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No name in the Exercise is more honoured than that of Snowdon, and it is again brought into prominence this week by the presentation which the members of the Yorkshire Association have made to Mr. William Snowdon, their late president. Until last year a Snowdon had always occupied the presidential chair of the Yorkshire Association, one of the pioneer organisations in that reform which has been carried on in the belfries throughout the land, and which began about four decades ago.

The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon is still cherished among all those who love the Art for its own sake. To no single man, living or dead, does the Exercise owe so much. His was the spirit behind the formation of the Yorkshire Association in 1875, he was its first president, and he instilled into it the enthusiasm which has built it up to occupy a foremost position in the ringing world to-day. But Jasper Snowdon did much more than this for the Exercise. He was the author of those incomparable text books, which opened the whole field of the Art to the ordinary ringer in a way that no one before had succeeded in doing. For this alone the name of Snowdon must always occupy a pre-eminent place. But for his untimely end in 1885, the Exercise would have had possession of much more from his storehouse of knowledge and the results of his diligent research.

At his death, his mantle fell upon his brother, William Snowdon, who succeeded Jasper as president of the Yorkshire Association, and who has devoted much time to completing his brother's writings. After more than 25 years' service in the presidential chair—a quarter of a century of really active work, for Mr. Snowdon had a high conception of the duties and responsibilities of the office—he has felt compelled to resign. The resignation has been brought about by motives just as great as those which, during his period of office, marked the discharge of his labours. Mr. Snowdon told the members of the Association that it was the only alternative to neglecting increasing duties, and the editing of Jasper's unfinished works.

If the Yorkshire Association has lost by Mr. Snowdon's resignation, the Exercise at large will gain by the publication of more of the manuscripts of his gifted brother, and we hope the day is not far distant when some of these will be seen in print. But so far as Yorkshire is concerned, the Association has lost an able and energetic head, and it was not surprising that the members should desire to give some tangible expression to their appreciation of the services which Mr. Snowdon has rendered. Happily for the Association, however, it will have at command the valuable counsel of an honoured, a trusted and a true friend.

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

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

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| THOMAS WRIGHT Treble | CHARLES L. SADLER ... 7 |
| JOHN WIGMORE 2 | WILLIAM HALE 8 |
| JESSE GILLET 3 | THOMAS BALDWIN ... 9 |
| JOHN AUSTIN 4 | WILLIAM STAITE ... 10 |
| THOMAS NEWMAN 5 | WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 11 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 6 | FRANK COLE Tenor |

Composed by J. MOTTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

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| GEORGE R. PYE Treble | HARRY FLANDERS ... 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8 |
| BERTRAM PREWETT 3 | ALBERT W. COLES ... 9 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 10 |
| JOHN ARMSTRONG 5 | ERNEST PYE 11 |
| REUBEN SANDERS 6 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. Albert Hughes for greasing and raising the bells for them.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| REUBEN SANDERS Treble | WILLIAM PYE 5 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 2 | †ALBERT J. BAYNES ... 6 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 3 | HARRY FLANDERS ... 7 |
| ALFRED W. GRIMES 4 | *HENRY BOXALL Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal with a bob bell. * First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Baynes. The ringer of the tenor belongs to the local band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs., in E.

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| JOSEPH ROWELL Treble | BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 5 |
| *ERNEST E. FERRY 2 | †GEORGE W. MURRAY ... 6 |
| WILLIAM STORY 3 | JOSEPH E. KEEN 7 |
| GEORGE T. POTTER 4 | ALFRED F. HILLIER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

† First peal in the method. * 100th peal.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HARRY CATTERMOLLE Treble | JOHN SMITH 5 |
| ALFRED KEEBLE 2 | GEORGE ARCHER 6 |
| CHARLES MILLS 3 | ROBERT COOKE 7 |
| THOS. FORD, Junr. 4 | JOHN SOUTER Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Arranged for R. Cooke, who hails from Fakenham, this being his first peal.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| W. GIBSON Treble | W. VINCENT 5 |
| C. STEPHENSON 2 | T. GASSON 6 |
| G. WELLER 3 | F. ATTWATER 7 |
| *A. ABSALOM 4 | A. MITCHELL Tenor |

Conducted by T. GASSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Stephenson. Ringers of 3, 4, 5, 6, belong to Bolney, the rest to Cuckfield.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.

Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

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| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble | GEORGE ROBERTS ... 5 |
| JOHN JENNINGS 2 | THOMAS BLOORE ... 6 |
| CHARLES WALTHMAN 3 | BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7 |
| GEORGE PARSONS 4 | JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bertram G. Leedham.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE R. PYE Treble | HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 5 |
| *ARTHUR CHAPLIN 2 | *REUBEN SANDERS ... 6 |
| ERNEST PYE 3 | *JOHN DALE 7 |
| ALFRED PYE 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

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| *JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE Treble | ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5 |
| WILLIAM C. PARKER 2 | †LEONARD STILWELL ... 6 |
| †WILLIAM HENLEY 3 | JOHN THOMAS 7 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE ... 4 | WILLIAM WELLING Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, and

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *FREDERICK G. PERRIN ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2 | *ISAAC EMERY ... 6 |
| HENRY RANZETTA ... 3 | *ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7 |
| *FRANK I. HAIRS ... 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. A. W. Grimes.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH)

AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE,

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

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| JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble | BENJAMIN PAGE ... 5 |
| FRED. HAYES ... 2 | RALPH COLES ... 6 |
| JOHN EVANS ... 3 | GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 7 |
| ARTHUR G. JAMES ... 4 | *ARTHUR J. HOING ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| WILLIAM GRIMES ... Treble | *E. HOBART SMITH ... 5 |
| WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2 | ALFRED WIGHTMAN ... 6 |
| GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 3 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7 |
| WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4 | PETER LAFLIN ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. GRIMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Messrs. Wightman hail from Cretingham, Maulden and Smith from Framlingham, and the rest belong to the local company.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

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| ALFRED K. GLASSCOCK ... Treble | NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5 |
| †FREDERICK G. TEGG ... 2 | JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 6 |
| KEITH HART ... 3 | †JOHN G. MILLER ... 7 |
| ERNEST PYE ... 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| ERNEST LEIGH ... Treble | HERBERT MARKWELL ... 5 |
| *JAMES HEASMAN ... 2 | GEORGE MALYAN ... 6 |
| †EDWIN SEAL ... 3 | ALBERT BELTON ... 7 |
| WILLIAM LEIGH ... 4 | EDWARD LEIGH ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

* First peal as conductor. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the new bells.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Treble | *JOSEPH HERRON ... 5 |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 2 | FRANK E. PERRIN ... 6 |
| WILLIAM T. COX ... 3 | JOSEPH H. WHITE ... 7 |
| CHARLES FREEMAN ... 4 | GEORGE WEBSTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

* First peal.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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| HARRY BOTTRILL ... Treble | JOHN LUCKEY ... 5 |
| *GEORGE F. MARGETSON ... 2 | THOMAS J. WATTS ... 6 |
| WALTER HOBBS ... 3 | NATHAN J. PITSTOW ... 7 |
| GEORGE DENT ... 4 | WILLIAM WATTS ... Tenor |

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

* First peal in the method.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| JAMES PARKER ... Treble | WILLIAM A. ALPS ... 5 |
| GEORGE RADLEY ... 2 | CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 6 |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3 | GEORGE A. CARD ... 7 |
| GEORGE PAICE ... 4 | HENRY G. ROWE ... Tenor |

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

This is the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Gillet and Johnston, whose workmanship leaves nothing to be desired.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| TITUS BARLOW ... Treble | GEORGE PINCOTT ... 5 |
| *FRED ABBOTT ... 2 | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6 |
| *JOSEPH OGDEN ... 3 | JOHN POTTER ... 7 |
| JOHN WELSBY ... 4 | ROBERT ALLRED ... Tenor |

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

* First peal. This peal was arranged for J. Ogden, of Moorside, Oldham.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G sharp.

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| JOHN W. WHITING ... Treble | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 5 |
| LIONEL H. PAGE ... 2 | WILLIAM W. GIFFORD ... 6 |
| HENRY W. WILKES ... 3 | WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7 |
| CHARLES J. FRAY ... 4 | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by the late J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the conductor's rooth peal of Double Norwich.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WILFRED T. ASHTON... ..Treble | WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... 5 |
| FRANCIS S. WILSON 2 | ALFRED FULICK 6 |
| GEORGE J. TAYLOR 3 | †THOMAS W. STEDMAN ... 7 |
| E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 4 | *HARRY DAVIESTenor |

Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Jones, late member of St. Andrew's choir for 20 years. F. S. Wilson hails from Ludlow. This was the conductor's 25th peal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

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| EDGAR T. SMITHTreble | BERT HORTON 5 |
| EDWIN J. TYLER 2 | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 6 |
| THOMAS HILL 3 | ALFRED J. WALLATER ... 7 |
| GEORGE PEATE 4 | HOWARD W. CATTELL ...Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. WALLATER.

First peal of Erin Triples by the Society on the bells, and by all the band. This composition is supposed to be now rung for the first time. The figures were published in the "Ringing World" on May 19th, 1911. Much credit is due to the conductor, who had previously only conducted one peal. He was congratulated by the rest of the band at the finish. The ringers thank the vicar, the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin, for the use of the bells.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| *WILLIAM J. WATSON ...Treble | THOMAS BEADLE 5 |
| HENRY C. CHANDLER 2 | FREDERICK G. GODDARD... 6 |
| †CHARLES S. BIRD 3 | GEORGE SPENCER 7 |
| †JAMES CLEAVE 4 | *DAVID G. ARCHERTenor |

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. ‡First peal away from the treble. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Eyton-James.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in F.

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| FREDERICK PHILLIPS ...Treble | †FREDERICK S. CASE... .. 5 |
| †FREDERICK FORSYTH 2 | ELI WATERS 6 |
| CHARLES R. FORFITT 3 | CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7 |
| *GEORGE H. JAMES 4 | ALFRED OSMAN... ..Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

*First peal. †First peal on an inside bell. - The quarterly peal of the East Dorset Branch.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES H. FOWLER ...Treble | FRED H. DEXTER 5 |
| LOUIS E. ALLEN... .. 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 6 |
| J. LEONARD ALLEN 3 | RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7 |
| ARTHUR PETTIT 4 | JOSIAH MORRISTenor |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

First peal of Major on the bells, and was rung muffled for the late Duke of Fife.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| ALBERT C. HARDYTreble | *GEORGE IRVINE... .. 5 |
| HUBERT EDEN 2 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6 |
| GEORGE N. PRICE 3 | *THOMAS FAULKNER 7 |
| *HARRY R. PASMORE... .. 4 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...Tenor |

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

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| PRATT CORDINGLEYTreble | ERNEST MANN 5 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON 2 | JOHN W. T. HOLGATE ... 6 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY 3 | *WILLIAM B. SMITH... .. 7 |
| ALBERT NORTH 4 | HERBERT DRANSFIELD ...Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

*First peal of Major as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| ALBERT ELLISTreble | ALBERT HARMAN 5 |
| FREDK. W. RICE 2 | JOHN RICE 6 |
| ALFRED D. MILLS 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 7 |
| ALBERT MITCHELL 4 | ARTHUR THORNTONTenor |

Conducted by JOHN RICE.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| *HORACE W. HUMBLE ...Treble | ALBERT HUMPHREY ... 5 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 2 | ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6 |
| GEORGE FRENCH... .. 3 | ALFRED JAMES... .. 7 |
| SPENCER MARSHALL 4 | HARRY DURLINGTenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| WALTER WEBB Treble | HARRY TUCKER... .. 5 |
| *WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2 | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 3 | GEORGE ESSEN... .. 7 |
| HUBERT HATTO 4 | ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

STREATHAM.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... .. Treble | JOHN S. DANIELS 5 |
| WALTER S. WISE 2 | SIDNEY R. ROPER 6 |
| LOUIS ATTWATER 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 7 |
| ALFRED T. JONES 4 | HENRY J. RUMBLE Tenor |

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Fife.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

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| EDWARD HOLMAN Treble | HENRY A. HOAD 4 |
| WALTER HUMPHREY 2 | REGINALD H. THORP ... 5 |
| OSCAR GILBEY 3 | GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

Rung in memory of Richard Wicks, for many years verger and bellringer.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor.
Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

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| JOHN R. D. FENWICK Treble | FREDERICK HAYES 4 |
| JOHN BURLES 2 | RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 5 |
| GUY R. AMBROSE 3 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and by all the ringers.
First peal of Minor by all except F. Hayes, and first as conductor by Frederick Mitchell.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *WALTER P. CROSS Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY 4 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 2 | THOMAS E. GLANVILLE... 5 |
| LEONARD STILWELL 3 | *WILLIAM WELLING Tenor |

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Bob Minor by all the band and first peal on the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently.

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| SOLOMON MOULE... .. Treble | CHARLES CHENERY 4 |
| OLIVER BULLMAN 2 | GEORGE BAILEY 5 |
| EDGAR BAILEY 3 | ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILEY.

Oliver Bullman was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| WALTER J. BRETHERTON... Treble | FRED BRACE 4 |
| HARRY PRICE 2 | ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. 5 |
| ALFRED DAVIES 3 | CHARLES F. WHITE... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

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| HERBERT MORTIMER Treble | *LEONARD ORPIN 4 |
| *THOMAS MORTIMER 2 | REGINALD GARDINER ... 5 |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE 3 | FRED MORTIMER Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. P. Inskip, a member of the local band. All are local ringers, except C. W. Clarke, who belongs to St. Peter's, Bedford.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Violet, two 720's each of Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| GEORGE CLARKE Treble | †FRANCIS BEARDSMORE ... 4 |
| Rev. A. RHYS JAMES 2 | *FREDERICK CLARKE... .. 5 |
| *HENRY WOODHOUSE... .. 3 | *HENRY TROUT Tenor |

Conducted by G. CLARKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and rung by the local band.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 14 cwt.

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| EGERTON G. NICHOLLS ... Treble | ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 4 |
| GEORGE HILL 2 | ARTHUR PANTHER 5 |
| WILLIAM WOODCOCK, Junr. 3 | ALBERT NASH Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

This peal was arranged for G. Hill, who hails from Hoylandswaine, and whose first Association peal it was.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

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| *ARTHUR CHURCH Treble | *JAMES WALDEN 4 |
| ARTHUR EDWARDS 2 | †WILLIAM ALLEN 5 |
| †PERCY LETCH 3 | †JOHN WOOD Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. Arranged and rung to commemorate the safe return of the King and Queen from their visit to India; also on the birthday of a son and heir to J. Wood.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

On Monday, January 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. John Sparrow, Northgate St.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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| JOHN SPARROW... .. 1-2 | ARTHUR E. MOORE 5-6 |
| FREDERICK G. DEWELL... .. 3-4 | FRANK J. LEVITT 7-8 |

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpires: Messrs. HARRY A. TURNER and W. RADLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Sparrow.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 28, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
In the Crypt of St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

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| EDWARD ASPLIN 1-2 | ERIC L. BENNETT 3-4 |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON 5-6 | |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Umpire: WILFRED R. BLIZARD.

First peal of handbells by all, and first peal by the above branch.
It was rung at the fourth attempt.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Andrew's Church, Litchurch,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| ALBERT H. WARD 1-2 | ARTHUR BRAINES 5-6 |
| WALTER WALLACE 3-4 | CHARLES DRAPER 7-8 |

Conducted by ARTHUR BRAINES.

Umpire: CHARLES E. HART.

First peal as conductor, and also his first attempt. Mr. Braines is only 17 years of age.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

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| REGGIE CHAPMAN 1-2 | DAVID J. NICHOLS... .. 5-6 |
| J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 3-4 | ALBERT V. INNS 7-8 |

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

Witness: MRS. CHAPMAN.

First peal of Major and first attempt by R. Chapman (aged 13).

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At 52, SHIRLAND ROAD, L'ADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS... .. 1-2 | GEORGE B. EDSE... .. 5-6 |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4 | FREDERICK G. WOODISS 7-8 |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Arranged for the ringer of 1-2, this being his first peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

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| ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER 5-6 |
| CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3-4 | THOMAS W. RADFORD 7-8 |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. W. Radford.

The peal at Cefn Coed, published last week, was rung at St. John's Church and not the Parish Church; the time being 2 hrs. 45 mins. and not 2 hrs. 35 mins. as published.

The peal at Maker, Cornwall, consisted entirely of Grandsire Doubles, and was the first peal in any method by those marked *. It was also the first peal on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, Jan. 13th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bailey 1, F. J. Smith 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. H. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, N. R. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. Samson 8.—On Tuesday, Jan. 16th, 6/2 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. F. Bailey 1, L. P. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, E. H. Bailey 5, N. R. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8. This is the longest length of Treble Bob with all brothers standing in, and longest length by Allen on the treble.

WISEECH, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: G. Duffield (first 720) 1, H. Geakes 2, H. B. Banham 3, George Piggins 4, Ralph Narborough 5, C. Geakes (conductor) 6, Fred Hotson 7, H. Cheesewright 8. First 720 on the bells since the wheels were attended to, and other necessary repairs carried out by local workmen.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Davis 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Paulton 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples for evening service, F. Bennett, conductor.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 14th, for service, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): *C. Wallis 1, J. C. Mitchell 2, A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor) 3, H. L. Goldsmith 4, H. Lewry 5, H. Pates 6, I. J. Attwater 7, *H. W. Smith 8. This quarter-peal contains the twenty-four 7-4's at back stroke, with calls at each. *First quarter-peal.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 14th, at Charles' Church, for Divine service, in 50 mins., 1270 Stedman Caters: R. Dobson 1, W. G. Hiscott 2, G. R. Stroud 3, R. W. Hornbrook 4, W. Rundle 5, G. H. Myers 6, W. Richards 7, E. W. Marsh 8, W. D. James (conductor) 9, F. Pursa 10.

DERBY.—Midland Counties Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), as follows, in 45 mins.: R. G. Basson 1, J. Glew 2, J. Haynes 3, G. Tomlinson 4, L. Lomas 5, A. Hutchinson 6, J. Pagett (composer and conductor) 7, F. Foster 8.

BATH.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12-part), in 40 mins.: R. Waterson 1, J. H. Odey 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers (conductor) 4, H. E. Lewis 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, H. Davis 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—The Oxford District Guild.—On Jan. 15th, for practice, 210 Grandsire Triples: G. Twitcher (first touch as conductor) 1, G. White 2, W. Phipps 3, F. Hayes 4, R. Coles 5, B. Page 6, G. F. Williams 7, W. Boxall 8.—On Jan. 22nd, a plain course of Treble Bob Major: *G. Twitcher 1, S. T. Goodchild 2, J. Gransbury 3, *R. Coles 4, F. Hayes 5, G. F. Williams 6, *B. Page 7, *A. F. Ashman 8. *First in the method. Also 521 Grandsire Caters: W. Haing (longest touch) 1, H. F. Ashman 2, G. Twitcher 3, G. F. Williams (conductor) 4, J. Gransbury 5, R. Coles 6, F. Hayes 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, B. Page 9, W. Boxall 10.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

We have to chronicle another very successful gathering of the Yorkshire Association, the annual meeting, which was held at Holbeck, Leeds, on Saturday week, being attended by some 300 members. The principal officers were early at work, and on arrival found the local company, assisted by several voluntary helpers, busily engaged at the schools in making provision for the huge number expected for tea in the afternoon. The annual audit was commenced at 11 o'clock, and though the ledger entry of some 1,400 members, to say nothing of other receipts and payments, had to be checked, the auditors (Messrs. P. J. Johnson and E. Hoyle) had the satisfaction of passing all as quite satisfactory, after an hour or so of close application.

Members arrived during the afternoon in ever-increasing numbers, and four officers were fully occupied till four o'clock in receiving subscriptions and issuing reports, etc. Preceded by a special touch on the bells, Divine service, chorally rendered, was held in St. Matthew's Church. In prefacing his address, the Vicar, the Rev. S. F. Sykes, M.A., an honorary member of the Association, said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to Holbeck for the first time, and referred to the great movement at present existing to put a very honoured Art in its right position, ringers being of no average ability and thought. His text was taken from the Sermon on the Mount, St. Matthew v., 6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Speaking first of bodily hunger and thirst, and further of the hunger of human love and friendship, and that of a father for his child, the preacher aptly proceeded to speak of the hunger for righteousness. If this was indulged freely, we should, he said, always be better; other desires would be restrained by righteousness. Speaking of the consecration of the Egyptian Cathedral at Khartoum, in memory of General Gordon, the preacher said this was a man who knew what it was to hunger and thirst after righteousness, and, most of all, Gordon proved the claim of God to satisfy that hunger. Tracing the connection between the longings of the human heart and bell ringing, the preacher spoke of the call of the bells to worship, which was to satisfy the highest longings that man had. Bells gave expression to our national sorrows and joys; but what of the ringers? Bells could awaken longings, but could not satisfy them. Personal influence in the service of the ringer was necessary, and work begun in the belfry ended inside the church.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After service, tea was partaken of in the schools. The annual business meeting followed, with the President, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, in the chair, supported by Mr. C. Glenn, hon. secretary; Mr. Cotterell, hon. treasurer; and other officers; and a very long agenda was got through in very businesslike fashion. The report of committee and treasurer's balance sheet were adopted, on the motion of the auditors, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for their services. The following retiring officers were declared re-elected, without a contest: Rev. C. C. Marshall, president; C. H. Hattersley, vice-president; J. Broadley, steward. The poll for four members of committee, for which there were five candidates, resulted in the four retiring members being re-elected, viz.: Messrs. T. B. Kendall, J. W. T. Holgate, J. Lawson, and J. Hardecastle. A kind invitation to hold the May meeting at Guiseley, put forward on behalf of that branch by Messrs. F. W. Dixon and W. B. Smith, was accepted with great pleasure.

The following representatives were unanimously elected to serve on the Central Council: Rev. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, G. Bolland, and C. Glenn. Mr. W. Snowdon, the late president, was urged to serve again, but whilst appreciating the desire to re-elect him, said that Mr. Marshall would gain very much by attending.

Mr. Marshall, in thanking the members for electing him, said that he was averse to Mr. Snowdon's withdrawal, unless it was thought that a place would be found for him on the Council, that they might not lose the benefit of his valuable services.

Official notice of motion was given by the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer to alter the regulations as to issuing report warrants to life members. To save unnecessary printing expense, and in order to estimate the number of reports to be printed, it is proposed to issue no further warrants to members who do not apply for their reports, it being assumed that they do not require them.

VOTES OF THANKS.

A warm vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the service, sermon, and use of bells and schools, coupled with another to the organist and members of the choir.—In reply, the Vicar said what a tremendous pleasure it was to welcome the Association to Holbeck, and hoped next time they would stay the week-end! He also said how much he appreciated the hearty singing in church that afternoon. Recounting his early experiences of bell ringing, he related how one day, when he had the rope in his hand, his tutor, an old man, instructed him to "hold off it," meaning "let go." He thereupon, still sticking to the rope, held it further away, or "off him," and

the result had made him "hold off" bell ringing ever since (laughter).

Votes of thanks were also accorded the incumbents of Leeds Parish Church, St. Francis', Holbeck (R.C.); and Hunslet, for the use of the bells. Most hearty thanks were accorded, in addition, to the local branch for their excellent arrangements, which could only have been the result of careful planning, and to the ladies who assisted at the tea tables.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, in returning thanks, said how peculiarly appropriate it was that this meeting should be at Holbeck, as Mr. Snowdon's brother Jasper, the Association's first president, rang more peals there than at any other church.

MR. W. SNOWDON'S GREAT SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The great event of the meeting was the presentation to Mr. Wm. Snowdon of a handsome solid silver tea tray, beautifully engraved, bearing the following inscription:—

"Presented to William Snowdon by members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers on his retirement from the office of President, after 25 years' service, as a small recognition of his untiring zeal and devotion for the welfare of the Association."

A very fine speech was made by Mr. Wm. Whitaker, the Association's first hon. secretary, in appreciation of the work of the brothers Jasper and William Snowdon for the welfare of change ringing, both as a branch of Church work and in its scientific aspect. After Jasper's death, he (Mr. Whitaker) proposed William for the office of president, and had never regretted it. He could not praise too highly the work which had been done so ungrudgingly and quietly.

Mr. Marshall, the new president, read a letter from Mr. C. H. Hattersley (who was unfortunately obliged to keep at home, under doctor's orders) containing words of the highest eulogy of Mr. Snowdon and his work, and, in making the presentation, hoped that the recipient would always retain an interest in their doings, as they would also keep him in mind.

Mr. Snowdon, on rising to respond, met with a tremendously enthusiastic reception. He said he could hardly express his pleasure at belonging once more to the rank and file. When his brother Jasper was cut off so suddenly, he only took office with the idea of filling up time. Proceeding, Mr. Snowdon gave a short review of the growth of the Association, and said he had gone on steadily trying to do his best. Coming to the reasons for his resignation, Mr. Snowdon related how a great deal of work had lately been put on his shoulders, and it was a choice between neglecting this, and also the editing of his brother's unfinished writings, or resigning. In speaking in appreciation of the present officers, he thought his resignation should do no harm. He had already had one presentation made to him, in 1901, and had hoped to get off quietly. He tendered his deepest thanks to the members for again honouring him, and would value the present immensely, because of the kindly feelings which prompted it. His work had been a labour of love for their beautiful art, so closely connected with their grand old church. He again expressed his thanks from the very bottom of his heart, and said how proud Mrs. Snowdon would be, especially as there was at home a silver tea service, a cherished family possession, to put on it.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, a motion which Mr. Snowdon said it gave him very great pleasure to support. It was remarkable, he added, but he had never before that day had the opportunity of addressing the chairman of the Yorkshire Association!

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The February meeting of the above Society was held at Woodchurch, on Saturday, in wintry conditions, which somewhat effected the attendance. Representatives were present from Appledore, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower.

Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, a 720 of the latter method being brought round by: A. Johnson 1, G. Billenness 2, A. Daw 3, G. J. Youngs 4, G. Johnson 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, at which the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall) was present.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at New Romney on the first Saturday in March, and it was also resolved to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, at Rolvenden, on Saturday, the 17th inst.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells. Mr. C. W. Player seconded, and it was carried unanimously.—The Rector, in response, expressed his great pleasure in granting permission to the Guild to come and ring at his church. Bell ringing was very interesting. He had done a little of it, but they were what might be termed professionals, while he was quite an amateur in the matter. He hoped to learn more about it, and understand the various intricacies and departments of change ringing. They had only a few change ringers at Woodchurch, but he hoped to convene a meeting of his ringers with a view to them entering the Kent County Association. He hoped they would fall in with the idea. He was very much obliged to the Guild for coming, and hoped they would assemble again at Woodchurch, when it was convenient for them to do so.

The proceedings terminated soon after nine o'clock, by lowering the bells in peal.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, held at Farnham on Saturday, was a very successful one. Most of the towers in the district were represented, and about 70 members were present. The Guild's special form of service was used in church, and the Rector (the Rev. E. Neville Lovett) preached an appropriate sermon, in which he dwelt upon the message of the bells and the importance of the ringers' calling. Just as ringers were not content to have cracked bells in their tower, so they must see to it that they had no men in the belfry with cracked reputations and cracked characters. Those who proclaimed the gospel of salvation through the bells, must be men who must be as good men as the grace of God could make them. They were part of the driving force of the Church which came into the lives of the people, seeking to make them strong for good and strong against evil. Let them never forget, therefore, the honour and glory of it.—The service concluded with the hymn written by the Master of the Association, "The sacred bells of England."

After tea, at Darracott's Restaurant, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mrs. Lovett, Miss Sloman, and the Rev. E. J. Pizzey (Guildford), and Mr. J. J. Jones (hon. district secretary), the business meeting was held. The Rector welcomed the Guild to Farnham. In Farnham they looked on that visit as a red-letter day in the ringing year. If all the members were as regular and reverent in their duties as the Farnham ringers they were very good chaps indeed. On behalf of himself, his wife and Miss Sloman, who, he believed, was the only lady sidesman in Surrey, he expressed good wishes for the prosperity of the Guild. Bells, he said, were not always popular. He lived very near them, and he would be just as well pleased sometimes if they were a good deal further off (laughter). On the whole, bells made for good and for righteousness—unless a man happened to have a headache, and then they did not make for righteousness in him (laughter). He hoped the Guild would go on and prosper. There was no Diocesan institution more vigorous, or more completely united than the members of that Guild. He only wished that all church workers would go into their work as heartily as the ringers did.

Mr. F. E. Dave proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the service, for his address, and for the use of the bells, and to Miss Sloman for presiding at the organ. He referred to the fact that the Winchester Guild had come out at the top of the analysis, and pointed out that it was largely due to the wonderful efforts of that truly wonderful man, Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford.—The motion was carried by acclamation, and the Rector then having to leave, the Rev. E. J. Pizzey was voted to the chair.

The report of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) showed that during the quarter two peals of London Surprise, a peal of Surprise Minor and a peal of Stedman Triples had been rung on tower bells, and nine peals of Stedman Triples and ten of Stedman Caters had been rung on handbells.—The balance sheet for the year 1911 showed receipts amounting to £26 15s., and expenses to £14 9s. 10d., leaving a balance of £12 5s. 2d.—The Revs. E. J. Pizzey (Guildford), H. Kettlewell (Aldershot) and H. A. Wheeler (Frensham), and about a dozen other ringers, were elected members of the Association.—Practice meetings were arranged for Cranleigh on March 9th, and Frensham on March 16th.

During the afternoon and evening there was ringing at the Parish Church, the touches including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Duffield and Forward.

"THE BELLS OF TOR."

PEAL OF SIX DEDICATED.

In the tower of the old Parish Church of Tor—the "mother" church of the town of Torquay—hangs a peal of six bells, and now, following the dedication by the Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis), acting for the Lord Bishop of Exeter, they are utilised, as "the sweet bells of Tor" were utilised long years ago, to call parishioners and others to the services of the Church. Three of the bells, despite their apparent newness, are very old. One dates from the days of the Commonwealth. For scores of years it lay in the tower of the church unusable, by reason of its cracked condition. It has now been recast to add its note to the notes of two bells bearing date respectively of 1623 and 1754, and three new bells—one given by Colonel and Mrs. Cary, "to the glory of God and in memory of many Carys buried here"; a second given by the late Mr. John Kitson, "to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones now at rest"; and a third provided by the contributions of parishioners and others at a cost of £50. Altogether, the peal and the work which had of necessity to be undertaken to the belfry has involved an expenditure of about £300, practically the whole of which had been raised by the time that the bells were dedicated. The bells were cast at the Spitalfields' Foundry of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Bell Founders to H.M. King George V, and the work of rehanging the bells in a modern frame was successfully carried out by Messrs. Aggett and Son, Bellhangers, Chagford, N. Devon.

The service of dedication was very largely attended, and following the dedicatory sentences, and the committal of the bells to the charge

of the Vicar, with the injunction that they are to be rung only with the Vicar's knowledge and authority, the bells were rung for a few minutes, as the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel.

In an address the Bishop of Crediton remarked that a shadow was cast over the rejoicing of the parishioners by reason of the fact that Mr. J. S. Wolland, the late churchwarden, who advanced the suggestion for the restoration of the peal, had departed this life. He was, though, in the nearer presence of his Lord, listening to purer and holier music than could be produced upon earth. Gratitude was due to all who had been united in the work, particularly to the generous donor of a bell to complete the peal. There was no part of the church fabric to which persons contributed so willingly as to church bells. Throughout the length and breadth of the country the restoration of bells had been almost universal. To-day bells must have something more than mere sound; they must convey a message of a holier, better, and more Christian life to all who, through their love of God, had placed them in the tower.

OLD-TIME DESECRATION OF THE BELFREY.

The bells must ever be appealing to the lives of people, that they might be fruitful in more holy and Christian living. There was a time, in the early days of the Bishop's ministry, when bells were rung merely for amusement, and when the belfry was desecrated by drink. There were troubles when the drink was stopped. In one parish a clergyman was surprised to hear the bells of his church being rung without his authority and knowledge. Ascending to the tower to ascertain the cause, he was told that a gentleman of the town possessed a horse which had won a race, and that he desired to indicate his joy by having the bells of the church rung. When the ringers were stopped they refused to ring again, and the bells were silent for twelve months. Hence the committal of the bells in the tower to the charge of the Vicar. Dr. Trefusis told how Good Friday was, in one of his parishes, regarded as a day of amusement and recreation. The people would not listen to what he had to say about Good Friday and its lessons. Realising that the bells could speak better than he could, he had the bells tolled at a quarter to three. "Who is dead?" queried the people as they heard the bells. At three o'clock he told them—that Christ died on that day at that hour. Thus, by the bells, were the people taught that Good Friday was a sacred and solemn day. There were required to ring the bells people who were animated not by a desire to do so, but by a love for Christ. Ringing was as much a phase of Church work as any other duty. The primary object of bells was to summon people to worship. In this connection, the Bishop was glad to realise a movement back towards the worship of God. There was a growing dread of the secular Sunday. If England desired to remain in its strength and unity its people must return to the worship of God with a sincerer, lowlier worship, and with a true aim at deeper holiness of life.

In the evening the Vicar entertained at supper the clergy and ringers, with the Cockington Parish Church ringers, by whom the Tor band have been instructed.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

THE QUESTION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.

A successful meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Bolsover, near Chesterfield, on Saturday. Considering the very wintry weather, the attendance was good, between 20 and 30 ringers turning up, from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Dore, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor and Staveley.

The Parish Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence lies about 600ft. above sea-level, and possesses a beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor about 15 cwt.), recast, and increased from six to eight, by Taylor, about ten years ago. The "go" is excellent, and the music of the bells can be heard for many miles over the Derbyshire dales, especially on a night of hard frost and still atmosphere, as on Saturday.

Ringing was commenced about 4 p.m., and continued with short intervals, till 8 p.m., and some good striking was heard, especially in the Surprise Methods. Altogether nine methods were rung, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative, New Cambridge, Norfolk and London Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. Flint (president) presiding.—The Secretary gave a short account of the last meeting at Eckington.—The question of electing a representative to serve on the Central Council was discussed, but no action was taken, as it was felt that the Society is sufficiently represented through the Yorkshire and the Midland Counties Associations, to one or both of which all the members are attached.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all necessary arrangements was carried unanimously.—Mr. Flint briefly replied.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Monday, Feb. 5th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was unfortunately lost in the fifty-second course: W. Mace 1, A. Knight 2, G. Farrow 3, C. W. Bird 4, R. F. Turner 5, J. E. Chapman 6, A. E. Payne (conductor) 7, D. J. Nichols 8. Rung to celebrate the safe return of their Majesties the King and Queen from India.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

During the Winchester Diocesan Guild's ringing tour last autumn a footnote to the record of one of the performances mentioned that it was Mr. G. Williams' 800th peal. Such a point is, as it were, a landmark in a ringer's career, for the number who have reached this total can still be reckoned on the fingers of one hand. The record is worthy of one who for years has been among the finest ringers in the country. Not only in regard to the peals rung, but also as a conductor and instructor, Mr. George Williams has very few equals.

Born at Coombe Cross, Eastmeon, Hants, on May 7th, 1857, Mr. Williams had a fancy for bells from early boyhood, and was first introduced to a belfry when residing at Droxford at the age of twelve years. He used to chime



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

for service, and sometimes, with an uncle and two cousins, took part in ringing the four bells at this church. In the neighbouring parish of Soberton he commenced ringing Grandsire Doubles, but the only method employed was that of learning the work of a bell all through. Although he learnt the whole 120 changes by heart, in order to be able to take any bell, this sort of thing soon paled with Mr. Williams, and for a time he left the belfry for other pursuits, such as cricket, bicycling and volunteering. The irresistible attraction of the bells, however, drew him back, and with the formation of the Winchester Guild in 1879-80 better opportunities presented themselves, and that enthusiasm was aroused in Mr. Williams, which time has only served to intensify. He rang his first peal—Grandsire Triples—on January 17th, 1884, at Soberton, the first peal by the Winchester Guild in Hampshire. The calls of business took him in 1885 to Reigate, afterwards to Fareham (where he was appointed instructor to the Winchester Guild) and then to Midhurst, where the Sussex Association made him one of its instructors. Many bands in Hampshire and Sussex owe their start in ringing

to his aid, and when he left Fareham he was presented with a nicely bound volume of the Shipway reprint, while on leaving Midhurst his great services were recognised by the gift of a handsomely written and bound peal book.

His next move was to Brighton, where he remained for sixteen years, and with the St. Peter's company raised Sussex to a proud position in the ringing world. He took part in the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol by the St. Peter's band, and a large amount of the conducting fell upon his shoulders. The Sussex week of evening peals was inaugurated in 1894, and the records testify to the success of these undertakings for which Mr. G. F. Attree and Mr. Williams were mainly responsible. Each autumn these "weeks" used to take place, when every evening the St. Peter's band attempted a peal, the high water mark being reached in 1898, when Cambridge, London, Oxford, New Cumberland, Superlative, Gloucester and Norfolk Surprise Major were rung in eight successive evenings; the eighth Surprise method, Westminster, being lost after two hours through a change course. On January 14th of the following year the society rang the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, which Mr. Williams conducted. Although peals galore have since been rung in this method in the City, the first ranks as somewhat historical. In the years 1893 to 1898 Mr. Williams was on the top for conductors of peals in Mr. Attree's yearly analysis, whilst in 1899, with forty peals as conductor, he tied with Mr. W. Pye for second place, two behind the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Elected honorary district secretary for the Central Division of the Sussex County Association in the year 1893, he held that position until leaving Brighton in 1905, when his great services to the Association were recognised by the presentation of a handsome silver tea service, etc., suitably engraved. Chief among the notable peals which Mr. Williams has rung was the first peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, rung in 1902. He always looks upon this as his greatest "surprise peal," as it was very reluctantly that he undertook the conducting, having only partly recovered from an accident sustained about eight weeks previously, and which has ever since handicapped him in ringing at the heavy end. There was a day, however, when Mr. George Williams was among the most skilful of big bell ringers, although, as he never went beyond the modest weight of nine stones, it was only supreme judgment that enabled him to do what others by brute force would have failed to accomplish.

When residing in Sussex Mr. Williams was always keen on a ringing trip to his native county of Hants, and, with Mr. J. W. Whiting, of Fareham, organised an annual excursion with a visiting band for peals between 1890 and 1900, besides occasional week-end and Bank Holiday visits. It was on December 26th, 1892, on the grand ring of eight at Christ Church Priory that the first peal of Double Norwich by the Winchester Guild in the county was rung. The first peal of Superlative Surprise in the county was rung on the 1894 tour, Cambridge in 1898, London in 1899, and the first peal of Stedman Caters by the Guild in this county in the same year. All these were conducted by Mr. Williams.

In May, 1905, he left Brighton for West End, Southampton, where he now resides. Joining the North Stoneham band two miles distant he found progress very slow, but after struggling for two or three years succeeded in ringing peals in seven methods on the six bells at St. Nicolas' Church. In 1908-9 a successful appeal

was made for funds to increase the ring to eight, and, thanks to his ringing friends in all parts, Mr. Williams was able to hand a substantial sum to the fund, the result being a handy little ring with $9\frac{1}{4}$ cwt. tenor. If only the enthusiasm that used to exist at St. Peter's, Brighton, could be infused peals in the Surprise Methods would have been tapped off ere now on these bells.

Mr. Williams has never had the slightest ambition for long peals. Three or four hours at a time are sufficient, his longest length being the 6720 of London Surprise, the extent with the "tenors together" at St. Peter's in 1901. A large number of his peals of Grandsire have been rung in assisting young hands with their first peals, etc., the two latest additions being Curdridge and Dibden. In addition to attending the weekly practice at North Stoneham, Mr. Williams manages to visit pretty well all the neighbouring towers within cycling distance, having been an ardent rider from almost the introduction of the cycle. Mr. Williams has been a member of the Central Council since its formation, and has missed only two of the meetings. After dropping out as the representative for Sussex, he was elected an hon. member. The following are among the Associations and Guilds he belongs to: The Society of Royal Cumberlands, Winchester, Salisbury, Oxford, Devon, Truro, Sussex, Norwich, Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Cleveland and North Yorkshire, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Gloucester and Bristol and the Irish Association. Whether it is in getting a young band through their first touch of Grandsire, or keeping the bells together in a peal of London Surprise, Mr. Williams is a master of the Art, and not many men can boast of having taught so many ringers as he. In his present sphere his opportunities are somewhat limited—except in the direction of helping young bands—but ten to fifteen years ago George Williams loomed large in the eye of the Exercise. In the south, at any rate, he was the man of the hour, and in the days when Surprise method ringing was not so general as it is now, his was the practical hand which succeeded in placing the St. Peter's, Brighton, company in the very forefront of the campanological world, and it is not too much to say that the performances of that band did a great deal, by the emulation which it inspired, to encourage the practice of the higher methods. Of the interest which he has always taken in assisting ringers, the writer can bear personal testimony, for he owes not a little to the kindly help received from Mr. Williams, and it is not uninteresting perhaps to record that the first peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise rung by the Editor of this journal were conducted by the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Williams makes a point of ringing regularly for both Sunday services when at home, and on principal attends one of the services; but as a deep thinker his Church views are very broad. Appended is a list of his peals, which have been rung in 10 different counties in England and Ireland, and in 162 different towers. Three of his handbell peals still remain unique, as they were taken part in by his wife, who, as is well known, was the first lady to figure in a peal.

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| On Six Bells | 25 | Conducted | 20 |
| Bob Triples | 6 | Conducted | 4 |
| Bob Major | 43 | Conducted | 36 |
| Bob Royal | 1 | Conducted | 1 |
| Grandsire Triples | 88 | Conducted | 70 |
| Do. (on handbells) | 4 | Conducted | 4 |
| Grandsire Major | 1 | Conducted | 1 |

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| Grandsire Caters | 9 | Conducted | 4 |
| Union Triples | 1 | Conducted | 1 |
| Stedman Triples | 205 | Conducted | 148 |
| Stedman Caters | 28 | Conducted | 17 |
| Stedman Cinques | 2 | | |
| Kent Treble Bob Major ... | 65 | Conducted | 55 |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal ... | 14 | Conducted | 7 |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus | 1 | | |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major... | 3 | Conducted | 2 |
| Double Norwich Major ... | 100 | Conducted | 84 |
| Double Norwich Royal..... | 1 | | |
| College Exercise Major ... | 1 | | |
| Champion Major | 1 | | |
| Norfolk Surprise Major ... | 2 | Conducted | 1 |
| Westminster Surprise ... | 3 | Conducted | 1 |
| Gloucester Surprise | 3 | Conducted | 1 |
| Oxford Surprise | 3 | Conducted | 2 |
| New Cumberland Surprise | 6 | Conducted | 6 |
| Superlative Surprise | 114 | Conducted | 86 |
| Cambridge Surprise | 37 | Conducted | 29 |
| London Surprise | 46 | Conducted | 41 |
| Bristol Surprise | 2 | Conducted | 2 |

Total rung ... 815 Conducted 623

RINGERS' SERVICE IN LONDON.

The special service for bell ringers of the London and Provincial Associations, to which reference has previously been made in these columns, is to be held on Sunday evening next at St. Clement Danes, Strand. It is hoped that ringers will turn up in large numbers to show their appreciation of the effort made by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford) to provide them with an opportunity of joining in worship as one body of loyal church workers. The service will commence at 7 p.m., and the sermon will be preached by one of the best known of the ringing clergy, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A., of Crowthorne, Berks.

BRIGG CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Certainly the sale of the two trebles at Brigg, to help to defray the expense of rehanging the back six bells, is a most extraordinary and regrettable affair. As the peal of six was only put up in 1875, and the two trebles added in 1878, it seems odd that they should require entirely rehanging in so short a time. Something of the same kind happened at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, Herts, not many years ago. Two trebles, the gift of Mr. Lewis of that town, were added to the ten bells in the tower to make a peal of twelve in 1858. In 1833, the tenth and eleventh being cracked, the new trebles were sold to defray the expense of recasting; thereby reducing the peal to ten, as it was before. Such proceedings remind one of the doings of church authorities in the county of Norfolk, in the eighteenth century. At that time we continually find churchwardens selling bells, and lead from church roofs, to pay for repairs to the fabric. In many cases only a single bell was left in the tower. The excuses made when petitioning the bishop for a faculty to sell the bells are in many cases most absurd. Sometimes it was represented that the bells were cracked, or that they had no clappers, or that they were too small to be heard at a distance from the church, and many other excuses equally ridiculous. It is to be hoped that we shall not have a repetition of the doings of these times in the present day.—Yours, etc.,

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At Merthyr Tydfil recently a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but came to grief after 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing. The peal was arranged as a farewell to Mr. William Roberts, who has now left the district for Duffield, Derbyshire, his brother ringers wishing him every prosperity in his new home. Mr. Roberts' loss will be keenly felt by the band, particularly in connection with Stedman ringing on which they are now engaged. It is hoped the gap will be soon filled by Mr. Roberts' successor, who has joined the band.

Although Ilford possesses 50 churches, at the present time it is without a peal of bells. The tower of St. Mary's Parish Church, in which the only set of bells is located, is cracked, and the bells are to remain silent until enough money is raised to build a new tower.

The twelve bells of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, have been rehung at a cost of £400, which includes new framework, fittings, and girders, and the recasting of the two treble bells to be in tune with the other ten. It is intended that in future the bells shall be rung rather less than before in full term; peals and ringing of any length will take place only in vacations, except on very special occasions.

"It is to be hoped," says the "Church Times," "that in making these alterations in the amount of ringing the Vicar is not yielding too much to the somewhat factitious agitation which has been carried on against the bells in the Cambridge Press; some of the writers were found to be going on complaining of the disturbance caused to their rest and slumbers long after the bells had been taken away last term for the recasting!" Another example of the frequently unscrupulous opposition to ringing.

There is a correspondent who frequently favours us with communications, but never uses the same name or address twice. Recently we have received from him two cards signed "The Rev. T. Coles, Hampstead," and "J. Hodge, Willesden." Will he kindly remember that we cannot publish communications unless they are authenticated, although his own name need not necessarily appear in print. Fictitious names of the kind indicated above only result in the effusions being consigned to the w.p.b.

In our peal columns there are names which occur with great regularity, and some folks, who, striving with young ringers and the simpler methods, imagine that these men get together bands that ensure a peal at almost every attempt. This, however, is not the fact. These ringers have their failures as well as their successes.

One well-known conductor during January rang two peals, but had no fewer than eight failures. The causes which brought the attempts to an end are varied and not uninteresting:—

January 1st, Cambridge Surprise Major, tenor man had to give up after an hour's good ringing.

January 3rd, Bristol Surprise, shift course after 2½ hours.

January 6th, Double Norwich, given up after seven courses through bad going of bells. Attempt for Stedman Triples, bells called round in 4-part through rain coming in and soaking the tenor man.

January 12th, Stedman Caters, treble man set up in a slight trip.

January 13th, Stedman Caters, shift course.

January 25th, Bristol Surprise, break down.

January 26th, Stedman Triples, stopped through imperative knocking at door—choirmaster sent to say he would be glad if the ringers would finish as he could not get on with his practice.

January 27th, Stedman Caters, seventh rope came down after three hours' perfect ringing.

Failure ought always to be an incentive to perseverance, and where the "big men" do not succeed the lesser lights need not be dejected if they fail.

The rising generation is again to the fore this week with handbells. Reggie Chapman, to whom we referred in this column only last week, and whose age is but 13 years, has improved upon any of his previous performances by ringing 1-2 to a peal of Bob Major at Kettering. At Derby, Arthur Braines, at the age of 17, has conducted a peal of Grandsire from 5-6.

The bells at Eastwell Park, near Ashford, Kent, are being rehung in a steel frame in memory of the late Lord Northcote. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the contract.

Another generation of the family of Pye makes entry into the ringing world this week. On Sunday, at Little Heath, Essex, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by A. Stroud 1, W. A. Pye 2, L. A. Pye (aged 12) 3, C. Weaver 4, A. Pye 5. The boy has some great examples before him, let us hope he will worthily uphold the family reputation.

The ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, Wilts, have lost a much esteemed fellow-member in the person of Mr. Jesse Bodman, who has passed away at the age of 37. He was buried on Thursday week, and muffled ringing took place as a last tribute of respect. Mr. Bodman will be much missed by his fellow-ringers, and his death is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

RINGERS' DINNER AT RUMNEY.

The annual dinner of the Rumney (Mon.) ringers took place on Saturday evening last at the Rumney Castle Hotel. Twenty ringers and friends, which included Mr. J. Clutterbuck, of Llandaff, and Messrs. Jones, Bullen and Morgan, of All Saints', Newport, did ample justice to an excellent repast. At the conclusion of the dinner, the usual toasts were honoured, and afterwards a musical evening was spent, commencing with a course of Triples on the handbells. During the evening, Master Santaway and Miss Pacey took part with the handbells. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.—Prior to the dinner, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the church bells by F. Marshall (conductor) 1, D. Morgan 2, W. Stanaway 3, H. Giles 4, A. H. Cossom 5, G. Woodlands 6.

A LUTTERWORTH PEAL CELEBRATED.**RUGBY RINGERS' VISIT.**

A dinner, arranged by the St. Mary's Society, Lutterworth, to celebrate the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, in which four of the local ringers took part, assisted by four "brother strings" from the neighbouring town of Rugby, took place at the Stag and Pheasant on Saturday last. The peal was noteworthy, for the fact that it was the first time a resident Lutterworth ringer has accomplished the feat. Previous to the dinner several touches were rung on the tower bells, Mr. P. Rourke, of the local band, calling his first touch in a masterly way. The dinner, splendidly served, was thoroughly enjoyed by the twenty-one ringers and friends who had the honour of being present.

The repeat over, the company were pleased to have the presence for a short time of the Rector, the Rev. J. F. Alderson, who proposed, in a neat little speech, the loyal toast, which was duly honoured.—Mr. P. Rourke then proposed the health of the Rector, and that gentleman, in replying, said how pleased he was to see the progress his ringers were making in the art of change ringing.—A capital musical programme was commenced by a pianoforte selection by Mr. Phillips (who acted as accompanist throughout the evening), followed by a selection on the handbells by three of the Rugby company, viz., Messrs. Fenton, junr., Hessian and White. After a song by Mr. Buck, Mr. A. J. Ross, who occupied the chair, proposed: "The St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, Rugby."—Mr. Fenton, senr., replied, and handed certificates, presented by Mr. James George, the Master of the Warwickshire Guild, to the four Lutterworth men who rang in the peal.—Mr. Prentice then sang, in a delightful way, "Bonnie Mary of Argyle."

"The St. Mary's Society of Change Ringers, Lutterworth," was proposed by Mr. Fenton, senr., who complimented the members on the excellent progress made, and also offered a few words of advice and encouragement.—After Mr. Rourke had responded, a handbell selection, "The Blue Bells of Scotland," was given by Messrs. Malins, Hessian and White. Mr. Dawent next contributed a violin solo, following which Mr. Buck sang "Simon, the Cellarer," and Messrs. Fenton, junr., Fenton, senr., Hessian, White and Malins rang a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters. "Alice, Where Art Thou" was nicely rendered by Mr. F. Poole.—"The Visitors," proposed by Mr. S. Poole, was responded to by Messrs. Buck and Prentice.—Mr. Phillips then gave a song, and following a recitation by Mr. Ball, came two humorous songs by Mr. S. Poole, "The Mangle" and "Sarah Ann," which fairly brought down the house. Another selection on the handbells preceded a couple of songs by Mr. Whooley, who sang "The Bargee" and "The Jovial Monk," in pleasing style. Songs by Messrs. Mills and Kimpton-Smith followed, and a violin solo by Mr. Dawent, was the last, but by no means the least, delightful item of a very good programme, Messrs. Rourke and Kimpton-Smith being responsible for much merriment in "Come with me down Regent Street."

Mr. Rourke proposed the health of the chairman, and said how pleased all present were to see how speedily he was recovering from the effects of his recent accident, and to see him again taking his place in the tower. The toast was received with musical honours, and Mr. Ross replied.—The members of the Rugby company, who through the kindness of their Lutterworth friends, were privileged to spend such an enjoyable evening, wish to take this opportunity of according them their sincere thanks, and to express the hope that the bond of friendship which has sprung up between the two companies may long continue.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**THE BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Rothwell on Saturday last. It was arranged to take place at Desborough, but owing to illness near the church, it had to be postponed, a telegram reaching the district secretary on Friday night. Mr. Stratford, however, lost no time in getting into communication with the Rothwell authorities, with the result that Rothwell was the place of meeting. About 17 members were present from Kettering, Geddington, Barton Seagrave, Thorpe Malsor, Cransley, and Isham, together with the local ringers.—Various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, were rung during the afternoon and evening on the bells, which are a fine peal, the old six having been recast, and two new trebles added, by Taylor. Tea was served at Mr. Brown's Restaurant, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. M. Morley), supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. J. Stratford). Several new members were elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Barton Seagrave.—The General Secretary brought forward the subject of the proposed benevolent fund, asking the members to think the matter over, and be prepared to discuss it at the annual meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells at such a short notice, and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.—The Vicar (who is an hon. member), in reply, said how pleased he was to do anything he could for the benefit of the ringers.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**BACK TO THE CATHEDRAL CITY.**

After a lapse of many years, we are again able to chronicle a visit of the Diocesan Association to the old Cathedral city of Ely, the headquarters of the Association, and home of the founder, a meeting for the Isle of Ely district being held there on Saturday week. In spite of the bad weather, a good attendance was secured, ringers attending from Cambridge, Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Littleport, Mildenhall, Sutton, Wilburton, and the local ringers. During the afternoon St. Mary's bells were set going to touches of Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob, Mr. R. Lathbury, Newmarket, conducting.

Afterwards the company, numbering 22, adjourned to the Minster Tavern, where an excellent meat tea was provided. Here the members were met by the hon. treasurer and founder (the Rev. K. H. Smith), who addressed the meeting, urging the members to show their appreciation of the Association and its officers, by recruiting new members, and aiming at the highest standard of ringing.

Messrs. W. Scott, G. Atkin, H. H. Vail, junr., F. Pilgrim (Ely), E. W. Cattell, G. Few, R. Pinch (Sutton), G. Staplehurst, G. Markwell and H. Sharp (Wilburton), were elected members of the Association.—The place of the next meeting was then discussed, and it was finally decided to select Chatteris for the summer gathering.—The usual vote of thanks having been passed to the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Punchard) for the use of the bells, a move was made to the belfry, where touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were indulged in, several taking part for the first time in seven and eight bell methods, Mr. R. Lathbury again taking charge of the conducting.

Ely and district contains some promising ringers, and it is hoped that progress will be made in change ringing, and the higher methods practised.

BELLS WITHOUT RINGERS.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Barrington on Saturday. Only a small number turned up, owing, no doubt, to the wintry weather which prevailed. A call was made at Foxton in the afternoon, and several 120's were brought round. The bells are a nice ring of five, tenor about 10 cwt., and are in good ringing order, but, sad to relate, there are no ringers at the church. The bells had not been rung for a long time, and their sounds attracted some of the villagers, who said how pleased they were to hear the bells ringing once again. Here is a place for missionary work.

A move was next made to Barrington, but here again none of the local men put in an appearance. The local captain was out, so the other members were sought out, and invited to tea and to the meeting, but without success. Tea was provided at "The Catherine Wheel," members being present from Ickleton, Stapleford, Great Shelford, Melbourn, etc., and at the business meeting, which followed, letters of apology were read, including one from the general secretary, who was unable to attend, through illness. Six new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Stapleford.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars for the use of the bells.—Afterwards the church was visited. On the nice ring of six (tenor, 11½ cwt.), 720 Bob Minor and several other touches were brought round. The tea-room was then re-visited. The snow was at this time coming down heavily, but once inside the weather was forgotten for a time, although some had 12 miles to ride home in an open conveyance, or on bicycles. The Ickleton ringers, who were present in full strength, had their handbells with them, and the sound of them soon brought in some of the local ringers. Mr. F. Handscombe, of Melbourn, gave a good selection of tunes.

RYE BELL RINGERS.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Rye bell ringers was held at the Vicarage on Friday last. The chairman, the Rev. A. P. Howes, presided, and the following were present: Messrs. G. J. Youngs (captain), G. Billenness (conductor), C. Price, W. Bennett, E. H. Whiteman, H. G. Ticehurst, and H. F. Cobon (hon. sec.).—The collectors (Messrs. G. Billenness and G. J. Youngs) reported that the amount collected was a slight increase on the previous year, and a resolution was passed thanking the subscribers for their kindness.—Mr. Billenness (conductor) presented a review of the past twelve months, remarking that the band still upheld their reputation, and looked forward to greater achievements in the coming year.—The Hon. Secretary also presented a report, in which he referred to the various special occasions on which the bells had been rung.—The reports were sanctioned, and ordered to be entered in the minute book.

It was decided to keep the tower in union with the Sussex County Association, and the secretary was instructed to forward the annual subscription, £1 1s.—The officers were re-elected as follows: Captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; hon. secretary, Mr. H. F. Cobon.

The Vicar and Mrs. Howes subsequently entertained the party to supper, after which various amusements were indulged in, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Howes for their hospitality, also to the Vicar for presiding at the business meeting, were carried by acclamation.—The reverend gentleman briefly responded, and the company then dispersed.

SALISBURY GUILD. MEETING AT SEEND.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Seend on Saturday. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. H. Burn (Rector of Great Cheverell, and chairman of the branch), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (Devizes), hon. branch secretary, and ringers from Westbury, Trowbridge, Southbroom, Keevil, Seend, St. John, Devizes; Hilperton, Urchfont, Potterne, Chirton, and Great Cheverell. The meeting was also graced by the presence of the Rev. Canon Thynne, M.A., Vicar of Seend, and the Rev. E. S. Awdry, also of Seend. After tea, at the Iron Room, kindly placed at the Guild's disposal by Mr. Awdry, a short business meeting was held, at which two new lady members from St. John's tower were elected.—Mr. H. Brownlee West proposed, and Mr. W. Hart seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. S. Awdry for the use of the room.—Mr. E. Hooper proposed, and Mr. John Harding seconded a vote of thanks to Canon Thynne for the use of the church bells, the Canon replying in a short but very humorous speech. He referred to the considerable amount of ringing done by himself, but of a different and more lasting nature. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers gathered together, and said how pleased he should be to welcome the Guild again on a future occasion at Seend.—Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Canterbury district of the above held a meeting at Elham on Saturday, when 45 members sat down to a tea, very kindly provided by the local ringers. Afterwards six new members were elected.—A letter was read re the restoration of the bells of Shoreditch Parish Church, and a collection was made by Mr. W. E. Pitman for this object.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore briefly explained his ideas respecting a benevolent fund which he hopes to bring forward in the near future.—Amidst much applause, he thanked the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the room and bells, and the local ringers for so generously providing refreshments.—The Vicar suitably replied, remarking that he considered himself a ringer, though not a practical one, and was always ready to help in any way he could.—The tower was again visited, and touches in the four standard methods and in Double Norwich were successfully accomplished.

MEETING AT CHIPPENHAM.

A meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday week, when a large number of ringers from Bremhill, Grittleton, Marshfield, Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and Wootton Bassett, met at St. Paul's Church at 3 o'clock, where ringing was indulged in for about two hours. An excellent tea was provided at Hiscock's Dairy, and a meeting followed, Mr. Ernest Bishop (Branch President) occupying the chair. The Rev. D. B. Barclay, Rector of St. Paul's, was also present, and was elected an honorary member. A few new ringing members were also enrolled.—The next meeting was arranged to take place at Highworth, in February.—The company then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going to Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples.

WROXHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, the Wroxham company have been entertained to their annual supper and social evening. The ringers, who took their handbells, were most cordially welcomed by Mrs. Green. A capital supper had been prepared, to which the ringers did ample justice. During the evening touches of Bob Minor were rung, but the chief feature was a good selection of tunes rung in excellent style. Songs were contributed by Messrs. F. Hall and C. R. Chamberlin.—At the conclusion of the evening, Mr. S. Nunn proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, which was unanimously accorded in a real campanological way, namely, by the firing of the handbells. To this the hostess most suitably responded, at the same time congratulating Messrs. Spurgeon, Nunn, Haines, and C. Kidd (the old ringers), upon the splendid way in which they had taught the young company which Wroxham now possesses.

WEST GRINSTEAD RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The West Grinstead ringers had their annual supper on Tuesday week, when they were kindly entertained by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Campion), at the Rectory. The Rector congratulated the members on the progress of their ringing. He said he was pleased with the spirit which prevailed in the belfry, and reminded the men that they were as much church workers as other members of the congregation.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for his hospitality, and Mr. H. Turrell (the sexton), and others, who had so willingly helped the beginners throughout the year. Messrs. T. Adams, W. Denman, senr., W. Denman, junr., and F. Denman, from the neighbouring parish of Shipley, were also present, as they had been amongst those who had kindly assisted the beginners.—Songs and selections on the handbells completed the programme for the evening. Previous to the supper, 720 Plain Bob was rung in the belfry by: L. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, C. Killick 3, A. Cote 4, W. Denman, senr., 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6. Touches of Plain Bob were also rung.

LEEDS SOCIETY MEET AT PUDSEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on Saturday. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully accomplished in the afternoon, and the business meeting, held in the evening at the Golden Lion Hotel, was attended by a representative gathering. The President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupied the chair, supported by members from Armley, Bramley, Bolton, Birstall, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, Holbeck, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Mirfield, Shipley, Tong, and the local company.—The arrangements for a peal attempt at Armley, on March 2nd, were left in the hands of Mr. J. Peacock.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey, for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the day's arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Holgate, seconded by Mr. W. P. Smith, and carried with applause.—Mr. W. Birks responded.—The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

DONCASTER.—Yorkshire Association.—On Christmas morning, 1440 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Fevre 1, R. Bayles 2, H. Brock 3, H. Marwood 4, C. Scott 5, H. Wilson 6, G. Halksworth (conductor) 7, G. Clow 8.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Christmas Day, at 7.0 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., conducted by W. J. Jeffries. Also at 10.0 a.m., a quarter-peal from Holt's Original, in 42 mins., conducted by F. W. Richardson.—On Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal from the Original: R. Fosdike 1, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 2, F. Bacon 3, H. White 4, A. G. Bennington 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. Macklin 8. Also for Watch-Night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., conducted by W. J. Jeffries.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Dawe 1, J. Harries 2, W. B. Eiss (conductor) 3, F. Pitcher 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Aldridge 8.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Carter 1, F. Oxenbury 2, P. Rooke 3, T. Spratt 4, L. Lampard 5, E. Wateridge 6, C. Abrahams (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8.

SHERFIELD, HANTS.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), rung at midnight: J. Isley 1, F. Pearman 2, G. Herbert 3, F. Draper 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5, H. Well 6.

HARLOW.—Essex Association.—In the hope of ringing the first 720 of Minor in 1912, 720 Kent Treble Bob was started at Harlow Common at 12.4 a.m. on January 1st, and brought round 23 minutes later: F. Wheeler 1, W. Morris 2, H. Bottrill (conductor) 3, T. Smith 4, T. Cordle 5, H. Small 6.—On Sunday, January 7th, 720 in the same method, with 6-8 covering: H. Small 1, W. Morris 2, G. Dent 3, H. Bottrill (conductor) 4, T. Cordle 5, T. Wheeler 6, T. Smith 7, F. Whitby 8.

LYTHAM.—Lancashire Association.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. John's Church, 720 College Single Minor: C. Kerr (conductor) 1, J. Fell 2, D. McLellan 3, E. Loose 4, J. Tiffin 5, T. Allanson 6.—On Jan. 14th, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor: J. Fell 1, J. Tipping (conductor) 2, D. McLellan 3, E. Tipping 4, J. Hardman 5, T. Allanson 6.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 720 New London Pleasure. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Tipping.

UPCHURCH.—Kent County Association.—On Thursday, Jan. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Oxford Bob: E. Boakes 1, A. Bishop 2, W. T. Hyland (composer and conductor) 3, C. C. Bishop 4, W. J. Walker 5, C. Shipp 6.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 14th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1260 changes): H. Manser 1, A. Bishop 2, W. T. Hyland 3, C. C. Bishop 4, W. J. Walker (conductor) 5, C. Shipp 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Shipp.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, on January 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Bules 1, A. Constant 2, R. Smith 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 6th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Goldring 1, J. Farmer 2, C. Hills 3, H. Tullet 4, T. Linfield 5, A. Groves (conductor) 6.

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On January 6th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, two 720's Cambridge Surprise, one 720 Double Oxford and 120 Forward Minor: A. Pierce 1, J. Rance 2, W. J. Paice 3, H. Bungay 4, J. North 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6. First 720 Double Oxford by 1, 3 and 4, and conducted by J. Rance, on tenor.

BUCKHAN WESTON, DORSET.—On the Feast of the Epiphany, 720 Bob Minor: *Rev. C. A. Phillips 1, C. C. H. D'Aeth 2, Rev. F. L. Edwards 3, *E. Ridout 4, W. W. H. D'Aeth 5, A. E. Coles (conductor) 6. *First 720.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for service, by the local band, 360 Grandsire Doubles: T. Payne 1, C. C. H. D'Aeth 2, J. Williams 3, W. W. H. D'Aeth (conductor) 4, E. H. Gough 5, W. Shute 6.

EVEESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Morton (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hemming 2, F. Cook (conductor) 3, F. Moss 4, H. Jordan 5, F. Jordan 6, H. Middleton 7, F. Jinks 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, January 7th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stilwell 1, W. Horne 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, S. Riddell 5, J. R. Bunch 6, H. Tice (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

LOUGHBORO', LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (131 changes), in 53 mins.: E. W. Leslie 1, R. F. Lane (conductor) 2, F. H. E. Stubbs 3, Geo. Freebrey 4, E. Abbott 5, J. Oldham 6, H. W. Abbott 7, C. Harriman 8, E. Reader 9, J. Powell 10.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, 672 Grandsire Triples: A. Hiestad 1, C. P. Oliver 2, O. Porter 3, W. Wicks 4, W. Cook 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, C. Prior 8. Rung after the christening of the son and heir of the ringer of the 6th.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at St. John's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Day 1, W. Biss 2, E. Coles 3, W. Bolton 4, W. Heath 5, F. Chamberland (conductor) 6, A. Rowley 7, C. Oram 8.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Ransom 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. Dell 3, C. Bird (conductor) 4, F. E. Cole 5, T. Beadle 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Harding 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, 672 London Surprise Major: J. B. Fenton (conductor) 1, W. Malins 2, H. O. White 3, J. A. Fenon 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. W. Chandler 7, J. George 8.

EASTWOOD, NOTIS.—On Jan. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, in 43 mins.: J. Parnham 1, J. T. Pollard 2, A. Wyld 3, E. Manners 4, F. Rowley 5, A. Parker 6, J. P. Pollard (conductor) 7, T. Rippin (first quarter-peal) 8.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 7th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Pegg 1, W. Fern 2, B. West 3, S. W. West (conductor) 4, H. Partridge 5, J. Rawson 6, T. Betcher 7, J. Bonser 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Edser, senr., 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, A. F. Shepherd 3, G. B. Edser 4, A. Woodrow 5, F. Shepherd, senr., 6, J. Emery 7, R. J. Polley 8.

LIVERSEDGE.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of "Rose of England" Treble Bob (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins.: S. Goodall 1, E. Crabtree 2, W. Clark 3, J. F. Clayton 4, H. Dransfield 5, W. Thomas 6, F. Robinson (composer and conductor) 7, W. Brierley 8.

KENNINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 7th, for Divine service, at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1330 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: E. S. Garnett 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, A. S. Miller 5, A. Theo. Miller 6, Geo. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

NEW ROMNEY.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. S. Humphrey (conductor) 1, E. E. Hutchinson 2, G. Kennett 3, S. Boulden 4, H. D. Anderson 5, P. Page 6, S. Southerden 7, G. B. Anderson 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Jan. 9th, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Spiby 1, E. Bartram (first with a bob bell) 2, T. Gillett 3, C. Dalby 4, A. V. Potter 5, W. James 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, R. Hinman 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 720 Plain Bob: F. Denman 1, L. Turrell (first on an inside bell) 2, C. Killick 3, A. Coots (first 720) 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Michael's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Newman 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. J. Tucker 4, H. M. White 5, P. Springham (conductor) 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgwell 8. Also a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Rickett 1, *F. Bird 2, T. Newman 3, *H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, *C. Ridgwell 8. *Their first quarter-peal in the method.—On Sunday, Jan. 14th, for evening service, 587 Grandsire Triples: W. Rickett 1, F. Bird 2, P. C. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Wilkinson 7, C. Ridgwell 8.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: F. Abrahams 1, T. Spratt 2, P. Rooke 3, F. Oxenbury 4, C. Abrahams 5, E. Wateridge 6, L. Lampard (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Carter, one of the local band, to welcome the bride and bridegroom as they were returning to their home.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. J. Barrow 1, C. Brett 2, H. Brook 3, O. Collins 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. Booth (conductor) 6.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—St. Martin's Guild.—On Saturday, Jan. 13th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Reynolds, an old and esteemed member of the above society, who was interred at Aston on the preceding Thursday: Geo. F. Swann 1, Chas. Cottrell 2, Geo. Garrison 3, Thos. Wells 4, W. J.

Meers (conductor) 5, J. Preston 6, J. Sanders 7, W. Anker 8.—On Dec. 16th, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Preston 1, C. Dickens 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Sanders 4, W. J. Meers 5, T. Wells 6, G. F. Swann (conductor) 7, J. E. Pywell 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: *C. Cottrell 1, J. Sanders 2, *G. Garrison 3, *J. Preston 4, T. Russam 5, *T. Wells 6, *W. J. Meers (conductor) 7, G. F. Swann 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Swann, wife of the tenor ringer, Mr. C. Cottrell (the ringer of the treble), and to the son of Mr. J. Preston. *First quarter-peal in the method.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 14th, for evening service, 1105 Stedman Caters: W. Hewett (conductor) 1, F. Perrin 2, F. Davis 3, E. F. Pike 4, A. J. Trollope 5, F. Hairs 6, F. Bennett 7, E. Brett 8, A. Grimes 9, J. E. Davis 10. Also three courses Forward Royal, conducted by J. E. Davis, with T. Langdon in place of A. Grimes.

ST. CLEMENT'S MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Major you gave by Mr. H. W. Wilde in your issue of Jan. 12th, is just as much St. Simon's as it is St. Clement's, but as a matter of fact it is neither. Properly speaking, it is Reading Bob Major, as will clearly be seen by the following:—

THE READING SYSTEM.

| Doubles. | Minor. | Triples. | Major. |
|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| 12345 | 123456 | 1234567 | 12345678 |
| 21435 | 214365 | 2143657 | 21436587 |
| 24153 | 241635 | 2416375 | 24163857 |
| 42513 | 426153 | 4261735 | 42618375 |
| 24531 | 246513 | 2467153 | 24681735 |
| 42351 | 425631 | 4276513 | 42867153 |
| 24315 | 245361 | 2475631 | 24876513 |
| 42135 | 423516 | 4257361 | 42785631 |
| 41253 | 243156 | 2453716 | 24758361 |
| 14523 | 421365 | 4235176 | 42573816 |
| 15432 | 412635 | 2431567 | 24537186 |
| | 146253 | 4213657 | 42351768 |
| | 142635 | 4126375 | 24315678 |
| | | 1462735 | 42136587 |
| | | 1647253 | 41263857 |
| | | | 14628375 |
| | | | 14263857 |

Now, upon examination it will be seen there are as many places made in 3rds, as it is possible to make in each example, when the treble is above that position, and by the same rule the method will extend to Maximus, and any other odd or even number desired. The Doubles is the method you published for me a few months ago, and which I may here say was first published in the year 1668. If we now turn to such methods of Doubles as St. Simon's, St. Clement's, St. Dunstan's, Stedman's Slow Course, etc., what work is there in them, I ask, except the places in 3rds, as shown in the above examples? None, I reply, whatever. Of course there are variations, reverses, etc., not here shown, and we may add new Doubles to the list, which really is the double of Reading Doubles. The only addition is the singles that are added in the form of bobs, at the treble leads, or when she is behind, etc. These methods should be named Singles and Doubles, in contradistinction from "pure Doubles," such as Reading, Grandsire and Stedman.

The Triples given as St. Clement's may just as well be entitled St. Simon's, as it is more or less a variation of Reading by the rule above explained. Further, I doubt if a good variation of St. Simon's or St. Clement's, with corresponding or characteristic lead ends of the Doubles is possible.

I note Lambeth bob is the same method as that given in "Standard Methods" and "Legitimate Methods," but which is the older title it is hard to say, but as above shown neither is correct. I also note in a previous issue the method given by my old friend Mr. H. J. Tucker. Now, this is exactly the same as above, by omitting 2nd's place and adding a place in 4th's, but cut out this 4th's and you get a better one, for as it stands it is not considered legitimate. I here give the alteration suggested:—

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| 146253 | 146253 |
| 164523 plain | 164235 bob |
| 4213657 | |
| 4126375 | |
| 1423657 | |
| 1246375 | |

If in the above given Triples a 3rd's place is added at treble's first lead, we get a similar method as that given by Mr. H. S. Reeves.

In reply to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, this is the first time I have heard of his letter to me, and have not yet received it; while there is also some misunderstanding in reference to my responsibility for naming the legitimate methods. In reply to Mr. J. J. Parker, let me say that Annable gives a lot of advice upon the subject he mentions.

HY. DAINS.

P.S.—Mr. Wilde's method can be altered by cutting out the 2nd's place at the treble lead. In saving what I have done, I am not criticising the quality of the method.—H.D.

1911 RECORDS.

At Wickham, Hants, during the past year, the local band, with visitors, have rung 75 720's of Minor, as follows: Bob Minor, 29; Oxford Bob, 19; College Single, 15; Kent Treble Bob, 8; Grandsire, 2; and Single Court, 2. The following members took part: G. E. Chappell, 75, conducted, 66; H. J. Smith, 65; H. Beckett, 63, conducted, 5; H. W. Merrett, 56; W. F. Churcher, 55; N. Welch, 49; W. Singleton, 48, and G. E. Carpenter, 6. Visitors: Alfred Mears (Curdridge), 10, conducted, 4; W. Cooper (Swanmore), 6; E. Wellstead (Curdridge) 4; J. W. Whiting (Fareham), 3; W. J. Ryves (Curdridge), 2; W. Linter (Swanmore), 2; G. W. Grafham and F. Tull (Fareham), one each; A. Millard (Swanmore), 1. Thirty of these 720's were rung for Divine service.

At Stony Stratford, Bucks, 51 720's were rung by the six local ringers, assisted by occasional visitors: Cambridge Surprise, 5; College Pleasure, 6; College Exercise, 3; London Scholars' Pleasure, 7; Violet, 6; Woodbine, 2; Oxford, 8; Kent, 3; Double Court, 3; Double Oxford, 1; Oxford Single Bob, 1; College Single, 1; Plain Bob, 3; Grandsire Doubles, 1; also 720 in three methods, and 1,680 in seven methods. The following ringers took part: E. Yates, A. Clark, H. J. Tucker, W. W. Bonham, T. C. Tompkins, and C. A. Valentine.

At the Chart, Limpsfield, Surrey, the St. Andrew's company and visitors, during 1911, rang 202 complete 720's in 15 methods, viz.: Cambridge, 17; Superlative Surprise, 14; College Exercise, 14; Duke of York, 17; Woodbine, 19; New London Pleasure, 9; Violet, 20; Oxford, 23; Kent, 19; Plain Bob, 19; Grandsire, 2; Canterbury Pleasure, 8; Oxford Bob, 12; College Single, 4; Double Oxford, 5. The following ringers took part: A. A. Jarrett, 181 (conducted 135); E. J. Hoad, 189 (conducted 47); L. Tidy, 192 (conducted 8); P. Tidy, 181; S. Heath, 151; W. Collins, 141; G. Tooth, 107; H. Tidy, 11; D. Wright, 24 (conducted 7); E. Tidy, 4; A. J. Lewis, 9; F. Locke, 1; J. Harris, 1; A. J. Perkins, 3 (conducted 3); G. Chantler, 1; T. Leal, 3; H. Selby, 3 (conducted 2); G. Steer, 2.

GOLDHANGER.

During the past year the Goldhanger band of the Essex Association, with visitors, have rung 80 720's of Minor, made up as follows: College Exercise, 15; Oxford Treble Bob, 13; Plain Bob, 11; Woodbine, 10; Kent, 6; Double Court, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, 4 each; Double Oxford, 3; Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, St. Clements, and Oxford Bob, 1 each. The following took part: J. D. Buckingham, 80 (conducted 67); G. H. Neville, 74 (conducted 9); A. Appleton, 58; H. Lewis, 57; F. White, 56; C. J. Mann, 47 (conducted 1); J. Owers, 41 (conducted 1); P. C. Sayer, 15; B. Howard, 14; F. Chalk, 11 (conducted 1); H. J. Mansfield, 11 (conducted 1); Rev. B. H. D. Field, 6; E. P. Buckingham, 3; A. South, 2; E. Newman, A. Shufflebotham, G. Mansfield, S. Stiff and G. Southgate, 1 each.

NORTH ANSTON.

The ringers of St. James' Church rang during the year, 1911, 71 complete 720's, besides short touches, making a total of upwards of 60,000 changes in the following methods: Oxford Treble Bob, 3; College Exercise, 1; No. 18 in the Central Council collection, 1; Royston Delight, 1; London Scholars' Pleasure, 1; Ebor, 1; Darlington Delight, 1; Blakeney Delight, 1; City Delight, 1; Norwich Surprise, 3; Bullers, 1; Baden Powell, 2; French, 1; Kitchener, 2; Anston, 2; London, 4; Worcester, 4; Cambridge, 5; Coronation, 2; Norfolk, 2; Ipswich, 1; Berverly, 1; Berwick, 1; York, 1; Chichester, 2; Stamford, 1; Durham, 1; Wells, 1; Norfolk, 2; Tulip, 1; Primrose, 1; Royal Sovereign, 1; Duke of York, 3; College Pleasure, 1; New London Pleasure, 1; Arnold's Victory, 2; College Treble, 1; New College Treble, 1; College Bob IV., 1; Morning Exercise, 1; New Morning Exercise, 1; Sandall, 2; St. James', 1; Kent, 1; Killamarsh, 1. Included in the above was a 5040 in Surprise Methods. This is believed to be a record in number of methods (44).

[Other records are unavoidably held over.]

LANCASHIRE'S HEAVIEST SIX-BELL TENOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Without in any way wishing to detract from the merit of the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Huddlesden, near Darwin, on January 15th last, I cannot but take exception to the footnote which states that the tower possesses the heaviest six-bell tenor in Lancashire. According to the last Lancashire Association report there is a peal of six at the Church of St. Michael, Kirkham, with a tenor weighing 20 cwt., and another peal of six at the Church of St. Michael, Huyton, about seven miles from Liverpool, with a tenor weighing 25 cwt. Some doubt exists locally as to the weight of the latter; in my opinion the weight is about 22 cwt. Possibly someone better informed than myself may tell us the exact weight. However, until we have some evidence to the contrary, we are bound to accept these two bells as being heavier than Huddlesden. Even if their claim does not hold good, I congratulate the band on their performance.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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.

In continuing my hints on calling Grandsire Triples, I would advise the beginner to study carefully the effect which the bobs have upon the work and the coursing order of the bells. As to the variation in the work, he will probably already know that a bob cuts one place out of the regular sequence of dodging. For instance, after having made 3rd's place, the order of the dodging places in the following leads is 4-5 down, 6-7 down, 6-7 up and 4-5 up respectively. Now, if a bob be called in the lead after the 3rd's place, the bell will not dodge in 4-5 down, but will stop for the double-dodge in 6-7 down instead; or if the bob be called the lead after dodging in 4-5 down, then the dodge in 6-7 is cut out, because the bell gets stopped by the bob for a double dodge in 6-7 up.

When, therefore, a beginner at conducting is calling bobs, he should bear this point well in mind, or he will find that the bob is a lead too late. He must remember that if he wants to call himself into 6-7 down, for instance, it has to be done the lead after he has made 3rd's place; if he wants to call himself in 6-7 up it has to be done the lead after dodging in 4-5 down, etc. Thus, also, 4-5 up at a bob comes the lead after dodging in 6-7 down, and to call oneself into the hunt, it must be done the lead after dodging in 6-7 up. The only position unaffected is the ordinary 3rd's place, which comes at a bob, as at a plain lead, the lead after dodging in 4-5 up.

Now all these positions have certain names. A call when the observation bell comes to make 3rd's place is known as "Before." When the bell is called into and out of the hunt it is known as "In" and "Out" respectively, and, as the number of leads a bell may be in the hunt varies, it is necessary, when talking of "in and out" of the hunt, to add the number of the leads which the bell is to be in the hunt, such as "in, and out at two," or "in, and out at three." The other three places are 4-5 up, 6-7 down and 6-7 up, and they are known as "middle," "wrong" and "home" or "right" respectively. To indicate the names, the initials are customarily used, e.g., M for "middle," W for "wrong," I for "in," etc. In the following short touch the 7th is called in every position in each of the two parts, so that it will make a good practice touch for a beginner to call. I give the figures with the bob leads marked and the position of the 7th indicated by the letter on the right hand side.

| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | |
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| — | 7 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | I |
| — | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | O |
| | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 | |
| — | 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 6 | M |
| | 5 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 4 | |
| — | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | H |
| | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 | |
| — | 6 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | B |
| — | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 4 | W |
| | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | |

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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.—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.

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.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 10th. Alton and Froyle towers open at 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by letting me know by Tuesday, February 6th.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The usual monthly practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, February 14th, at 8 p.m. sharp.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Whickham on Wednesday, February 14th. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. at the Rectory. The Rector invites the members to tea at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on February 15th and 29th; at St. John's, Hackney, on the 20th; 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. Alphge'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 CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Northenden on Saturday, February 17.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Bagshot on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in the institute at 5.30, followed with a social. Visitors heartily welcomed.—G. B. Edser, District Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at the Coffee Tavern, 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, for those who inform me by the Wednesday previous. Business meeting to follow.—F. S. W. Butler, District Secretary, 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, February 17th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, 6d. each. Members please note that subscriptions for 1912 are now due.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at "Ye Olde Royal Hotel," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6.30 p.m., Francis Edward Dawe, Esq., in the chair. Tickets free to all fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2/6 each.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on February 24th. Bells available from 4 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

NOTICES (continued).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Wednesday, February 28th; ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. A short special service will be held in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Babington, after which a proposed benevolent fund for the Association will be discussed and a resolution moved thereon. Will all those intending to be present at the tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, February 21st, and, just a whisper, "Contributions are due."—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

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