye, presided. The Vicar of Appledore, who is the President of the Guild, took the chair at the subsequent meeting, at which the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. J. Youngs) presented the balance sheet. The former showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £1 10s. 4½d. to £2 8s. 4d. during the year, and the membership had risen to 37, an increase of eleven.—The balance sheet was adopted.

#### PROGRESS.

The Master presented the annual report, which was of a gratifying nature, showing that the meetings had been well attended and that progress was being made in the methods rung. Change ringing, he said, had attained a higher standard in the area of the Guild than it had done for some time past. Touching upon the condition of church bells in the neighbourhood, the speaker said the peal of six at Beckley and the five at High Halden had undergone complete restoration. At Northiam the balance of the Coronation funds was handed over to start a fund for the restoration of the bells at that tower, and at Wittersham the question of rehanging the five bells and adding another had been discussed. Nothing, however, had been definitely settled, but as the Church folk in that parish were very energetic (the interior of their church having been completely restored), he thought that in time they would direct their attention to the bells. While their change ringing had prospered during the past year, the work of restoration was going on as well, so they were gradually getting more churches at their disposal. Restoration was being carried out all over England, for week by week they read in the ringing journals of rings of bells being dedicated, and funds started for the restoration of others.

#### HOW A BENEVOLENT FUND WOULD HELP.

But the difficulty was to get the members of the towers in which the bells had been restored to become members of the Association in the Diocese in which they were situated. However, in his opinion, the removal of this drawback would be greatly facilitated if the benevolent fund for ringers, as suggested by "The Ringing World," was adopted. If to an outsider was explained the benefits he would want to contribute to it, and in order to do so would, in all probability, have to belong to an Association. The speaker hoped the matter would be taken up by all the Associations, and that it would be discussed at the next meeting of the Central Council. If it was brought into operation, he thought it would receive the unanimous support of the change ringers, and be an inducement to those ringers not acquainted with the science of campanology to join an Association, and not only reap the benefits of the fund, but take up the art of change ringing (applause). Continuing, he said they were all extremely grateful to the clergy for granting them permission to hold their meetings at the various churches during the past year (applause). He was also very thankful to the proprietors of various newspapers for inserting their meetings. By reporting their doings in various journals they educated the general public that change ringing truly was a science, and that it required great skill to become an efficient campanologist.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, the Rev. A. O. Scutt; Master, Mr. G. Billenness (for the fourth time in succession); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Youngs.—The committee was elected as follows: Messrs. R. Dunster (Stone), C. Tribe (Tenderden), T. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), G. B. Anderson (New Romney), A. C. Kay (Ashford), and G. Kenward (Iden). Two new members were also elected, and Woodchurch selected as the new place of meeting, Bethersden being chosen in the event of Woodchurch bells not being available.—It was also decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at New Romney or Appledore.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and the Rev. A. O. Scutt, in replying, expressed his pleasure at the flourishing condition of the Guild. The members had increased, the ringing had improved, and on the whole, the Guild was going forward, and he offered them his sincere congratulations. It was a great privilege to the clergy to lend their towers to the bell ringers. Most of the clergy wanted more men to come forward to assist in the work of the church, but the bell ringers, he thought, were always ready to do their part.

After the meeting, the rest of the evening was devoted to music and handbell ringing.

## MEETING AT MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Cathedral on Saturday last, and was one of the best attended gatherings which has been held in the district for a long time past. Mr. Harry Chapman presided over the meeting, and welcomed the visitors, especially the young band connected with the tower at Prestwich, who are very determined to master the intricate art of change ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, members being present from Manchester, Prestwich, Pendleton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Oldham, Middleton, Moorside, Reddish, Rusholme, Hyde, Stockport, Stoke, Didsbury, Worsley, Gorton, etc.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the authorities of the Cathedral for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and last, but not least, to the chairman.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

Owing to the weather, the attendance at the meeting of this branch at Rowley Regis on Saturday last was not so good as one could have wished. Service was held at 4.15, the address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Danglish). Afterwards tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar in the Schoolroom, was disposed of in true ringers' fashion. At the meeting following, the Vicar took the chair. The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Rowley Regis, conducted by Mr. R. Matthews. An invitation for the summer meeting was received from Wolverley, near Kidderminster, and was accepted. The new members elected included the Vicar, as an hon. member, and the Rowley Regis ringers as performing members. Owing to a severe illness, the branch secretary, Mr. E. J. Dowler, was unable to be present, and the general secretary (Mr. J. R. Newman), who took his place, was instructed to forward the vote of sympathy with him.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar brought the meeting to a close.—During the evening the bells were kept going in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise.

## BAYLHAM BELLS AUGMENTED.

A new treble has been dedicated at Baylham, Suffolk, by the Lord Bishop of Norwich, assisted by fifteen clergy of the neighbouring parishes. The five old bells have also been rehung, and the third recast, thus making a handy ring of six with a 10 cwt. tenor. Ringers from Ipswich, Great Bentley, Henley, etc., and the local company rang the bells in and after the service, and one and all spoke in the highest terms of all the work which has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

## RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

### YARMOUTH.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, of the White Horse Hotel, the Yarmouth ringers, with a few friends, were entertained to dinner on Friday week. The chair was taken by Mr. Denison Hayward, who was supported by Messrs. G. Lupson, G. Buddery, W. Gamble and E. Frost.—The repast was admirably served, and a most enjoyable social evening followed. Various toasts were honoured, and the health of the host and hostess was drunk with enthusiasm, and thanks accorded them for enabling the company to spend a most happy evening. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Harding, Pidgeon, Pestell, Frost, Gamble, Harwood and Hammond, while Mr. Gamble also related some amusing anecdotes.

### FROME.

Through the kind hospitality of the steeplekeeper (Mr. A. M. G. Daniel) the ringers of St. John's, were entertained to dinner at the Eath Arms Hotel on Saturday last. The Vicar (the Rev. Preb. W. F. H. Randolph) presided, supported by the churchwardens (Mr. C. Bailey and Mr. W. Iggulden), etc. A capital spread was followed by the annual meeting.—The Vicar thanked the steeplekeeper, captain, secretary and ringers for their services during the year.—Mr. W. Bishop was re-elected captain, and Mr. H. W. Minty was re-elected secretary and treasurer.—The Vicar again appointed Mr. Daniel as steeplekeeper.

After the meeting the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. A. M. G. Daniel, H. W. Minty, J. Offer, T. Bendy, H. Nutley, and R. Knight.

## MEETING AT CHESTERFIELD

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Chesterfield on Saturday. In spite of the miserable weather there was a good attendance, the following towers being represented: Alfreton, Derby, Bolsover, Staveley, and North Wingfield, together with the local company. The business was brief. The same officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year.—Needless to add the bells were kept going in various methods.

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION.

### MR. A. H. PULLING—THE LEADING CONDUCTOR OF THE YEAR.

The Exercise contains few examples of a young man coming so rapidly to the front as that provided by Mr. Alfred Henry Pulling, of Guildford. As leader of the Holy Trinity Society he first began to come into prominence as a conductor about two or three years ago, but he has come into the ringing firmament with almost meteoric brilliance during the last twelve months by the exceptional ability displayed as the guiding spirit of the handbell company in the Surrey county town, a company which has brought honours to itself and fame to the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The remarkable achievements of the band were among the most notable performances of 1911, and, as we were able to announce last week, resulted in placing the Winchester Guild on the top of the Peals



A. H. PULLING.

Analysis. It is to Mr. Pulling's untiring energy, backed by the enthusiasm of the other Guildford men, that success has been achieved, and they are reaping now the reward of perseverance, for when Stedman was first tackled, so many attempts were made before a peal was scored, that the company gave up counting the failures. Alfred Pulling is a born conductor, and his skill in this direction is almost amazing. On tower bells or handbells he is equally at home, but to see him at his best one has to watch him conducting Stedman in hand. In this direction he is a perfect genius.

Mr. Pulling first saw the light of day on September 18th, 1880, at Petworth, Sussex, where his grandfather was a ringer for over 60 years. At 13 years of age he began ringing at Holy Trinity, Guildford, to which band he has been attached ever since. Until 1899 call changes were

rung, and then, the bells being rehung, change ringing was taken up under the instructorship of Mr. Charles Willshire, to whom Mr. Pulling owes a great deal for the thorough grounding he received in the rudiments of method ringing. Mr. Pulling rang his first peal at Hawley, Hants, in October, 1899, and in December of the same year took part in the first peal by a local society at Guildford, conducted by Mr. Willshire, who, in June, 1900, called Mr. Pulling's first peal of Stedman. Bob Major and Treble Bob followed, and, in July, 1901, he rang his first peal of Double Norwich at St. George's, Camberwell, which Mr. William Pye conducted. Mr. Pulling's first peal as conductor was Holt's Original, rung on October 1st, 1902, and he called his first peal of Stedman (Thurstans' one part) on December 26th, 1904. In undertaking compositions of this character for first essays Mr. Pulling showed early evidence of his skill as a conductor.

He has always taken a great interest in the Holy Trinity Society, and was elected its conductor in 1905. He called his first peal of Superlative rung on a bob bell and the first by the local society in the Guild in 1906. The year 1910 was a record year for the Holy Trinity band, when they scored London, Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, while Norfolk was rung in February, 1911. All these peals were the first in the method by the Guild by an entirely local band, while the Bristol and Norfolk were the first rung in Surrey and by the Association. Mr. Pulling was the conductor of each of these peals, as well as of the first peal of Bob Royal by the Winchester Guild, rung at Reigate in 1905. His first peal of Caters as conductor was Stedman called from a non-observation bell, and the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques on handbells by the Guild were also called by him from bob-making pairs. He was selected to call the peal of Stedman rung on the occasion of the funeral of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and among other performances of note are a 7396 of Double Norwich on tower bells, and two 7000's of Stedman Caters in hand, the 7777 of the latter being Mr. Pulling's 200th peal. The recent performances of six peals of Stedman Caters on successive evenings, and the quickest peal of Triples on record are fresh in the memory of our readers. Mr. Pulling, however, always looks upon his first peal of Stedman Triples in hand as one of his best performances, and that peal will long be remembered by those who took part in it as being the crowning effort of patience and perseverance.

Mr. Pulling easily heads the list of conductors for 1911, having called 67 peals, made up of the following:—Tower bells: Superlative 1, Cambridge 1, Bristol 4, London 2, Norfolk 1. On handbells: Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Triples 22, Stedman Caters 31. A total abstainer, and practically a non-smoker, Mr. Pulling's one hobby is ringing, and the Winchester Guild is proud of the brilliant young conductor. He is the Ringing Master of the flourishing Guildford District of the Guild, and is also a member of the Surrey, Sussex and Middlesex County Associations, and the Truro and Oxford Diocesan Guilds. The peals he has rung are made up as follows:—

	On Tower Bells. Con- Rung.	On Handbells. Con- Rung.
Bob Minor .....	3	3
7 Minor Methods .....	2	2
7 Treble Bob Do. ....	1	1
7 Surprise Do. ....	1	1

Bob Major .....	22	17	I	I
Bob Royal .....	3	2		
Treble Bob Major .....	3	2		
Treble Bob Royal .....	3	2		
Grandsire Triples .....	22	16	9	8
Grandsire Caters .....	I		5	5
Stedman Triples .....	46	23	28	28
Stedman Caters .....	8	3	35	35b
Stedman Cinques .....			I	I
Double Norwich Major...	21	13a		
Superlative Surprise .....	13	9		
Cambridge Surprise .....	2	2		
New Cambridge Surprise	I			
Norfolk Surprise .....	I	I		
London Surprise .....	7	7		
Bristol Surprise .....	7	7		

Totals ... 167 111 79 78

Rung 246, conducted 183.

a Including 7396; b including 7023 and 7777.

### ODD CHANGES.

#### Collected from all Quarters.

Miss Macalpine Leny, whose interest in ringing generally, and in the welfare of the College Youths particularly is so well known, has gone to reside, with the Rev. and Mrs. Mackinnon, at Speldhurst Close, Kippington, Sevenoaks, Kent. It will be noticed that the name of Speldhurst, with which parish the family have been long associated, has been retained in the new home to which they have gone.

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It is apparently never too late to begin change ringing. At Uttoxeter Mr. W. Cope has rung his first quarter-peal—at the age of 75 years.

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In connection with the article upon Grandsire composition by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, which appeared in our columns a few weeks ago, Mr. A. Corrigan, of St. Patrick's belfry, Dublin, has printed the table of lead ends in full, and will be pleased to supply a copy to those who may wish for one and will send a stamped addressed envelope to the above address.

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A peal board has been unveiled at Harlow Common, Essex, recording the first peal rung there by a local band, which was conducted by Mr. F. Palmer, late of Irthlingborough, on February 28th, 1908. It was erected to perpetuate his memory.

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Mr. G. W. T. Smith has been presented with an aneroid barometer by the ringers at Tring, Herts, in recognition of his services as instructor to the band.

It is intended to add a treble and tenor to the present peal of six at Egham, Surrey, which, with the rehangings and other alterations, are to cost £476. Thanks in a large degree to an anonymous donor £340 has already been subscribed, and, at a meeting of ladies held last week, a committee of 22 was enrolled for the purpose of collecting the remainder of the money. The parish has been apportioned systematically and thoroughly canvassed, and it is hoped to raise the whole of the sum required by to-morrow (Saturday).

They appear to know how to manage things at Egham, and when other parishes are in need of funds for a similar purpose they might take a leaf out of Egham's book. It is difficult to resist the blandishments of ladies.

With our inquiries<sup>\*</sup> last week for<sup>\*</sup> "long" peal ringers, and a band of journalists, we seem to have set the ball rolling. Mr. T. R. Dennis, of 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge, writes: "As a postal worker I should like to see if a peal by postal officials could not be arranged, say in London. I think amongst the 80,000 ringers throughout the country there must be a good many postal and telegraph ringers. I, myself, should be pleased to make one for a peal if it could be arranged." We suggest that postal ringers should communicate with Mr. Dennis, and between them they could perhaps fix up a peal.

### THE PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

The composition of the peal of Kent Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday is supposed to be the first rung on the plan. It is a two-part peal with the alternate calling used in the first part, and was composed by Mr. S. Wood.

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After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. James Wood, their wants being attended to by Mrs. Wood and their daughters. The cordial congratulations of the band were extended to Mr. Wood on reaching his 60th birthday.

### LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major (J. W. Washbrook's composition) by members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, is to be made at Clent on January 27th, starting at 10 a.m.

It will be remembered that an unsuccessful attempt was previously made for this peal on Boxing Day at Bromsgrove.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the southern district was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday last, and there was a record attendance, many old members being present. Good touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal, were rung. At the business meeting in the evening, the election of new members was ratified, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on the second Saturday in March, at Mitcham, or, failing that, St. Mary's, Battersca, or St. George's, Southwark. The arrangement of dates for the district meetings for 1912 was referred to the general committee.—The balance sheet audited by Mr. T. H. Taffender was presented, and the report remarked on the progress of the southern district. All the officers were unanimously re-elected as follows: Mr. H. S. Ellis, master; Mr. F. A. Smith, secretary; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; and Mr. C. H. Hughes, steward.—After the business ringing was resumed until 8.30, when a successful meeting was brought to a close.

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## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

### ANNUAL MEETING IN LONDON.

Those privileged to attend the annual meeting of "The Cumberlands" at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday last will long remember it as one of the most successful ever held in the annals of the society. Ringing commenced with a touch of Stedman Cinques, followed by three leads of Treble Bob Maximus, in which Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, made her debut on twelve bells. These and other touches occupied the time until 5.30, when some 40 members assembled in the Vestry Hall, to partake of a substantial tea, most kindly provided through the hospitality of the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shelford), who had also placed the hall at the disposal of the members. Mr. Shelford also spent some time at the meeting, giving some interesting experiences of his 40 years' ministry in North-east London.

The Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presided at the business meeting which followed. The balance sheet was adopted, and the following were re-elected as officers for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; treasurer, Mr. H. Dains; secretary, Mr. F. P. Bennett; senior steward, Mr. A. Hardy; Mr. F. Hairs taking the position of junior steward. A letter was received from Mr. R. A. Daniell, intimating his desire not to again serve on the Central Council, and the Master was appointed to fill the vacancy, Messrs. Dains, Parker and Bennett being re-elected. A sum of £5 was voted to the Shoreditch Bell Restoration Fund.

The following ladies and gentlemen were then elected as members of the society: Miss E. L. Bennett, Miss E. Steele, Miss C. Beasley and Miss C. Johnson, Mr. R. Warner, Mr. A. Edmonds, Mr. W. Ratcliffe, Mr. J. Mackenny, Mr. H. Dew and Mr. C. Hughes. The election of Mr. H. Flanders was also confirmed.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the officers for their services during the past year concluded the business.

The bells were kept going until nine o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the Bedford Head Hotel, the company being joined, greatly to their appreciation, by the Master and several members of the College Youths. Songs and handbell ringing were indulged in until a late hour, the company separating fully convinced that the Cumberlands were in no immediate danger of becoming extinct.

## SALISBURY GUILD.

### DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held in St. John's Parish Room, Devizes, on Saturday week. Among those present were: The Rev. J. H. Burn, Rector of Great Cheverell (chairman), Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. secretary), and also the Rev. P. W. G. Fillenul, Rector of Devizes, Canon Gardiner, Vicar of Southbroom, the Rev. W. T. B. Hayter, Vicar of Westbury, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Rector of Bechington, together with ringing members from Steeple Ashton, Seend, Westbury, Southbroom, Great Cheverell, Keevil, St. Mary's, Devizes, Melksham, Potterne, St. John's, Devizes, Chirton, and Urchfont. A party, numbering 41, sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Rector of Devizes.

At the business meeting, which followed, the annual report and balance sheet for 1911 were read and confirmed. The report stated that twelve meetings had been held during the year, the numbers attending being very good, although on three occasions the weather was very stormy. The number of ringing members in the branch had increased from 111 in 1910, to 146 in 1911.

The chairman and hon. secretary were thanked for their past services, and unanimously elected to continue in their respective posts for another year.—Eight new members were received into the Guild from Bradford-on-Avon tower; also one from Urchfont, one from Melksham, and one from Marden.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Seend, on February 3rd, and the following one at Westbury on May 4th.

The question of holding a short service at the ringing meetings was again brought up, and after considerable discussion it was decided to hold a short service at the annual meetings after tea was over.—It was also decided, upon the proposition of Canon Gardiner, that prayers should be said in the church towers before ringing commenced by some one appointed for that purpose.

The Rev. J. H. Burn expressed his pleasure at seeing five lady ringers at the meeting, and hoped that they and others, would continue to help with the ringing. It was decided that the Netheravon tower (which is just within the border) be allowed to join the Salisbury branch, instead of Devizes, the former being so much more convenient for them, but reserving to the branch the right to ring there when desirable.

Very hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Devizes for providing tea for the meeting, also for the use of the Parish Room and the bells of St. John's.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. Canon Gardiner for the use of the bells at Southbroom Church.—During the afternoon and evening ringing was kept up at both these churches, but the bells at St. Mary's could not be used, being temporarily out of order, and awaiting repairs.

## TRICK RINGING.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, the Rev. H. Drake, makes some rather severe remarks about four-handed change ringing. He stated that: "One has always understood change ringing on handbells to be double-handed, neither more or less." How does he reconcile this with the fact that single-handed peals have been scored? He also says: "One has often rung tunes and changes four-handed, either by oneself or with others." What comparison is to be drawn between tunes and changes, and what four-bell tunes would be available for ringing by oneself, or would Bob Singles be very instructive? With regard to tapping on all the bells, or on a piano, I have tried a few methods on seven, eight, and upwards, and find it a matter for serious study and plenty of practice. Finally, Mr. Drake says these are all on the same level as "lapping." I can say from experience that one accomplished change ringer can steer three or more (according to the number of bells) unexperienced men through touches that are lapped—in fact, I lapped touches myself before I tackled the art of change ringing—but can he say the same in regard to four-handed ringing.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

Croydon.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—May I remind Mr. Clement Glenn that "trick" work has nothing to do with trickery, as he so strangely imagines. It usually means work which is more than ordinarily difficult, and as a rule cannot be done by ordinary people. I only classed "lapping" with trick ringing, because it is, I suppose, only performed by round ringers; and in their case requires unusual skill, I should imagine. At any rate, I have never seen a successful performance. Elijah Roberts' tapping was indeed a marvellous achievement, and the mental ability which can produce changes by a single performer on any instrument, is deserving of much praise; but that does not make any of it change ringing, in the correct meaning of the term.—Yours faithfully,

Braiworth Rectory.

H. DRAKE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

A very successful annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday week. Over 50 members were present at evensong in the Parish Church, when an excellent address was given by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), while 69 ringers and seven clergy, and others, attended the tea and subsequent business meeting. The accounts for 1911 were passed, and the Chairman (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis) expressed his sincere regret at the absence of the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and R. Tomlinson, the latter being in a nursing home in London under treatment for a serious illness. In reviewing the work of the branch during 1911, the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. Broome) congratulated the members upon their numbers, which were somewhat in excess of those in 1910, also upon the successful accomplishment of nine peals during 1911, and the eleven monthly meetings held at various towers for combined practice. These meetings were found to be most helpful in many ways, and were admirably organised by the committee and their secretary, Mr. Joseph White. The outgoing officers were re-elected, with two exceptions, Mr. H. Bungay being chosen as foreman for Binfield, and Mr. Joseph White for Hurst.

The Master announced that the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild would take place at Christ Church, Oxford, and expressed a hope that Wokingham might be selected for the year 1913.—The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, and the members adjourned to the two Wokingham towers for ringing practice.

## FIFTY YEARS SEXTON & STEEPLEKEEPER

An old ringer has passed away at Ewhurst, Surrey, in the person of Frederick Francis. He had been connected with the parish church and bells for about 50 years, having been appointed sexton, steeplekeeper and grave-digger in the year 1862. Only on January 1st last he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, he being 79 years of age, and the old lady 81. The deceased was interred on Friday last, and was borne to his last resting-place by four of the ringers. After the funeral 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled, by Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, J. Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

## BELLS REHUNG AT HIGH HALDEN.

The five bells in the massive wooden tower of High Halden Church, Kent, have been entirely rehung on steel headstocks, and the tenor recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, bellfounder, of Ipswich. The bells were tested by members of the Kent County Association, including Mr. Tribe, of Tenterden, who expressed their entire satisfaction with the tone and "go" of them. The tenor weighs 13½ cwt., and a spare pit has been arranged for a new treble, which it is hoped will be forthcoming in the near future.

**MR. F. DENCH'S NEW SYSTEM.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Mr. Drake's complaint of my new system in ringing is the result of inexperience. If Mr. Drake will examine the methods, he will find the tenor and course bells are together for as many changes as, if not more than in any other method in existence, the bells being parted 12 changes in the one and 52 in the other. Is this bad music? The qualities of the finest composition obtainable will apply to this. Is this detrimental to the music? I contend that all ringing is musical where there is perfect tune. The system of changing the hunts cannot take away what is there, for rhythm is made by the striking. A well-struck peal of London Surprise is far better than a bad peal of Double Norwich as regards music.

Although musical changes are pleasant to the ear, they are oftentimes monotonous to the mind, otherwise Bob Major or Double Norwich would be the only methods practised. The methods in question are Double Bob Major and Albion Treble Bob. The late Rev. Earl Bulwer framed his New Cumberland in trying to discover Albion—at all events it is one of the same family. Albion has also been written on, by good authority, that its musical properties places it in a position second to none. Mr. Drake also hopes the system wont be allowed; perhaps its difficulties will retard it, but there is no power on earth that can stop it from being rung. I thank Mr. Drake for giving me an opportunity to explain the qualities of the system, although I think his complaint is unprecedented in the history of change ringing. Yours truly,

F. DENCH.

**THE NON-CONDUCTED PEAL OF MINOR.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I beg to thank Mr. D. Preston, of Bucknall, and Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, for the correction regarding our silent peal of Minor. I did not remember reading the account of either of the peals before, hence the reason for assuming that the one we rang was the first. When writing the footnote, I felt that after all it possibly might not be the first, and so wrote "believed to be the first," in the hope that if it was incorrect someone would write and say so. It all goes to show how careful one ought to be in claiming anything as a record. One, however, feels a satisfaction in having rung a silent peal, for it is worth ringing at any time, and is a feat a little bit above the ordinary.

Little Munden.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

**THE ALL-CONDUCTED PEAL.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate the band who rang the all-conducted peal at Rolleston-on-Dove, and at the same time mention the fact that a peal similarly conducted was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Nether-ton, Worcestershire, on August 18th, 1894, in the following methods: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire, each ringer calling a 720 and 120 each of the last method.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY PRICE.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Saturday week, and was attended by upwards of 40 members. Ringing proceeded in various methods till 5.30, when a service was conducted, and an inspiring address given by the energetic clerical secretary, the Rev. E. V. Cox. A splendid tea followed, and the little business transacted at the committee meeting, held previously, was explained.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin) for the use of the church, bells and institute, to the ladies who looked after the comforts of the inner-man, to the organist who helped considerably to brighten the service, and to the Rev. E. V. Cox for his address, was heartily given.—The Vicar, in reply, gave the visitors a warm welcome.—Further ringing in the tower ended a pleasant meeting. Nothing preventing, the annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Easter Monday.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

The third quarterly meeting of North Notts Association was held at Worksoy on Saturday week, when members attended from Anston, Harthill, Shireoaks, Blyth, Retford East, and Worksoy. The bells, which have recently been restored and came in for the highest praise for their nice easy "go," were kindly placed at the disposal of ringers from 3.0 to 9.30 p.m., and various touches of Kent, Grandsire, Union and Bob Major, and several interesting six-bell methods were successfully brought round. An adjournment was made to the Waverley Hotel, where Host and Hostess Bosworth had provided an excellent tea, to which 27 members and friends sat down, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy), and supported by the hon. secretary (the Rev. B. Darley, of Harthill). Several new members were elected, and notice was given to bring before the annual meeting the advertising of the society's meetings in "The Ringing World." After sundry

other items of business had been disposed of, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the use of the bells, and his presence at the tea and meeting, the Vicar suitably replying.—The next meeting will be the "annual" at Retford, fixed by the committee for April or May.—The weather was very unfavourable for the country members, who make use of the cycle, but there was a fair muster, and the ringing was fairly good on the whole.

**THE PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR.**

EXPERT OPINION ASKED FOR.

Mr. H. W. Wilde writes: Replying to the question raised by Mr. Reeves, in last week's "Ringing World," has the method rung at Eccleston been misnamed? I do not think it has, as if Mr. Reeves will look in the Central Council's "Collection of Legitimate Methods," page 5, Method No. 7, he will there find this method given as St. Clement's Minor, with Plain Bob bobs and singles; it is also to be found in Snowdon's "Standard Methods" (Revised Edition), as St. Clement's Minor. Mr. Snowdon there says, this method appears in "Campanologia," by J. D. and C. M. in 1702. If the Major method rung at Eccleston is St. Simon's, then the method given in your last week's issue must be St. Simon's Triples, and not St. Clement's Triples, as undoubtedly they are one and the same method, in spite of what Mr. Reeves says about the bobs in the Triples being Grandsire Bobs, and Plain Bob bobs in the Major method.

Methods No. 3, 4, 5 and 6, Minor and Triples, in the collection of Legitimate Methods, are all instances where the Plain Bob bob and single are used in the Minor and the Grandsire bob in the Triples.

Perhaps the Rev. Law James, or some other member of the Legitimate Methods Collection Committee will give us their opinion about it, as we should like to have it settled what the name of this method really is.

**WHY THE NAME WAS USED.**

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, of Simonsdelf, Frodsham, writes:—

Being partly responsible for the peals of St. Clement's Triples and Major rung by the Chester Guild, I should like to point out why they were published under that name. In 1905, Mr. Dains published some extracts from Annable's note-book. Among the methods was one called Lambeth Bob, which was identical with what is called St. Clement's Minor in the C.C. Collection. It was rung a few weeks later at St. Mary's, Grassendale, and published as Lambeth Bob in the Lancashire Association analysis of 720's rung. It was also rung in Cheshire, and published as Lambeth Bob. When the C.C. collection was published I wrote to the Rev. H. Law James asking whether St. Clement's was an older name than Lambeth. He replied that Mr. Dains was solely responsible for the names in the collection. I wrote then to Mr. Dains, but could get no reply. So, assuming that the committee had some good reason for the name of St. Clement's, I used that name when next ringing the method, and under that name it was included in a peal of Plain Minor at Daresbury in 1909, and in the extent of Minor Bob Methods rung at Frodsham in 1911. The Triples rung at Chester and Major rung at Eccleston in 1911 are quite obviously the same method as the Minor, and whatever name is adopted should apply to all numbers, odd or even.

**ANCIENT AUTHORITY.**

Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford, writes:—I quite agree with Mr. H. S. Reeves that the method rung at Eccleston on December, 28th, 1911, is not St. Clement's Bob Major, as the treble leads differ from those of Minor. I herewith enclose a copy of the method as printed on page 79 of "Campanologia Improved" date 1753:—

"St Clement's Bob by J. D. Hunts 1, 3, 6. In this Peal the Treble hath a hunting course; and as soon as it leaves the fourth's place, the foremost Bells dodge till it comes down and parts them: every Bell that comes from behind goes no lower than third's place, except the Bell that happens there when the Treble goes to lead hunts down: when the Treble leads. The Bell in fourth's place lies still a whole pull, and the two hindmost Bells make a single dodge. At a Bob the Bell in fourth's places goes up, and the Bell in fifth's comes down, and they are called by the same rule as in the foregoing peal."

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Barrington 1, J. Lee 2, H. L. Goldsmith 3, I. J. Attwater 4, F. Attwater 5, L. Attwater (conductor) 6, E. Attwater 7, C. Wallace 8.—On Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. L. Goldsmith 1, S. Greenwood 2, J. Lee 3, I. J. Attwater 4, J. A. Lambert 5, C. Daniels 6, L. Attwater (conductor) 7, C. Wallace 8.—Also at Emmanuel Church on Dec. 25th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. L. Goldsmith 1, S. Greenwood 2, W. Shepherd 3, I. J. Attwater 4, \*F. Attwater 5, \*E. Attwater 6, L. Attwater 7, W. J. Anscomb 8. \*Longest length in the method.

## THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

"A Midlander" has asked me for a few hints upon calling Grandsire Triples. He would like to make a start in this branch of the Art, but does not like to "show his ignorance," as he puts it, by asking the conductor in the tower for information. I do not think anyone who aspires to get on should be afraid to ask his friends for help when he desires knowledge, and, as a rule, a few minutes' conversation with one who knows is the best and quickest means of learning. Therefore, "Midlander," do not be ashamed to ask your conductor questions, for if he is the right sort and anxious to see his band progress he will do his utmost to assist you. He will probably remember that he had to learn once upon a time.

A beginner at calling must not expect to jump to the top of the tree as a conductor straight away. Apart from a few exceptional cases, the successful conductor is one who has devoted years of patient study to the business, for conducting is not simply a question of calling the bobs in the proper place. A conductor ought to know whether the bells are right, and how to keep them right when mistakes occur. I have often pointed out how necessary it is for beginners in ringing to study at home what they are afterwards going to ring in the belfry, but this remark applies with far greater force to the young conductor. He must learn his lesson well before he goes to the tower.

When he begins he will probably find he has as much as he can manage to call the bobs in the proper places, for precision in this matter is of prime importance. Nothing is more likely to upset the ringing than bobs called too soon or too late—the latter is usually fatal to the touch or peal. To the calling of the bobs, then, let the beginner first devote his attention; the ropesight which will enable him to correct mistakes is a matter which experience only will bring—coupled with the acquired knowledge of the way in which the bells work one with the other.

In Grandsire the proper place at which to call the bobs is the handstroke row when the treble is in 3rd's place going down to lead. Worked from this, it will be found that the bell which is to make 3rd's place at the bob and is the only bell unaffected by it, is leading its handstroke blow. The bell which will have to make 3rd's place and go into the hunt, will be striking in 2nd's—immediately under the treble. Of the bells which will have to do the double dodging, the one going to 4-5 up will be striking in 4th's—immediately over the treble—the one going to 6-7 up will be striking in 6th's, the one going to 6-7 down will be lying the second of the two blows behind, and the one going to 4-5 down (to dodge out of the hunt) will be striking in 5th's. The places I have named are the places where the bells will strike their respective handstroke blows, but, as they strike in consecutive order, it will be obvious that a bob called when the 6-7 down bell actually strikes its blow in 7th's would be appreciably later than a bob called at the first blow at lead of the bell about to make 3rd's. Such variation is, of course, to be avoided, and the conductor should endeavour to notice the moment that the bell going to 3rd's place begins to lead and call the bob then, remembering, for his own assistance in selecting the right change at which to call, the position into which his own bell is going to fall.

Instruction on conducting Grandsire Triples could not be embraced entirely in one short article like this, and my

further hints must be reserved for future notes, but in the meantime "Midlander," and others likeminded, can prick out a lead of the method, and look for themselves into the correct positions for calling the bobs.

CONDUCTOR.

## NOTICES.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30 (1s. each), both in the Church Schools. The committee will be much obliged if those members who have not paid their subscriptions up to end of 1911 will do so at or before this meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, January 27th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Kingston on Saturday, January 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, to be followed by business meeting, at which the Vicar will preside.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, January 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at Parish Church at 5.30. Tea at Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, S.E., on Saturday, January 27th. Bells at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address, by Rev. Arthur Hart (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, in the Albany Institute. Business meeting to follow. As important business will be brought forward, I hope for a good attendance. Subscriptions should be paid now.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham on Saturday, January 27th. Service at 4 p.m., tea and meeting following (tea 9d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Isle of Ely District.—A meeting will be held at Ely on Saturday, January 27th. Bells of St. Mary's available afternoon and evening. Tea at 5.30.—A. Pilgrim, District Secretary, Church Lane, Ely.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, January 27th. St. Nicholas' tower (8) will be open from 4 to 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's (10 bells) will be available after the business meeting. Will conductors of peals kindly bear in mind Rule 15 whenever a peal is rung.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Shottery, Honorary Secretary.

**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meetings will be held at Harlestone on January 27th, Desborough on February 3rd, Woodford on February 10th, and Wellingboro' on February 17th. All subscriptions should be paid at these meetings, as they are now due.—F. Wilford, General Secretary.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 1st, 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 6th and 20th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th; at St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 20th; at Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, each Saturday at 7.30. A district meeting will be held at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd. Tower open 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, February 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the local members, will be taken at 5 p.m. in the Vicar's meeting room. Will all those who intend being present please notify the undersigned by Wednesday, January 31st. The usual travelling allowances will be paid to members present. The annual subscription is now due, and it would be a convenience if paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, February 3rd. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at the Castle Inn at 4.15. Special service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by general meeting. As the cost of the tea will be 6d. per head more than is allowed by the Association, that amount must be paid by members attending. Arrangements can be made for conveyances to meet trains at Penshurst Station at a reasonable charge, if sufficient members wish to be conveyed. All members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary, also stating by what train they will arrive if they require to be met, not later than Wednesday, January 31st. Members are requested to make an effort to attend this meeting, as a matter of great importance will be discussed.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary.

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A district meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, February 3rd. Tea at 5 o'clock. Foxton bells also available.—P. Webb, District Secretary, Ickleton, Saffron Walden.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at Bolsover, Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence, eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, as there is some special business to be transacted.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Rd., Sheffield.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on February 3rd. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, February 3rd, 1912. 3.30, bells available (8); 5.30, service, preacher, the Rev. Neville Lovett, Rector; 6.15, tea at Darracott's Restaurant. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary.

**THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.**—The next monthly meeting will take place at Norton on Saturday, February 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Committee meeting will be held in the vestry room at 6 p.m., and general business meeting about 7 p.m. Full attendance is earnestly requested, as matters of importance will be brought forward.—Sidney F. Palmer, Honorary Secretary, 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, February 3rd. Service at 4. Business meeting after. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, January 31st. Bells (6) available.—J. R. Newman, General Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting and eight bell contest will take place at Earlsheaton on Saturday, February 10th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m., at the Commercial Inn, Tram Terminus. Tea to be ordered from me by Monday, February 5th.—George Naylor, Honorary Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on Saturday, February 10th, at St. Clement Danes', Strand, by special permission of the Rector. Tower open from 3.45 to 6 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 6.15, business to follow at 7. Tea will be provided for a limited number only; will those intending to be present kindly notify me as soon as possible.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on Saturday, February 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, 6d., at 5.30. Nearest stations Poplar (N. London), and North Greenwich (G.E.R.), from Fenchurch Street. Members and friends cordially invited. Subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 10th. Bells ready at 5.—Walter Hughes.

**NOTICES (continued).**

**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, on February 10th. The bells of Hoddesdon will be open until tea time, those of Broxbourne after tea, which will take place at the Salisbury Arms at 5.30. Members 6d., others 9d. Business meeting after. All will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 10th, 1912. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, February 17th, 1912. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at the Swan Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Business meeting immediately after dinner.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

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**UFFORD, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 3rd, touches of Oxford and Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples: W. Burrows, A. Andrews, R. Miles, A. Clements, D. Leggett, C. Fisher, H. Cutting, W. Ward (conductor).

**PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.**—On Jan. 10th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Geo. Cooper 1, Alf. Clements 2, D. Leggett 3, A. Andrews 4, C. Fisher (conductor) 5, R. Miles 6. Also touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. The ringing at Hasketon, Ufford and Pettistree, was arranged for Mr. Andrews, of Billingham, Lincolnshire, a visitor at Woodbridge.

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