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MODERN WORK.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.

We are glad to see that the suggestion that a Ringers' Benevolent Fund should be established is being seriously considered in many parts of the country. At quite a number of association and district meetings in the last two or three weeks the subject has been discussed, and up to the present there has been not a single instance of an adverse vote. Wherever the matter has been debated, ringers have readily seen the advantages which a trifling annual contribution would bring to fellow members in distress. The Kent County Association is leading the way, and the scheme put forward by the honorary secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) as the result, we are proud to think, of the question being opened up in this column, is receiving enthusiastic support in all the districts, making it almost certain that at the next annual meeting Mr. Helmore's proposals will be adopted.

As we have before pointed out, the question whether the Benevolent Fund is a central one or administered by the individual associations, concerns us but little. It is a matter upon which, perhaps, there would always be a divergence of opinion. The important point is to get the subject taken up so that when a ringer falls upon evil days there is a fund available from which he can receive assistance in the emergency. Our own view is that a central fund would be strongest, but as the Kent Association has taken time by the forelock, the establishment of a county fund in that area may go a long way towards settling the general policy to be followed. The matter, of course, cannot be hurried. Ringers meet for the discussion of business at comparatively rare intervals, and as such a far reaching matter could be settled only at annual meetings, a fairly long period must elapse before the proposal can come into anything like general operation.

But in the meantime ringers can do much to advance the cause which, we feel, must appeal to their humanity and their common sense. It can be discussed among themselves and in the belfries, and views thus ventilated can be carried by their representatives to the district or committee meetings, from which, in turn, the matured judgment of the members can go to the annual meeting, and the best and most workable scheme adopted. Until the views of the individual associations have been ascertained it is useless to expect the Central Council to take action. The Council have no power to impose financial contributions for any purpose of this character upon affiliated associations, and, therefore, the movement in favour of the fund must be from the circumference to the centre. From the members themselves must the initiative come, and the project is certainly finding much favour.

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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, Todmor-
den, and one who has taken a great
interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which
you recently hung in the Church
Tower, I am pleased to be able to
tell you that the bells are giving
the utmost satisfaction, in fact I
hear nothing but the highest praise
and recommendation on all sides.

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

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

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	*WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
ALFRED GRIMES 5	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble	GEORGE ADES 6
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUNR. ... 2	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
CHARLES PALMER 3	ALBERT D. STONE 8
WILLIAM PALMER 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
OLIVER SIPPETTS 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CLAYTON PARNELL Treble	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
HARRY BARTON 2	JOHN O'NEILL 6
FREDK. C. LAMBERT... .. 3	JOHN LARTER 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	THOMAS KING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by H. BARTON.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	W. J. G. BROWN 5
WILLIAM FLORY 2	WILLOUGHBY MAULDEN ... 6
DAVID COLLINS 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
GEORGE STANNARD 4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt., in F.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	ROBERT RAINER... .. 5
HUBERT DAY 2	ALBERT RICHES... .. 6
DAVID COLLINS 3	FREDERICK DAY... .. 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Tenor

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble	ERNEST MANN 5
WILLIAM BIRKS 2	REV. R. P. FARROW ... 6
REV. C. B. D. FARROW ... 3	J. CECIL BOOTH 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.The Revs. C. B. D. and R. P. Farrow and Mr. G. Bolland belong
to Tong; the rest to Pudsey.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
*ARTHUR BAKER 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
*WALTER GRINSELL 3	*RICHARD DUNN 7
*SAMUEL PEARCE 4	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.* First peal of Major. It is also the first peal of Major on the bells
by an entirely local band. Rung in honour of the return from India
of their Majesties the King and Queen.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS CARRIE E. SPARSHOTT Treble	GERALD W. ARNOLD ... 5
GEORGE PRESTON 2	HENRY F. ELLIOTT ... 6
EDWARD C. ELLIOTT ... 3	SAMUEL CLARKE 7
*JAMES E. FIGGURES... .. 4	*CECIL G. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

* First peal.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN SMART... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ALLISS ... 5
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS ... 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
ERNEST LISH 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
GEORGE GATLAND 4	*EDWARD SEAR Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

* First peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble	SIDNEY BARRON 5
HAROLD BROWN 2	*REV. R. P. FARROW... 6
SMITH COLLINSON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 7
JAMES COTTRELL... .. 4	HENRY ODDY Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. R. P. FARROW.

* First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER ... Treble	*GEORGE RAWLINS ... 5
WILLIAM W. FOX ... 2	ISAAC EMERY ... 6
EDWARD E. RICHARDS ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
*JOSEPH MILNER ... 4	HARRY WARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
*WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a welcome home to the King and Queen on their return from India.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... Treble	*JOHN PALFRAMAN ... 5
WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
*JAMES A. TEALE ... 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... 7
*WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 4	HENRY SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal of Stedman.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary of CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

HERBERT J. BAKER ... Treble	SIDNEY FOX ... 5
SAMUEL R. GARNER ... 2	HORACE GILBERT ... 6
CLARENCE HADLOW ... 3	EDWARD FRENDELL ... 7
ALFRED T. W. BONES ... 4	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. FRENDELL.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALFRED SARGENT ... Treble	JOHN LARTER ... 5
HARRY BARTON ... 2	JAMES MOTTS ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	THOMAS KING ... Tenor

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs., in F.

*JAMES DUFFIELD ... Treble	*FRANK COPEMAN ... 5
CHARLES BAKER ... 2	CHARLES ROOPE ... 6
FREDERICK ROOPE ... 3	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM ROOPE ... 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is eleven years of age.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*REES JAMES ... Treble	*RICHARD EVANS ... 5
*THOMAS J. EVANS ... 2	FRED. CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	SYDNEY DAWE ... 7
*JOHN BULLEN ... 4	*JOHN COX ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and
Conducted by JOHN COX.

*First peal of Major and first attempt. Also first peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. K. Pritchard, Esq., Bryntifon, who had six bells recast and two others added, July, 1904, in memory of his late wife. Messrs. Jones & Bullen hail from Newport, Messrs. Dawe & Chamberlain from Cardiff.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

GEORGE DAVIS ... Treble	JAMES CLARKE ... 5
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	*FREDERICK CRYER ... 6
FREDERICK TATE ... 3	THOMAS SMITH ... 7
MARK TATE ... 4	JOSEPH DRAKE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal.

ORMESBY.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs., in E.

ALEXANDER MACFARLANE Treble	JOHN A. GOFTON ... 5
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 2	ROBERT A. GOFTON ... 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
*WILLIAM H. PORTER ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method.

CLIFFE AT HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 6
ISAAC EMERY ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, CLAPTON.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
ERNEST PYE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
*WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	*ALBERT W. COLES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE Treble	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD 5
JOSEPH BANKS 2	THOMAS WALLWORK 6
JOHN MCWILTON 3	ROBERT WALLWORK 7
JOSEPH WOODS 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of deep respect for the late Joseph Foster, who was for many years a ringer at the above church, and was interred on Thursday, February 8th, 1912.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR E. MORGAN Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES 5
JOHN BULLEN 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
SAMUEL JONES 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
FRANK MORGAN 4	JOHN GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK MORGAN.

First peal as conductor and rung at the second attempt. This peal was arranged specially as a farewell compliment to Mr. Morgan, who, to the regret of all the band, is leaving Newport to take up an appointment at Swansea, the band wishing him every success.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. JOLLY Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	THOMAS H. HAWKINS 6
THOMAS CRANFIELD 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal. Rung on the 55th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CASTLE ASHBY.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 32 six-scores of London Doubles and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN LABUTT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 3
*CHARLES FAIRY 2	EDWIN JONES 4
HARRY FOWLER Tenor	

Conducted by H. FOWLER.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE LIVERMERE COMPANY.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

F. SMITH Treble	H. RAWLINGS 3
R. MURGETT 2	A. CUTTER 4
W. PALFREY Tenor	

Conducted by F. SMITH.

First peal by all and first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Palfrey. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ERNEST GIBBS 4
ANDREW LAYTON 2	ARTHUR HADLEY 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR HADLEY.

Quickest peal on the bells. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Arthur Hadley, who was leaving for Arklow, Ireland, on February 7th, the ringers wishing him every success in his new sphere.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE, Senr. 2	ALBERT J. DAY 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT Treble	THOMAS KING 4
HARRY BARTON 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON 3	JOHN LARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the safe return of their Majesties, the King and Queen, from India.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES J. SALLOWAY Treble	GEORGE BOLLAND 4
REV. C. B. D. FARROW 2	EDWARD ODDY 5
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	SAMUEL ODDY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

NORTH MYMMS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob, and four of Kent Treble Bob,
each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

Rev. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE <i>Treble</i>	HENRY REEVES... .. 4
ERNEST RANDALL 2	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
J. T. HULL 3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal of Minor.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY HALL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 5
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

ELMLEY CASTLE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS EDWIN <i>Treble</i>	*CHARLES HALFORD 4
HARRY COLLIE 2	HUBERT SALISBURY 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	*WILLIAM BENNETT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. SALISBURY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Charles Holford and Wm. Bennett were proposed members before starting.

ANTONY, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVEY <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM T. LINNELL ... 4
JOHN H. GLUYAS 2	HAROLD BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. HAMLYN 3	GEORGE H. KERSWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury
Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. WOOD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 4
WILLIAM NYE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Quickest peal on the bells. W. Wood hails from Queenboro',
W. Nye from Rodmersham, W. Hyland from Upchurch, W. Kitching-
ham from Hartley, W. Walker from Rainham, and W. Wilkins from
Sheerness.

BRIGG, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

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. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES HENRY BAKER... <i>Treble</i>	†JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 4
†JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 2	†WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 5
†FREDK. S. W. BUTLER ... 3	WALTER AYRE <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDK. S. W. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and
rung as a birthday compliment to W. Dickenson.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double
Oxford, Double Court, Single Oxford and Single Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE COOPER... .. <i>Treble</i>	HARRY TYSOE 4
HERBERT SHARP... .. 2	EDWARD WHITE 5
JOHN W. BARKER 3	FRANK WEBB <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WEBB.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. AMOS W. CLARK, 135, BRIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR. 1-2	ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 5-6
WALTER S. WISE 3-4	AMOS W. CLARK 7-8

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

Umpires: THOMAS H. COLBURN and SYDNEY R. ROPER.

First peal double-handed by the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8. Also
rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining his
sixtieth birthday.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF "THE RINGING WORLD,"

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: CHARLES J. HAMBLIN.

This peal is No. 1 on the Broadsheet.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at Twerton-on-Avon rung on Jan.
20, was the first peal in the method by all, and in the Bath district
by entirely local men.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Deane on Feb. 3rd was the first in
the method, and not the first peal, by Joseph Ogden.

Will correspondents in sending reports of peals kindly be accurate
in the particulars and write the names plainly. It would obviate
many subsequent corrections.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—The Central Northamptonshire As-
sociation.—On Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, a date touch of 1912 changes, in
1hr. 7 mins., being 480 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 360 Antelope, and
592 Grandsire Doubles, each six-score called differently: G. Black 1.
C. Cooper 2, C. Swan (conductor) 3, E. Reid 4, R. G. Black 5. First
date touch by all and on the bells.

S. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.**KENSINGTON RINGERS' ANNUAL SUPPER.**

The annual supper of the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, was a very enjoyable function. The Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather) presided, and was supported by Mr. W. E. Garrard, Mr. A. B. Bennett, R.A., and Mr. Daniell. After an excellent repast, Mr. Garrard presented his annual report, in which he stated that the condition of the Guild might be regarded as satisfactory. The attendance on Sundays and at the practices throughout the year had been good, the quality of the ringing had never reached a higher standard, and, owing to the fact that nineteen of the twenty-four members were Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal ringers, it was very rare that the ten bells were not rung on Sundays. Most of their younger members had made good progress, and although they had a large membership, it proved none too many. He proceeded to give some interesting figures as to the attendance of members, and added that the number of Royal birthdays, weddings and Parish Days, for which the bells were rung, was 34. Only two peals had been attempted at St. Mary Abbot's during the year, both of which were successful. The first was a peal of Stedman Caters on Coronation Day, of which they were very proud. It was one of the only two peals rung on that occasion in London, the other being at Greenwich. The second peal was rung in September—Treble Bob Royal—which was the first of its kind by four of the band.

After referring to the summer excursion and the visitors to the tower during the year, the report went on to welcome Mr. Holloway as an honorary, and Mr. Robert Warner and Dr. Flaxman as ordinary members. During the past year it had been necessary to call in the bell hangers to the tower. The clapper stays had been put in order, and were now in use, thus preventing a great deal of noise in raising and lowering the bells. He was glad to say that anything required to be done was at once put in hand by the authorities (applause).

VICAR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The Vicar agreed that the plan now adopted would help to remove what they thought affected people most—the raising of the bells. There must, of course, be practice, but none of them wanted to create a nuisance to their neighbours. He was pleased to note that during the past year they had managed to ring two peals, and that St. Mary Abbot's was the only London church which was successful on Coronation Day—he could hardly consider Greenwich as part of London. He congratulated them as a Guild upon their strength, and especially welcomed the younger recruits. It was to these they must look for the continuance of their work. It was a most healthy sign, and he was sure the older members would help and encourage the young members. He was extremely grateful to the Guild, and hoped they would continue their services. He was sure the churchwardens would help them in the necessary repairs of which their leader had spoken, and he thought they were free to set aside any money required for this purpose. He expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Garrard personally for all he had done in the past year, for the leader was the secret of their success. He was glad also to welcome such old friends as Mr. Daniell, and others (applause).

Mr. Daniell thanked the Guild for the privilege of being present, and added, that he recognised in Mr. Dains the only member present at whose side he worked 30 years ago. Although he could not lay claim to anything great accomplished, yet he was certain that in those days they had done all in their power. It was a work which needed much patience as to details, and much striving, in spite of failures. It was not only an education; it combined education with physical exercise. In conclusion, he expressed his best wishes for the continued success of the Guild.

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE WEST END.

Mr. Garrard expressed the best thanks of all the Guild for the kindly interest that had been shown in them, and said he looked forward to the day when they might have a peal of bells more worthy of St. Mary Abbot's Church. He certainly believed when the time arrived they would receive the support of the parishioners in this matter. Judging from its importance, the Church might be called the Cathedral of the West End. There was an excellent peal of twelve bells in Southwark Cathedral, and he hoped they might have a similar peal. Mr. Garrard mentioned that he had received letters of regret from the Rev. H. A. Boughey, Messrs. Wood, Matthews and Godfrey, and they were also sorry that Mr. Cobkerill was unable to be with them that evening. They heartily welcomed Mr. Brundle (of Ipswich), and thanked him for the reception he had given to them on the occasion of a visit to his Guild (applause). The speaker added that there were some bells which were much worn, and no doubt would have to be recast; when that was done, he trusted it would be possible to have the bell chamber overhauled, which would add so much to the effect of ringing and prove a benefit to all concerned.

The Rev. H. Brown (Chaplain of the Guild) then took the chair, and a musical evening followed, those taking part including Mr. Daubney (violin solos), Messrs. Mackman, Daniell, Symonds, Holloway, Harris, Miles and Selby (songs), while exhibitions of handbell ringing were given by members of the Guild, and the Kensington Juniors.

The toast of "The Visitors" was honoured, and Mr. Brundle (Ipswich) responded. A pleasant evening closed shortly after 11 p.m.

DINNER AT BOLNEY.**RINGERS MEET THEIR NEW VICAR.**

At the invitation of Mr. E. Huth and Mr. W. W. Otter, the churchwardens, sidesmen and ringers connected with the Bolney Parish Church were entertained to supper at the Queen's Head Inn, on Thursday week. Mr. W. W. Otter (Vicar's warden) presided, and was supported by Mr. W. J. Brown (people's warden), and the Rev. E. W. Michell (Rector of Twincham and Vicar-designate of Bolney), while Mr. G. Walder, junr. (captain of the bell ringers) occupied the vice-chair. The room had been most tastefully decorated, and at the conclusion of an excellent repast, the Chairman submitted the loyal toast.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Huth for giving them such a favourable opportunity of meeting, and providing such excellent entertainment. He submitted Mr. Huth's health, which was drunk with musical honours.—In acknowledging the honour done to Mr. Huth, Mr. Brown wished it to be known that Mr. Huth's invitation included the churchwardens and ringers only, and that the sidesmen were the guests of Mr. Otter, whose health he proposed.—Mr. Otter replied that their thanks were, nevertheless, wholly due to Mr. Huth, as it was ostensibly a ringers' gathering, and the inclusion of the sidesmen was simply an afterthought. It gave him the greatest pleasure to meet them all. He made a feeling allusion to the loss they had sustained in the death of their Vicar. The late Rev. T. A. Holcroft was particularly fond of the bells, and took the greatest interest in the ringers. Proceeding, he said the occasion also gave them an excellent opportunity of an introduction to their prospective Vicar. Mr. Michell did not come among them as a stranger; they had probably all met him at some time—in the cricket field, if not in Church. In proposing his health, he assured Mr. Michell of a cordial welcome to the Vicarage of Bolney.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

In responding, Mr. Michell thanked Mr. Otter for giving him that opportunity of meeting so many of his future parishioners and fellow church workers. It gave him the utmost encouragement to see so many men interested in church work, and he asked them to realise that their position was only second in importance to that of the parson; in fact, without their assistance he would be practically helpless, but with the loyal support of such a body of men as he saw before him, there were great possibilities. He did not propose any drastic changes, but different men had, generally, different ways, and should any alterations be made, that did not, perhaps, meet with their entire approval, he asked them to give him credit for doing what he considered best for the good of the parish, and to back him up through thick and thin.

RINGERS' LOYALTY.

The Chairman proposed "The Ringers," and congratulated Mr. Michell on coming into possession of one of the finest peals of bells in Sussex. He also complimented the ringers on their present state of efficiency.—In responding, Mr. G. Walder, junr., thanked the churchwardens and sidesmen for the way in which the toast had been received. He also wished to express the thanks of the ringers to Mr. Huth. With regard to the bells, he could say that since the present ringers' society had been formed (26 years), the condition of the bells had never been so good, nor the ringers more firmly banded together than they were at the present day; and the interest taken in them, and the support given, surpassed all records in the society's earlier years. This favourable condition could be largely traced to the unfailing interest taken in the bells and ringers by their late beloved Vicar. In conclusion, he assured Mr. Michell of the whole-hearted loyalty and support of the ringers.

The Rev. E. W. Michell submitted the toast of the churchwardens and sidesmen.—Mr. Brown responded for the churchwardens, and Mr. J. F. Bulbeck and Mr. J. Hole for the sidesmen, and expressions of loyalty to the new Vicar were given.—The "Host and Hostess," submitted by the Chairman, brought the toast list to a close.—During the evening, songs were contributed by Mrs. F. M. Batchelor (who also accompanied on the piano throughout), Messrs. T. Gasson, J. Hole, G. Lewry, G. Walder, junr., W. Walder, G. Weller, W. Wheeler, etc. In addition to the names already mentioned, there were present: Messrs. A. Absalom, C. Harden, J. Harding, J. Hodgson, J. King, J. Newman, G. Packham, W. H. Packham, F. T. Payne, L. Sherlock and F. Stoner.

PRESENTATION AT MANCHESTER.

An interesting presentation took place in the ringing room at Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, when ex-P.C. Alfred Scraggs was presented with a very pretty silver flower stand, bearing the inscription: "Presented to ex-P.C. A. Scraggs on his retirement on pension after 26 years' service, by the members of the Manchester City Police Town Hall Bell Ringers, Feb. 10th, 1912."—The conductor (Sergt. W. Cartwright), in making the presentation, said the gift had been subscribed to by the whole of the ringers as a mark of their respect. He hoped he would live long to enjoy his well-earned pension, and that he would join them in the belfry as often as he could. Other members spoke in high terms of Mr. Scraggs' services, and Mr. Scraggs made a suitable reply.—Mr. Scraggs has been a member of the Town Hall company for 25 years.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The Midlands has no more enthusiastic ringer than Mr. Fred Wilford, who, with credit to himself and advantage to the society, has, since 1905, been the energetic honorary secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association. Born at Ringstead, Northants, on September 15th, 1870, Mr. Wilford moved to the county town of Northampton in 1887. He served an apprenticeship as a plumber, and is the holder of a certificate for practical plumbing, awarded by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers, London. In 1903 he was appointed as a water inspector under the Northampton Corporation, a position which he stills holds.

He learnt his ringing at St. Giles', Northampton, in 1897, at the time when, the bells having been rehung and



MR. FRED WILFORD.

increased from eight to ten, a new band was being formed. His interest in church affairs was, however, by no means confined to the belfry, for at that period Mr. Wilford was also a member of the choir, and the superintendent of the Sunday School. He received his early instruction in ringing from Mr. A. Stewart, under whose conductorship he rang his first peal, a peal of Grandsire Caters on the tenor at St. Giles' in December, 1898—the first peal on the bells. His first peal inside was also Grandsire Caters in 1900. His first peal of Major was Treble Bob, rung in January, 1901, and the same year he scored his first peal of Stedman, at Bermondsey. It was in London also, that he rang his first peal of Double Norwich, viz., at Battersea, in 1903, his first of Superlative being at Irthlingborough in 1904.

In 1901 he was made foreman of St. Giles' belfry, and held the office until 1909. When, in 1905, the Central

Northants Association was split up into districts, Mr. Wilford was appointed secretary of the Northampton district, and in the following year was elected general secretary of the Association, having, in 1904, been sent to represent the Association on the Central Council, both of which positions he fills to the present day. In 1906, in recognition of his having rung 100 peals, he was presented with a gold badge in the shape of a bell. Mr. Wilford has conducted the only two peals of Double Norwich rung on St. Giles' bells, and two out of the three peals of Superlative rung in Northampton.

In his capacity of secretary to the Central Northants Association Mr. Wilford has done a great deal to help forward change ringing in the county. He attends all the Association's quarterly meetings, and spares no effort to maintain the position of the society in the campanological world, by encouraging and helping young ringers, and keeping the organisation in an efficient condition. Among the other associations of which he is a member are the following: Bedfordshire, Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Kent, Middlesex, the London County, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and the All Saints' Society, Fulham. His peals number 169, and have been rung in 74 towers in 14 counties.

Grandsire Doubles	2	Conducted	1
Seven Minor Methods	34	Conducted	14
Grandsire Triples	20	Conducted	3
Grandsire Caters	8	Conducted	1
Stedman Triples	41		
Stedman Caters	10		
Bob Major	9	Conducted	6
Bob Royal	1	Conducted	1
Treble Bob Major	5		
Treble Bob Royal	1		
Double Norwich Major	17	Conducted	5
Superlative Surprise	20	Conducted	8
Cambridge Surprise	1		

Total ... 169 Conducted 39

ODD CHANGES.

The ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) of Chawleigh Parish Church, North Devon, are to be rehung in a new steel frame, and the front four bells are to be recast. The work of restoration is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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Among the performances recorded this week is a hand-bell peal of Stedman Caters rung in the Editor's sanctum sanctorum. The opposition of a brass band performing in the street outside happily failed to upset the ringing.

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The mention of the sale of two of the bells of Brigg, leads Mr. J. E. Sykes, who is at present engaged in Seraing, Belgium, to write as follows: My grandfather was for many years Vicar of North Kelsey, six miles from Brigg. There were three bells at North Kelsey, on which I learned to ring. These bells were at one time in Cadney Church, three miles nearer Brigg, and were sold to Kelsey on a faculty to obtain money to repair the steeple. The last time I handled these bells was in 1898. I tolled the tenor for my grandfather's death, the first time they were ever muffled.

The handbell peal at Croydon was rung at the fifth attempt, the previous efforts having been lost after 1 hr. 45 mins., 1 hr. 35 mins., 1 hr. 40 mins. and 1 hr. 53 mins. respectively. The performance is one that reflects credit on the whole band, and particularly upon the conductor, who has had an illness preventing him from following his employment for about four years, and had not rung a peal previously for close on five years.

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The Williams have rung another peal. This time it is Minor in seven methods at Upchurch, Kent.

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We always like things up to date, and one correspondent has sent us two peals for publication this week dated "September, 1912." In case the records are not sent in anticipation of performances yet to be accomplished, we have taken the liberty of altering the month to February.

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Miss Edith Parker appears this week in a new role. On Saturday she presided at a meeting of the Herts Association, and she conducted the proceedings as ably as she conducts a peal.

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Another lady has joined the ranks of peal ringers, Miss Carrie E. Sparshott having rung the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lympington.

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The tower of St. Thomas' Church, Douglas, the finest gothic building in the Isle of Man, was destroyed by fire on Sunday evening, the heavy bells crashing down through the belfry ceiling. The organ was also destroyed, but the church was saved.

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How early our boys begin ringing in these days. Once upon a time it was looked upon as exclusively a man's pursuit. Now, however, the rising generation sometimes begin before reaching their "teens." At the age of eleven, James Duffield has rung a peal of Bob Major at Pulham. Is there any other pursuit in which one can take part so young, and continue to so great an age as men do in the art of ringing?

ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT BRAINTREE.

At the meeting of the North Eastern District of the Essex Association, at Braintree, of the ringers, 47 in number, were entertained to tea by Mr. C. H. Howard, churchwarden, of Braintree, and Master of the Association.—Mr. David Elliott, of Coggeshall, presided at the business meeting.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, of Great Totham (hon. secretary and treasurer), moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Braintree (the Rev. Thos. Eddleston) for the use of the church bells by the visiting ringers. He said Mr. Eddleston came from the Rodings (he was Rector of High Roding), which were noted for their silent church towers, to Braintree, one of the very best ringing centres in Essex. There were eight churches in the Rodings, with 22 bells divided among them, but in Braintree, the very heart of the ringing world, the full peal would be found in several towers. Mr. Eyre said his experience of many years was that the Essex ringers not only rang the bells to call others to worship, but they also were most diligent in attending the services themselves, which was a very important matter.

The Rev. T. Eddleston replied, and he thanked Mr. Howard, the Essex ringing master, for the bountiful tea he had provided.—Mr. C. H. Howard, in reply, said it was a great pleasure for him to know they had a successful ringers' meeting at Braintree.—Mr. W. F. Pilcher, the other warden, also welcomed the ringers.

A KENT MEETING.

The historic Church of St. Nicholas, Deptford, was the venue of the Lewisham District meeting of the Kent Association. Lee was selected as the place for the next meeting, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore's proposals for a benevolent fund were discussed and approved. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, for providing the tea, and presiding at the meeting.

IDEN BELL RINGERS. ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Iden (East Sussex) Bell Ringers was held at the Bell Inn, Iden, on Wednesday evening in last week. The Rev. G. Lockington Bates presided, and among those present were: Messrs. A. Reeve and J. Nash (churchwardens), G. Tweeddale, J. Wood, J. A. Richards, etc.

After ample justice had been done to the excellent spread, provided by Host Swift, the Chairman submitted the toast of "The King," remarking that he (the speaker) was in London on the previous day, when he heard bells ringing from all directions in honour of the safe return of their Majesties from the Coronation Durbar.

He also proposed "The Subscribers," and thanked those who had responded so liberally to the appeal on behalf of the bell ringers. He coupled the name of Mr. John Nash with the toast, and that gentleman briefly replied.

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. G. Billenness, Master of the Romney Marsh and District Guild. His association with the Iden change ringers had, he said, always been of a very pleasant character. When he commenced his visits to their tower, change ringing was merely a tender plant, but by tending it carefully, it had been raised into a tree with several branches, represented by the various methods that were now practised in the tower. Although they had made most satisfactory progress, the tree of change ringing in the parish was far from being fully developed. It was still in need of fertilisation, so that its trunk might be firm and its branches numerous. They had given it their undivided attention in the past, and he was sure they would continue to do so, in order to keep up the rapid progress that was going on at present. He had, he continued, a motto to give them that evening. It was, "Look not into the past, it comes not back; wisely improve the present, that is thine; go forth to meet the future without fear and with manly hearts." He had dwelt a great deal on the past that evening, but although his message said look not backward, it meant "do not worry about it." One could not help occasionally referring to matters of bygone days, but if they applied the motto to change ringing, they would always be in possession of a respectable tree, that would bear the inspection of all gardeners of change ringing who might visit the tower. In the Rev. Bates they had one who took as deep an interest in ringers as any clergyman in the neighbourhood. He was frequently in the belfry, encouraging his ringers, and he managed the affairs of the belfry in a very satisfactory manner. They were pleased to see him there that evening, and were extremely thankful to him for presiding.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

The Chairman, in replying, mentioned that Mr. W. Cloke and himself had been associated with ringing in Iden for the past 22 years. He also expressed the opinion that they would keep advancing in change ringing.

Songs were rendered by the Chairman, Messrs. G. Wood, F. Wells, J. A. Richards, J. Wood, A. Mills, H. Dive, G. Mills and Heath, while the Iden Glee Singers gave several glees.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A very successful meeting of the London County Association took place at St. Clement Danes, on Saturday, about 40 members attending. After ringing, the members adjourned to the Parish House, where an excellent tea was provided by the Rector. The business meeting followed, the Master, Mr. G. R. Fardon, presiding. Three new members were elected, and the appointment of the district officers was ratified.—The auditors presented the balance sheet, showing a balance in hand on the year's working of £3 6s. 8½d., which was considered satisfactory, but owing to expense of having new rule books, no money could be placed in the bank. The secretary's report was most satisfactory. During the year the society had increased its activities by dividing itself into two districts, thereby enabling more meetings to be held, and more direct influence brought upon its members. During the year fourteen new members had been elected. A most successful concert was held in October, when a record number of tickets were sold, and a satisfactory balance added to the funds. During the year twenty-six peals were rung, seven more than the preceding year, and eleven more than in the year 1909.—The report was accepted.

The election of officers followed. Mr. H. S. Ellis was appointed Master; Mr. C. F. Winney retained the office of treasurer, and Mr. Hardy that of secretary. Messrs. A. E. Young and F. Wells were elected stewards for the year, and Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. T. H. Taffender, trustees.—The Rev. Pennington Bickfork was elected chaplain.—Four members were nominated as representatives on the Central Council, and Mr. A. E. Young and Mr. H. S. Ellis were duly elected.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the outgoing officers of the society for the way in which they had discharged their duties, and a similar vote was proposed to the Rector for allowing the society the use of the bells, the room in which to hold the meeting, and for so kindly entertaining them to tea. He was also thanked for the tower room placed at the society's disposal, and the safe to secure the property; also for the way in which he had received them during the year.—The Rector replied that it was a great pleasure for him to be able to meet the society, and hoped they would continue to prosper.—The evening closed with a touch of Stedman Caters of handbells.

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RINGERS' SERVICE.

GREAT GATHERING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

There was a great gathering of ringers at St. Clement Danes' Church, in the Strand, on Sunday evening, when the special service, arranged by the Rector (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford) was held. Considering the short notice that was possible, the response to the invitation extended to "the bell ringers of London and Provincial Associations" was extremely gratifying, and everyone enjoyed the very bright service. It was almost entirely a congregation of ringers, and there was something inspiring about the hearty singing of the well-known hymns. The prayers were intoned by the assistant curate (the Rev. A. Sylvester), and the Rector read the two special lessons.

The preacher was the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, whose stirring address was followed with the closest interest and appreciation. Basing his remarks upon Psalm xl., 2-3, "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God," the reverend gentleman prefaced his remarks by saying they met that evening in no accustomed manner, for that special service was, he believed, the first of its kind provided on a Sunday for the bell ringers of London and Provincial Associations. Proceeding, he enlarged upon the text, and alluded to the cry of every soul brought from a state of degradation into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Then, in graphic language, he described the cry of the metal when brought from the bowels of the earth to the foundry, and the cry of the bell to its founder, when in all its beauty and comeliness it came from the mould and was placed in a tower, whose foundations were as solid as a rock, where it gave forth "a new song," in perfect harmony with itself and with its fellows in the peal, "even a song of thanksgiving," the highest and best and most perfect melody pleasing to Almighty God.

Time was, continued the preacher, when bells "anointed and baptised with Holy water," were rung only by the priests and monks. Later bell ringing fell into low esteem, and the ringer was regarded with no favouring eye—his work and his office were looked upon as savouring of bad repute. Now, thank God, all that is changed, and the ringer is looked upon as a most valuable asset in the varied work of the Church. Those in authority have at last realised the truth of the words of the good Bishop Beveridge of 200 years ago. "Some, perhaps, may wonder why anyone should thus trouble himself about so low and mean a subject as this is generally thought to be, but I think nothing mean or low which hath any relation to the service of God and His Church." Certainly the ringers of to-day do not deem their service "mean or low"; nor can it be when such service requires perfection of touch and sight and hearing, coupled with no small amount of brain power. In the higher branches of the science, in the composition and conducting of peals, the ability and intellect are taxed to their utmost—to a degree never dreamt of by the ordinary public; but, above all, how can a church bell ringer admit that his office is mean or of low degree when he knows it is directly associated with the service of the most High. How can it be mean or low, when intellectual talent is brought into play in that holy and honourable service; talent which may indeed be equalled but not excelled in the musical world by such composers of church music as a Stainer, a Martin, a Sullivan, or a Barnby; talents exhibited in the belfry in the west end of the church to be compared only with the talents displayed by our leading organists in the choir at the east end of the church. Verily, the office of a ringer cannot in any way be accounted as mean or low. Certainly it is not so accounted by himself, and I trust it may never be hereafter by those outside who hear the joyous ringing of the bells, but who, heretofore, have taken little or no account of him who offers his very best to God in "praising Him on the well-tuned cymbals."

Turning again to the symbolism of the bell, the preacher said, if they would stand beneath the graceful form of a suspended bell, and with a bow strike upon a violin a note which corresponded with the bell, at once the great mass would answer in sweet sonorous tones. So with us. We stand, he said, under the great dome of Heaven, its mighty expanse stretching down to the horizon, hanging over us like a great bell. No sound indeed is heard; but strike a note in your lives, a note well pleasing to God, a note of repentance, faith, obedience, some self-denying work for your neighbour's good, some well-prepared Eucharist for your own soul's health, and at once Heaven takes up the strain—angels and archangels and all the company of Heaven uniting in an act of praise to God. Let your life, then, be ever for the praise and glory of God, let no wrong, jarring note be heard in it—like "sweet bells jangled, out of tune"—but let it be in all things in as perfect harmony with Heaven as far as you, by the grace of God, can make it.

Thus, the preacher concluded, would they be prepared for the moment when the bell slowly and mournfully announced the departure of their soul, and again spoke forth when they were laid in their grave to await that great and awful day when "the trumpet shall sound, and they should be brought by the archangel 'out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay' to receive their just reward for things done in the body."

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

CHANGES IN AXBRIDGE DEANERY.

At the annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, at Burnham, two honorary and 12 performing members were elected, and the Rev. G. H. Lewis was appointed chairman of the branch, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. H. J. Ker Thompson, who has held the position since the formation of the branch. Mr. A. H. Davies, the untiring hon. local secretary, also tendered his resignation, and Mr. J. Harris was elected to the post. Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected on the general committee. Churchill was chosen as the next place of meeting, and Berrow for the intermediate meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Dupius) for the use of the bells, the Rev. Gillmore for arranging the service, and the Rev. Thwaites for the able address.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Gayton, on Saturday week, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. King, R.D., who, with Mrs. King, entertained the ringers to tea. The Rector presided at the business meeting, at which two new members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. Tack, to the Rector and Mrs. King for their kindness in providing them with such a splendid tea.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Law, and supported by Mr. J. Slarke.—The Rector, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to him and also Mrs. King to welcome them, and he hoped the unity of bell ringers would long continue. Much to the regret of all the tenor bell was under repair, and the ringing was limited to Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob.

RINGERS' DINNER AT ACTON.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Acton, celebrated the formation of their Guild on Monday, the 3rd inst., by holding a supper and smoking concert in the Parish Room. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. A. Brown, the Rector's churchwarden. The Rector and Mr. E. H. Hayward, the people's churchwarden, were both unfortunately prevented by indisposition from taking part in the proceedings.—A most enjoyable evening was spent, songs being sung, tunes and changes rung on the handbells by the ringers and their visitors.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, who expressed his pleasure at presiding, and vastly amused the company by the story of a very thin curate's first attempt to ring a bell, who maintained his hold on the rope, and disappeared into the floor above, and has never been seen since. Gratitude was also expressed to Mr. J. R. Mackman, the instructor, and Mr. G. Mackman, the captain of the band, for their services during the past year, and also to Mr. Holloway for presiding so ably at the piano.

The band have just succeeded in ringing their first course of Grandsire Triples, and it is hoped they will figure in the peal columns of "The Ringing World" before the year is out.

OXFORD GUILD PRACTICES.

A meeting for combined practice in six-bell methods was held at Fulmer, on Saturday last, ringers attending from Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, and Chalfont St. Peter, together with the local company. Under the able conductorship of Mr. J. J. Parker, several ringers made their first attempts at different methods; and several touches of Oxford Treble Bob, and a 720 and 360 of Bob Minor were rung. Subject to the permission of the Rector, it was arranged to hold a similar practice at Chalfont St. Giles, on Monday, Feb. 19th, when all ringers will be cordially welcomed.

The monthly combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Easthampstead on Saturday week. Ten members were present, representing: Binfield, Easthampstead, Sandhurst and Hurst. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Double Court, Forward, Oxford Single Bob, and Stedman Doubles, were rung.

THE PEAL AT MAKER, CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If six ringers, all attached to eight and ten-bell towers have the courage and intelligence to ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles, surely there is one of them intelligent enough to record it correctly. The peal was published as "Grandsire and Bob Doubles called differently." The correction has been made that no Bob Doubles were rung. The peal was not called differently, the same calling being used 42 times, viz., B. B. S. 5th observation. Another correction in your last issue states that it was the first peal in any method by those marked *. This is not correct, as W. Thinnell rung his first peal on eight bells in 1903, and since then has rung several peals. I really think that when ringers are recording peals they should be very careful, and give facts, and when different callings are used in six-bell peals, that the number of times each calling is used should be stated.

E. W. MARSH.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to express my delight at seeing the announcement that a meeting of the Kent Association is to be held at Tenterden, on Wednesday, Feb. 28th. My one regret since being a ringer, is that, my work being in a shop, I am barred from all meetings (except the annual general) on account of their being held on Saturdays. No one needs telling how difficult it is for one to leave business on that day, and, therefore, we miss the opportunity that the Saturday ringers have, of practising higher methods which one has learned, but is unable to ring, because they are not practised in one's own tower. At meetings, however, the opportunity arises for such ringing. But we shop folk not only miss the ringing; we also miss the enthusiasm which such meetings create among ringers.

The suggestion that I would put forward, is that the meetings should be held alternately on Wednesdays and Saturdays, thereby giving all ringers an opportunity of attending. I am sure that by so doing it will cause more interest to be taken in the various associations by those who hitherto have not done so by reason of their being unable to attend the meetings on a Saturday. It will also tend to raise the standard of change ringing, by encouraging the higher methods. One has not far to look to see that those ringers who keep to themselves and never trouble to entertain others, or go where ringing is, seldom get farther than Grandsire, and one of the objects of the associations—to bring ringers more into touch with each other—would be advanced another step if this course were taken. In concluding, may I extend to Mr. Tribe a wish that the meeting will be a success, and that it may be the forerunner of a series of Wednesday meetings, not only in his district, but throughout the whole country.—Yours sincerely,

*"SHOPKEEPER."***COMING OF AGE CELEBRATION.****FESTIVITIES AT LOUGHBOROUGH.**

To celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Pryce Taylor, third son of Mr. John W. Taylor, the employees of the Loughborough Bell Foundry were entertained on Saturday week by the present head of the well-known firm. A company, numbering 62, sat down to a substantial meat tea, served in the large tuning shop, which had been effectively decorated for the occasion with flags, etc. The company included, in addition to the employees, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Miss Josephine Taylor, Mr. Arnold B. Taylor, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. C. Stuart Taylor, Mr. Owen J. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Lee, of Manchester (mother and sister of Mrs. J. W. Taylor), etc. After tea an enjoyable concert was given. Mrs. Taylor, accompanied on the piano by Miss Taylor, rendered a solo, and songs were given by Messrs. Horace and George Lowe, G. Edmonds, G. Reut, junr., E. Ward, etc., while selections were also given by Mr. A. Street's string band.—During the evening, Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed "The King and the Church."—On behalf of the employees, Mr. Wm. Street presented a dressing case, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Pryce Taylor, whose health was drunk, on the call of Mr. R. F. Lane, supported by Mr. F. W. Glenn.—Mr. Pryce Taylor suitably acknowledged the gift and the toast, and thanked the employees for their good wishes.—The health of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor was proposed by Mr. S. Wheatley, who thanked them for their hospitality.—The toast was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A fine afternoon favoured a meeting of the Eastern District of the Hertfordshire Association, on Saturday last, at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. About 28 members and friends were present, and a very pleasant time was spent. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise. The towers represented were: Edmonton, Stanstead, Bishop Stortford, Deptford, Camberwell, Hammersmith, Harlow Common, and Little Munden, besides the bands of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne. Tea was partaken of at the Salisbury Arms, Hoddesdon, after which the business meeting was held, Miss E. K. Parker presiding. Several new members were made, and votes of thanks to the Vicars of both churches for the use of the bells were passed.—Afterwards, an adjournment was made to Broxbourne, where some good touches were brought round.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE NEW BRANCH.

The newly-formed Biggleswade and District branch of the Bedfordshire Association had a very successful meeting at Sandy. Four new members from Sandy, including Mr. A. F. Love (churchwarden) as an hon. member, and four from Everton were elected, making the total in the branch 16 performing members, two probationers, and one hon. member.—The Rector was thanked for the use of the bells and the room in which the meeting was held, and Mr. Churchwarden Love for presiding, and for his interest in the branch. Some good practice was had on the bells in the tower.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINCHESTER DISTRICT FAVOURS BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The members of the Winchester district of the Diocesan Guild held a quarterly meeting at Alton last Saturday, members being present from Winchester, Twyford, North Stoneham, Bishop Sutton, and Farnham. Touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung during the afternoon and evening, the church having a good ring of eight bells, although they do not "go" well.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester, general secretary of the Guild, presided at the tea, which was held in the church room.—The District Secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) mentioned the subject of a Ringers' Central Benevolent Fund, and the members present were unanimously of the opinion that it was desirable to start such a fund.—Mr. Edwards (Farnham) expressed the hope that the Guild would be able to give some help towards the improvement of the bells at Bentley.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. C. Elvin).—The Rev. Canon Stenning, the Rev. Canon Martin and the Rev. Canon Smith have recently become honorary members of the Guild.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SHIFNAL.**

A most successful meeting of the Salop Guild was held at Shifnal, on Saturday last, when members were present from Birmingham, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wombourne, Langley Green, Tipton, Dudley, Prees, Condover, Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth, Coalbrookdale, Malinslee, and the local tower. During the afternoon a most interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, in the presence of a large number of ringers and a number of ladies, Mrs. Malaher, wife of the Vicar of Shifnal, unveiling a marble tablet recording two peals rung by members of the Guild, one of Stedman Triples on Nov. 18th, 1905, and one of Grandsire Triples, on October 7th, 1911. Both peals were composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham, who presented the tablet to the belfry.—The Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Malaher), in thanking Mr. Carter, referred to the creditable work done on behalf of the Guild.—In reply, Mr. Carter said it always gave him great pleasure to help the Guild in what way he could, and hoped he would live to ring many more peals on the bells at Shifnal.—The Vicar also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. John Bradney, the local captain, for the way in which he had brought change ringing so much to the front in Shifnal.

The business meeting was held in the Vestry, at five o'clock, the Vicar occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. H. B. Beckwith (Shrewsbury), the Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale), and the Rev. E. Parry (Dawley). Fifty-two members afterwards sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the repast having been kindly provided by ladies of the parish. Subsequently, Mr. Sam Spittle, of Dudley, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness.—This was seconded by Mr. Rock Small, of Tipton, and carried unanimously.—The next meeting will take place early in May, at Church Stretton, a most attractive place in the summer, and it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—Touches were rung in a number of different methods.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.**THE QUESTION OF SUBSCRIPTION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Thrapston District was held at Woodford on Saturday last, nearly 50 members being present from Thrapston, Islip, Raunds, Twywell, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Rushden, and Burton Latimer, with the local ringers. Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. The bells are a heavy ring of five, and it is hoped that they will be rehung, and, if possible, have a new treble added, in the near future.—Tea was served at the Church Institute, after which a short business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. W. St. Geo. Coldwell) being in the chair, supported by the Rector (the Rev. Gerard M. Davidson), the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. F. Stubbs).—Several new members were elected, including the Rector as an hon. member. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Aldwinckle.—The General Secretary brought forward the question of the payment of subscriptions; the President also referred to the matter, and gave notice that he should suggest at the annual meeting, and, if thought necessary, would propose it as a rule: "That all belfries appoint someone who shall be responsible for the subscriptions, and forward the same to the secretary, together with the names of those who wished to be members for the current year."—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their kind welcome, and last, but not least, to the ladies who had provided tea for such a large company at such a short notice.

The Rector (who has lately come from Higham Ferrers to Woodford) welcomed the Association, and said he hoped they would visit them again in the near future, by which time, he hoped, their bells will have been put into proper order. They had already had Mr. Taylor over to look at them, and as soon as they were prepared financially, the work would be done. He was very pleased to see his old ringers from Higham. They were a splendid set of men as ringers, and he was pleased to say he had found the Woodford men the same. He assured them it would always be his ambition to assist such a band of men to the best of his ability.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, at the Parish Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Reeves 1, F. T. Hoad 2, W. Claydon 3, H. Ewins 4, G. Croucher 5, T. Sparks 6, H. A. Hoad 7, G. F. Hoad (conductor) 8. Also 363 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in which J. Wedge and O. Gilbey took part.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Jan. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Haley's variation), in 46 mins.: W. Weatherstone 1, T. Deal 2, E. F. Pike 3, E. E. Richards 4, F. W. Richardson 5, G. Rawlings 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, A. Papworth 8.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 24th, on the occasion of the second annual "Four Choir Festival" service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: A. G. Bennington 1, E. E. Richards 2, J. Law 3, W. J. Jeffries 4, F. W. Richardson 5, G. Rawlings 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, C. Macklin 8.

STAVELEY.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 16th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. H. Court, interred on that date: H. Mottershall 1, L. G. Palmer 2, J. Moss 3, F. Parson 4, W. Daffin 5, W. T. Palmer 6, T. Riley 7, A. Craven 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Cope 1, F. Richardson 2, A. P. Cope (conductor) 3, E. Roberts 4, R. G. Lewis 5, H. Willisford 6, C. Smith 7, E. Green 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, whose age is 75.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Jan. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. W. Holme 2, B. Thorpe 3, R. Wimpenny 4, A. Kershaw 5, G. Garnett 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, C. Broadbent 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, with C. Broadbent 3, W. Wolstencroft 6, B. Thorpe (conductor) 7, the other ringers as before. These touches were rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Mayor of the Borough (Councillor C. H. Waterhouse, J.P.), and Miss Bennett, of Audenshaw.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Jan. 17th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): *M. Duck 1, G. F. Alexander 2, *C. Watson 3, *S. Lindale 4, G. Welburn 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck (conductor) 7, J. W. Lowther 8. *First quarter-peal of Major, and first as conductor by R. Duck. Also six courses of Grandsire Triples, with F. Townsend 8.—On Jan. 19th, on handbells, in 39 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes): *M. Duck 1—2, *J. W. Lowther 3—4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5—6, *R. Duck 7—8. *First quarter-peal of Bob Major on handbells.

HARWELL, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — On Wednesday, Jan. 17th, 720 College Single Minor: F. C. Mulford 1, W. Hitchman 2, T. Hughes 3, V. R. Hitchman 4, *R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, *G. C. Rice 6. *First 720 in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, 504 in the same method, non-conducted: Fred Hayes 1, F. G. Biggs 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, G. F. Williams 4, R. Buckland 5, R. Biggs 6, R. Coles 7, F. Boxall 8. It is proposed to attempt a silent peal at a future date.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Rabbitt 1, R. Reader 2, S. Paris 3, E. Hook 4, T. Smithers 5, R. Vanns 6, T. Saunders (conductor) 7, G. Manser 8.

OKHAM.—On Jan. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. W. Baker (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, G. H. Towell 2, S. B. Higgs 3, P. E. Higgs 4, W. E. Higgs 5, H. Burbuck 6, F. C. Towell (conductor) 7, E. D. Smith 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. John's Church, Deritend, Johnson's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, E. Large 3, J. B. Collett 4, W. G. Ellis 5, W. F. Webb 6, J. Porter 7, T. Pearce 8.

PORTSEA.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Old Year's Night, with the bells half-muffled, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 59 mins.: J. Harris 1, J. Symonds 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Matthews 5, W. Holloway 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: R. Hayward (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Wheeler 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, J. Harris (conductor) 6, J. Harding 7, J. Matthews 8.

SCARBOROUGH.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, at St. Thomas' Street, on handbells, 720 Doubles, comprising the following methods: Two six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob, each called differently: J. R. Barton 1—2, H. Ferguson 3—4, J. Dixey (conductor) 5—6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Carter 1, H. C. Chandler (conductor) 2, C. S. Bird 3, H. W. Cowley 4, C. Edwards 5, G. A. Gladman 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, E. R. Gladman 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1008 Double Norwich Major: W. Pollard 1, C. Pollard 2, F. Laverick 3, G. Pickering 4, W. Rudd 5, W. H. Thomas 6 (Bristol) 6, J. H. Blakiston 7, T. Lancaster 8.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Iltyd's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, 1008 Bob Major: W. Hardwick 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, Rees James 5, J. Evans 6, R. Bunstone 7, J. Cox (conductor) 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Hunt 2, G. Rordan 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock 5, C. Norris 6, F. Belsey (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

GRANTHAM.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern branch).—On Sunday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes), in 51 mins.: E. Nidd 1, H. Thorpe 2, D. Overton 3, J. Whetstone 4, W. Cawton 5, W. Thorpe 6, F. Turner 7, A. Darnell 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, T. Hall 10. First quarter-peal of Caters on the bells by local band.

MANCHESTER.—At St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholm, on Sunday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Walter Ryder 1, W. Holbrook 2, J. Idle 3, H. Wilson 4, F. Ryder 5, W. H. Idle 6, W. E. Ryder (conductor) 7, A. A. Bashforth 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Andrew Dickson, a past warden, and life-long worker in the parish.

LONDON.—The Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Nudds 1, F. I. Hairs 2, F. A. Holden 3, A. W. Grimes 4, H. Ranzetta 5, J. Thomas 6, F. Bennett 7, H. Flanders 8, W. Shimmans 9, J. E. Davis (conductor) 10.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, for evening service, 1312 Bristol Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: F. G. Perrin 1, J. A. Trollope 2, H. Ranzetta 3, F. Hairs 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. Hewett 6, A. W. Grimes 7, J. H. Davis 8.

BESTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1280 Superlative Surprise: L. Price 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, W. Clifford, junr., 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price 8.

DOWNE, KENT.—Society of Bromley Youths.—On Jan. 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: F. Sear (first 720) 1, I. Emery 2, G. Durling 3, H. J. Blackwell 4, G. Huxley 5, S. Marshall (conductor) 6.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 22nd, 1293 Grandsire Caters: H. Bagshott 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, G. Preston (conductor) 3, E. Hinton 4, A. Woolf 5, G. Plummer 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. G. Fowler 8, B. Best 9, S. Best 10.

LAVENHAM.—On Jan. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Symonds 1, R. J. Poulson 2, F. Parker 3, G. Lambert 4, W. Dent 5, W. Faiers 6, T. Pryke 7, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by all, also by a Lavenham company. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. A. Symonds.—On Jan. 19th, 912 Double Norwich: F. Poulson ringing the 4th, conducted by S. H. Symonds ringing the 2nd.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, three 360's Oxford Treble Bob and 720 of Kent.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 28th, 360 and 720 Plain Bob, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob.—On Sunday evening, 360 Plain Bob, and a course of Oxford Treble Bob, the following taking part: A. J. Naunton, G. Naunton, L. Naunton, F. Naunton, J. Spencer, J. Larter, E. Nunn, T. King, W. H. Fussell, H. Barton, J. Spalding and G. Bertram.

BLOCKLEY.—The Four Shires Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): *C. Figgures, junr., 1, R. Lyddiatt (conductor) 2, E. Shepherd 3, J. Keyte 4, H. Barnes 5, G. Mabson 6. *First quarter-peal.

ICKLETON.—The Ely Diocesan Association.—On Jan. 24th, at the Parish Church, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 38 min.: *A. Carder 1, *H. Carder 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, J. Webb 4, *W. Flitton 5, *A. Lilley 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect for Mrs. E. A. M. Lewis, Lady of the Manor, who was interred that day at Ickleton. *Longest length of Minor. It was intended to ring a peal, but time would not permit.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held on Saturday week, at Boston, when members attended from Skirbeck, Frampton, Kilton, Alkirkirk, Stickney, Surfleet, and Freiston, together with the local band. The dinner, provided at Mr. S. B. Chamberlain's, Market Place, was presided over by the Vicar of Boston (the Rev. R. T. Heygate). A business meeting followed. — The Secretary (Mr. C. W. Newton) read the report and balance sheet, which was carried, and showed a balance in hand of £8 8s. 10d. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. W. T. Jennings (Skirbeck); secretary, C. W. Newton (Skirbeck); treasurer, H. Palmer (Skirbeck); committee, C. F. W. Skelton (Frampton), J. Haw (Spilsby), C. Wright (Boston), E. Clayton (Freiston), J. Colman (Skirbeck), H. Lancaster (Stickney); ringing master, W. Barker (Frampton); representative on Guild committee, W. Barker.—A vote of thanks was passed to the late president, the Rev. J. P. Cheels, and to the late treasurer, Mr. A. O. Barber, whom the members were very sorry to lose.—A service was held in the chapel of the Parish Church, at 4.30, when an appropriate address was given by the Vicar. His text was taken from 1 Cor., ix., 24: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize."—After the service, the bells of Boston and Skirbeck were at the disposal of the ringers.

NOTICES.

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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 5 p.m. 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 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Next meeting will be held at Lewes (Southover) on Saturday, February 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 at the Church Hall, 6d. each to those who let me know by Wednesday, February 21st.—Robert J. Dawe, Divisional Honorary Secretary, "Southover," Alfriston Road, Seaford.

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.

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.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Samlesbury on March 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd, bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), and an address by the Rev. H. C. Burnett. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, February 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All past and present members and other ringing friends of the Guild are cordially invited.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Armley on March 2nd. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting (nomination) at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday. Notice has been given of a resolution affecting the latter part of Rule 1 (*re* Central Council).—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins has removed to "Mizpah," Wellesley Road, Marine Town, Sheerness.

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RINGERS ENTERTAINED. SCARBOROUGH.

By the kindness of the Vicar (Archdeacon Lindsay) and the churchwardens (Messrs. Lawson and Southwell), the Scarborough ringers were entertained to supper on Tuesday week at Swift's Boarding House. During the evening touches were rung on handbells, and games of billiards were indulged in. Mr. Milliner sang "The Diver" in fine style, and with Mr. Barton, rendered the duet, "Excelsior."—Mr. Cole, the senior ringer, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness, and spoke of the good feeling which existed between the church authorities and the ringers.—The vote was seconded by Mr. Dixey, the captain, and supported by Mr. J. R. Barton, the hon. secretary, the latter urging the younger members to make still greater efforts to become efficient in the art of ringing.—The Rev. Robson also supported the motion, to which, in the absence of the Vicar, who had to leave earlier in the evening, Mr. Churchwarden Lawson replied. He congratulated the members on the progress of their ringing, and said he was pleased with the spirit which prevailed in the belfry. He reminded the ringers that they were as much churchworkers as other members of the church.—Mr. Churchwarden Southwell also replied, and the enjoyable evening then concluded.

SALEHURST.

In honour of the safe return of the King and Queen, after their tour in India, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Salehurst, celebrated the home-coming by several touches of Grandsire Triples, on Tuesday week.

Subsequently they were entertained to tea through the kindness of Mr. James Hodson, people's warden, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. After tea, the loyal and patriotic toasts were honoured.—Mr. Trayton Booth, the captain, proposed the health of Mr. J. L. Duck, one of their number, who is shortly leaving for America, and said that his going would be a distinct loss to campanology in Salehurst, as he had proved himself a valuable acquisition. In conclusion, he voiced the feelings of the members by wishing him health and prosperity in his new sphere of life.—Mr. J. L. Duck, in reply, said he was sorry to leave them, as he had spent many happy days in Salehurst Church tower. He hoped, however, that they would go on and prosper, and that he might have the pleasure of meeting them all again at some future time.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being contributed by Messrs. T. Booth, W. Cramp, J. Duck, H. Edwards, J. Goodsell, S. Goodsell, J. Lavender, B. Mills, E. Mills, F. Morgan and N. Robinson.

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