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**MODERN WORK.**

## CHEAPER METHOD OF AFFILIATION.

The question raised by Mr. W. H. Godden at the Henry Johnson dinner and to which we briefly referred last week, is one which is of general and practical interest to ringers throughout the country. Mr. Godden's suggestion was that ringers who wish to take part in peals with associations other than their own should be able to do so without having to go to the expense which is now necessary in joining another body. Among political clubs a system is in vogue by which a member of one club can enjoy all the privileges at any other by the production of an affiliation ticket, which is purchased for a small annual sum. This gives the holder of the card all the facilities—except, of course, voting power—which he enjoys in his own club. There can be no doubt that some such arrangement applied to the ringing associations would be appreciated by large numbers in the Exercise.

There are numerous instances where men ring just one peal with an association, but before doing so have to pay the five shillings, or what not, for membership. Many join a number of associations in this way, and it thus becomes an expensive matter, because it must be borne in mind that a large proportion of ringers are not too well blessed with this world's goods. In such cases as these a general affiliation fee at a nominal sum would be a boon. At the same time the financial consideration from the associations' standpoint must not be overlooked. A very acceptable source of income is that obtained from the non-resident members, most of whom are elected in the belfry before a peal, and those societies whose finances are none too strong, would not, of course, like to lose this means of adding to their funds. Then, too, the present mode of "compounding"—the payment of a subscription which lasts a member for all time while he lives outside the area of the Association—was introduced largely to relieve visitors of the liability for an annual subscription.

These are points, which, in discussing the subject, must not be overlooked. On the one hand, facilities for this more extensive affiliation would have considerable advantages for the ringers, especially for the ringers of the future, and would tend to increase interchange of visits. On the other hand, the fact remains that something has already been done to meet the point, while, as the matter chiefly affected is that of peal ringing, there is no great barrier in the way of intercourse between the members of the different associations. However, Mr. Godden's suggestion will doubtless appeal to many, and it is for them to see that the idea is considered in the proper quarter.

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully,  
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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**TWELVE BELL PEALS.**

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.*On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 9
WILLIAM C. GILLINGHAM... 4	WILLIAM MOTTS ... 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... 5	EDWARD EVANS ... 11
FREDERICK WATLING ... 6	FREDERICK DAY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. First peal on the bells since the re-hanging of the front ten by Messrs. F. Day and Sons, who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner. W. C. Gillingham is visiting his native town and is shortly returning to Winnipeg, Canada. F. Watling hails from Saxmundham, and F. Day from Eye. A. S. Boar is leaving Ipswich for Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-  
LYNE SOCIETY.*On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,*  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES;**

CHAS. BOWER ... .. Treble	TOM WILDE ... .. 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 2	JOSEPH MELLOR ... 8
GEORGE GARNETT ... 3	FRED PAGE ... 9
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 10
SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 5	BENJAMIN GILL ... 11
GEORGE WOODHALL ... 6	SAMUEL BOOTH... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung to celebrate the dedication of St. Gabriel's Mission Church, Cockbrook, Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal of twelve by Mr. George Woodhall, of Liverpool.

**TEN BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 2	*REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	*JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 8
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. ... 4	ERNEST PYE ... 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 2	ALFRED PYE ... .. 7
HENRY J. MAYNARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUNR. ... 4	HARRY FLANDERS ... 9
ERNEST PYE ... .. 5	ALFRED CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANCES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES H. FOWLER ... Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 8
T. LEONARD ALLEN ... .. 4	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 9
ARTHUR S. PETTIT ... .. 5	*WALTER JAMES... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Stedman.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE PEARCE ... .. Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT ... 2	ALBERT E. REEVES ... 7
WILLIAM T. PATES ... 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 8
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 5	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... Tenor

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

Rung to commemorate the ninety-fourth anniversary of the Appleton Society.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY DALTON ... .. Treble	†BENJAMIN DALTON ... 5
ANDREW JONES ... .. 2	WILLIAM LAWLEY ... 6
DANIEL JONES ... .. 3	ALFRED FALLON ... 7
*JAMES H. ROWE ... .. 4	†JOHN EVANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on St. Matthias' Day and as a compliment to Mr. T. Gilbert, the donor of the two new bells. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.

HUGH WATTS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 5
HERBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	ROBERT ALLRED ... 6
JAMES ALLRED ... .. 3	JOHN T. ALLRED ... 7
HARRY ALLRED ... .. 4	†JOSEPH WATTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Rung after meeting short for Bob Major. J. Watts was proposed a member before starting.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

*On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

WALTER WEBB ... .. Treble	ALBERT D. CULLUM... 5
HUBERT HATTO ... .. 2	GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 6
CHARLES STONE ... .. 3	JOSEPH HANDS ... .. 7
FRANK MARTIN ... .. 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... Tenor

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

This peal was arranged for Frank Martin, who is leaving Reading for Willesden.

## PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HARRY CATTERMOLLE ... .. Treble	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. ... 5
GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 2	CLEMENT MORE ... .. 6
CHARLES MILLS ... .. 3	JOHN SMITH ... .. 7
ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 4	JOHN SOUTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and  
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Taken from Snowdon (page 26).

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*F. EADE ... .. Treble	*E. BISHOP ... .. 5
G. THOMPSON ... .. 2	*C. BRASIER ... .. 6
*F. HAMMOND ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 7
*H. R. BUTCHER ... .. 4	KEITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and  
Conducted by KEITH HART.

\* First peal of Major, and members of local band.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR M. HARDY ... .. Treble	JAMES A. TROLLOPE ... 5
*FREDK. G. SYMONDS ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 3	HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tency

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY, and  
Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

\* First in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier.

## CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... Treble	CECIL CHARMAN ... .. 5
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 2	THOMAS WORSFOLD ... .. 6
HORACE CHARMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM CHARMAN ... .. 7
ALWYN CHARMAN ... .. 4	HARRY LEDGER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

\* First peal. First peal by a lady resident in the Guildford district. It is also believed to be the first peal ever rung on tower bells in which both husband and wife have taken part. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Whittington's wedding.

## LEWISHAM.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM HEWITT ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Friday, March 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HARRY HEAP ... .. Treble	TOM WILDE ... .. 5
SAMUEL WOOD ... .. 2	WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 6
ARTHUR HAUGHTON ... .. 3	ALBERT HOUGH ... .. 7
GEORGE GARNETT ... .. 4	SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Richard Ridyard, a greatly respected member of the above Society.

## HUNSLET, LEEDS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 5
*HARRY SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 6
JAMES A. TEALE ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 7
GEORGE TINGLE ... .. 4	*GEORGE SMITH, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. The ringers of the 2nd, 6th and tenor belong to the local company and the remainder to Leeds Parish Church.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lbs.

GEORGE HAYES ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP ... .. 4	BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and  
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BECKENHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BOOKER ... .. Treble	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... .. 2	REUBEN BALDWIN ... .. 6
*FRANK GATES ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
GEORGE DURLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

\* First peal.

## WIDFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 11½ cwt., in F sharp.

FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... Treble	PERCY LETCH ... .. 5
ALFRED TARBUN ... .. 2	ARTHUR EDWARDS ... .. 6
THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3	HENRY F. COOPER ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and  
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

First peal in the method by all the band, the second man only having previously rung the treble.



## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH,

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... .. 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 6
WILLIAM MOTTS ... .. 3	CHARLES PARKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. William C. Gillingham and Miss May Kathleen Fenton, of Ipswich, who are leaving England for Winnipeg, Canada, and also for the 84th birthday of Mrs. Harriett Motts, the mother of James and William Motts, which she celebrated on March 5th. Congratulations were conveyed to Mrs. Harriett Motts, and also to the bride and bridegroom. Mr. William J. Nevard hails from Great Bentley, Essex. Mr. Charles Parker hails from Tuddenham.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR MOSELEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUNR. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SENR. 6
THOMAS TUDOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
THOMAS W. PEAKE ... .. 4	GEORGE HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEATHERBY.

First peal as conductor.

## WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*CHARLES TYLER... .. Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 5
*THOMAS BROOKS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. WALLATER ... 6
EDGAR MARLOW... .. 3	†EDWIN J. TYLER ... .. 7
THOMAS HILL ... .. 4	*AMOS COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman as conductor.

## SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, SENR. ... .. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 5
JOHN F. WILSON ... .. 2	JOHN ALDIS, JUNR. ... .. 6
WILLIAM STEELE ... .. 3	GEORGE POYNTZ ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE WOOD ... .. Treble	W. HYDE INGLESANT ... 5
†CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. 2	†JOHN GARRATT ... .. 6
HARRY WRIGHT ... .. 3	GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 7
*FRED COTTON ... .. 4	*NUNN WALKER... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and  
Conducted by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Messrs. Wright and Garratt hail from Sapcote, Cotton and Thompson from Hinckley, G. Wood from Sharnford, Inglesant from Broughton Astley. Messrs. Briggs and Walker belong to Stanton.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 3, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT ELLISS ... .. Treble	JOHN RICE... .. 5
ALBERT E. MITCHELL ... 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUNR. 6
ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 3	ALFRED D. MILLS ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. RICE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

## HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. ANCKER ... 5
CHARLES STARKEY ... .. 2	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 6
EDWARD LARGE ... .. 3	THOMAS VERRY ... .. 7
ALF. PADDEN SMITH ... .. 4	STEPHEN DANBY ... .. Tenor

Compiled and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and also to Mr. R. Faux, a ringer at this church and a very highly-respected member of the Guild, who attained his 74th year on March 1st. Mr. C. F. Johnston hails from Croydon.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... .. 5
THOMAS CRANFIELD ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 6
HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 4	CHARLES J. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Charles J. Clark who is shortly leaving for Canada.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

## SWINDON.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Friday, February 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

42 six scores, each called differently (32 with extremes).

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. YEEND ... .. Treble	T. PENDRY... .. 3
J. PUGH... .. 2	J. F. BALLINGER ... .. 4
J. PARSONS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. PARSONS.

First peal on the bells and first peal by all except the conductor.

## LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... .. 4
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... .. 5
FRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

## NUTFIELD, SURREY.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

LUKE KILICK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ... 4
FRANK HAWKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM BASHFORD ... 5
*FRED BASHFORD ... .. 3	JOHN THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal. First peal of Treble Bob in seven methods by all.

## TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

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

CHARLES E. BORRETT ... Treble	FREDERICK MANSEY ... 4
GEORGE SNELLING ... .. 2	JOHN SNELLING ... .. 5
BERTIE TURNER ... .. 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who wishes to thank the band for enabling him to score a peal on the beautiful ring of six at this church,

## ARDLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 5
ALBERT CARTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal upon the bells.

## BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of College Single, Reverse, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD SCOTT ... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 4
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 2	ARTHUR DRURY ... 5
*FRANCIS CRADDOCK ... 3	JOSEPH LORD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

\* First peal of Minor.

## GREEN'S NORTON.

## THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SLARKE ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... 4
FRED HOPPER ... .. 2	WILFRED SHARP ... 5
CHARLES FAULKNER ... 3	*WILLIAM HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED SHARP.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung after meeting one short for Bob Minor. The band wish to thank the Rev. H. Hoskin for the use of the bells.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each 720 being called differently.

WILLIAM STOCK ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
WILLIAM A. NORMAN ... 2	HERBERT ROBINSON ... 5
ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 3	GEORGE THEW ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd were proposed members before starting for the peal.

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WM. LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	†EDWIN LEATHERBARROW ... 4
GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
ARNOLD NUTTER ... .. 3	*JAMES ORME ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method by all the band, and first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. All the ringers are members of the local company.

## WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Tulip, College Treble, Sandal Exercise, York Minster, Snowdrop, Royal Sovereign and City Delight.

ALBERT H. NICHOLLS ... Treble	HARRY CUTTS ... 4
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Percy Beevois, a chorister, and Miss Margaret Lancashire, which took place on the above date.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

## CROYDON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WALTER S. WISE, 19, CROMWELL RD.,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER ... 1-2	ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	WALTER S. WISE ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

Umpire, DAVID WRIGHT.

First peal double-handed by the ringer of 1-2, and first with two bob bells by the ringer of 3-4.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY:

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. RADFORD.

Witness, R. WOOD.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a leap year birthday compliment to Mrs. Willshire. Composition No. 3 on J. Carter's Broadsheet.

## NORWICH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,  
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	5-6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ...	3-4	FREDK. J. CROSS ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE CROSS.

Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

First peal on handbells by all and rung at the second attempt. At the first attempt about 1900 changes were rung. The average age of the ringers is 19½ years.

There was only one 720 of Kent Treble Bob in the peal of Minor rung on handbells at Bourne, on February 18.

## YORKSHIRE'S HEAVIEST EIGHT.

The monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday last, at the Parish Church of St. George, Doncaster, and proved to be one of the most successful held there for some years.

The church is a magnificent building, both inside and out, and is well worth a visit. The tower, which is of massive proportions, reaches a height of about 170 feet, the ringing chamber being situated over 100 feet above the ground level. The bells (tenor about 30 cwt.), are the heaviest ring of eight in Yorkshire. They were designed by the late Lord Grimethorpe, being cast to proportions settled on by himself, and the tone and "go" of the peal is excellent.

About 30 ringers were present at the meeting from Arksey, Askern, Doncaster, Goole, Ranmoor, Retford, and Worksop. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going almost continuously till 8 p.m. Some good striking was heard, the methods rung including Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

A short business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. G. Halksworth (vice-president) presiding.—A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Sandford for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all preparations, was carried unanimously.—Mr. G. Halksworth briefly replied.

## BENEVOLENT FUND PROPOSAL.

## THE KENT SECRETARY'S SCHEME.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division was held at Tenterden on Wednesday in last week. Nearly forty members attended from Appledore, Ashford, Biddenden, Faversham, Hawkhurst, High Halden, Rolvenden, Rye, Smarden, Stone-in-Oxney, Tunbridge Wells, and the local tower. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were successfully brought round in the afternoon, and at five o'clock a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Babington), was held in the church, Mr. P. Ward, one of the Rolvenden ringers, and organist at Rolvenden Church, presiding at the organ.

Service over, the company adjourned to Goldsmith's Temperance Hotel, and sat down to an excellent meat tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who presided.—Mr. C. W. Player voiced the thanks of the company to the reverend gentleman for his kind hospitality, the use of the bells, and for arranging the service.—The Vicar, in response, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors. He offered a few words of congratulation to them on their ringing that afternoon. He was sorry he could not stay to their business meeting, as he had another service to attend, Lent being a very busy time.

Mr. A. Allen, of Tenterden, was unanimously elected chairman, and the following ringers were elected members of the Association: Messrs.

G. Woodgate, W. Milton, H. Hawkins, senr., H. Hawkins, junr., W. Hawkins, and S. Read, of High Halden; W. Holmes and R. Medhurst (Cheriton), W. Bottle and C. Ledger (Headcorn), W. J. Prebble (Hythe), N. E. Hope (Folkestone), A. Allen (Tenterden), W. Wenham (Stone-in-Oxney), F. Underdown (Rolvenden), and R. Waterman (Biddenden). The Rev. B. W. Gilpin, of High Halden, was elected an hon. member.

## THE SCHEME OUTLINED.

The meeting then considered the proposed Benevolent Fund for the Association, outlined by the general secretary, the Rev. F. J. O. Holmore, of Canterbury, and which the reverend gentleman anticipates bringing forward at the next annual meeting of the Association.

The Divisional Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) said the Rev. Holmore was desirous that they should answer the following questions: (1) Was the formation of a Benevolent Fund desirable? (2) If founded, by what means would the necessary contributions be supplied? (3) What persons would be eligible for relief, and who would consider their applications? (4) By what form and to what extent would relief be given? From the secretary's letter it appeared that the finances of the Association at present are in a very flourishing condition, and he thought, in order to work the scheme, the members' annual subscription need not be increased. They still pay 2s. each year, a penny, twopence, or threepence of that as might be arranged, being set aside for the benevolent fund. By taking the membership at 900, and by fixing it at 3d. annually, £11 5s. would be paid in each year. In addition to that, he proposed to deduct 6d. off each honorary member's contribution, which would add a further £2 6s. 6d. to the fund. The offertories at the service at the annual meetings could also be devoted to the object, and they would no doubt find generous supporters making special gifts from time to time. He thought a scheme, established on this basis, would produce an annual income of £15. That was without taking into consideration any interest accruing from the Post Office Savings Bank. He hoped they would discuss the matter, and make any suggestions they deemed necessary.

The members unanimously decided, without the slightest hesitation, that a benevolent fund was essential.

As to the second question, it was unanimously agreed that twopence be deducted from each members' contribution. It was thought that sum would be sufficient.

The third point, the management of the fund, was easily dealt with. It was resolved that a committee be appointed for each division of the Association, and one delegate be elected from each tower in union with the society.

The last question, as to the extent of the relief to be given was not settled upon, the members thinking it best to leave it over until the annual meeting, when members from all parts of the county would assemble, and some solution would, no doubt, be arrived at, in that matter.

It was thought advisable to hold a bye-meeting before the next quarterly assembly, and the members agreed to meet, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, at Bethersden on the last Saturday in March.

This concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

## MR. C. T. COLES' 150 PEALS.

The peal at Cubitt Town on Monday, was Mr. C. T. Coles' 150th peal, his total being made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 4; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 38, conducted, 2; Caters, 25, conducted, 1; Cinques, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich, 4; Superlative Surprise, 39, conducted, 3; London, 9; Bristol, 16; Cambridge Royal, 6; total, 150, conducted, 6.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Preston 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, G. Stone 3, G. Plummer 4, V. Street 5, A. Wooff 6, W. G. Fowler (conductor) 7, H. Bagshott 8.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for Divine service, in the evening, 1331 Grandsire Caters, in 57 mins.: W. R. Fyfe 1, \*J. Stannard 2, F. A. Holden (composer and conductor) 3, D. McKillop 4, R. Whitson 6, A. Collinson 6, W. B. Samson 7, J. McCracken 8, J. R. Robertson 9, \*J. Whitson 10. \*First quarter-peal. †First with a working bell.

AUGHTON.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—At Christ Church, on Monday, Feb. 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins., tenor covering: C. Sharples 1, J. Sholicar (1st 720) 2, J. Taylor (1st 720) 3, W. Rimmer 4, J. R. Park 5, J. Gardner (conductor) 6, W. Gibbons 8.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hart 1, G. Thurloe 2, P. F. Hughes 3, G. Charge 4, H. Ranzetta 5, J. Cornford 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, F. Horwood 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Feb. 8th, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: J. White 1, J. Mason 2, G. Fry, junr., 3, E. Milam 4, G. Fry, senr., 5, W. Goddard (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band.

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## The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham.

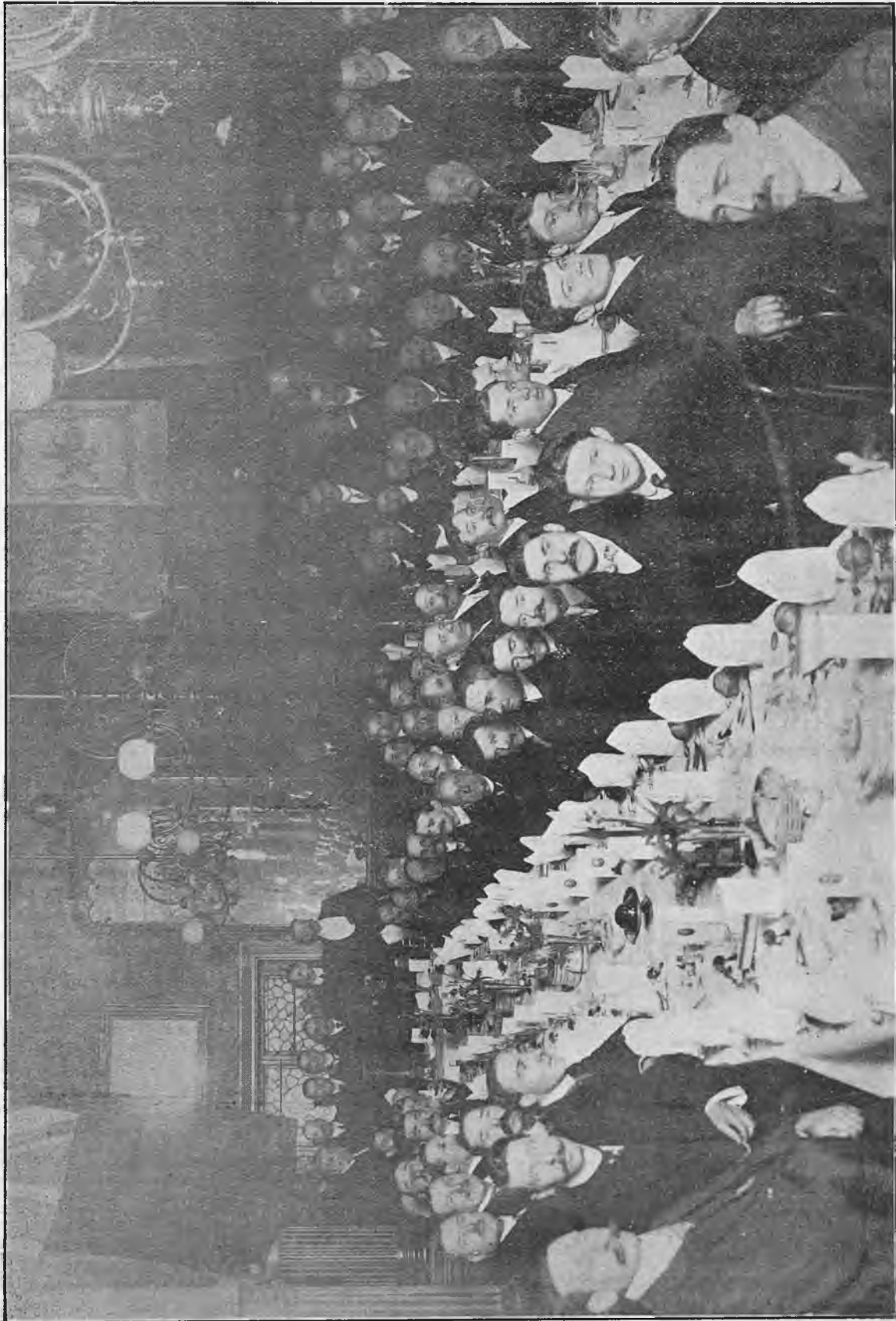


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## ODD CHANGES.

Birmingham can boast of two of the most remarkable products in the ringing Exercise. One is Mr. John Carter's ringing machine, the ingenuity of which is so extraordinary that it almost passes belief. It will ring the extent or any number of changes on any number of bells from 1 to 12 in any method yet devised or yet to be devised; it will print all the changes or only the course ends as it rings them, according to desire; it will print the diagram of the method and record the number of changes rung. We have had the privilege of seeing it work and the inventor, who has spent 24 years in perfecting it, has explained the mechanism to us. But how it does what it does is a mystery which heaven and John Carter alone know.

The other remarkable product is Mr. Harry Withers, the man who, without having seen the figures of the peal, took down correctly all the course ends of the record peal of London Surprise, and who "called" a peal of Superlative while standing outside the tower and pressing an electric button which rang a bell up in the ringing chamber when the bobs had to be made. It is not to his extraordinarily keen ear, however, that we would now refer.

More remarkable than all is his ability to tap changes on his dulcimer. Many people can manage a plain course on the piano in some method or other, but Mr. Withers does not stop at plain courses, although he is able to oblige with anything from Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Cinques, or Bob Major to London Surprise. He taps Stedman Triples perfectly while someone else calls the bobs, and we shall never be surprised to hear that he has tapped the full 5040 in the presence of accredited witnesses. He is a second Elijah Roberts.

Mr. Albert Coles, a well known member of the Middlesex Association, has joined the Northampton Borough Police Force, and should prove a valuable addition to the ringing ranks in that town, as well as to those of the guardians of the peace.

The bells of St. Ann's Church, Denton, Manchester, are to be rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London.

For the first time, we believe, a peal has been rung upon church bells in which husband and wife have taken part, and this distinction has fallen to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey. Hitherto the only instance of husband and wife ringing in a peal together has been the handbell peals rung by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

There had been three previous attempts for the peal at Cranleigh, and more than half was rung each time. In order to take part in one of these attempts Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, who are enthusiastic cyclists, rode a tandem from Eastbourne. This is a good performance for a lady, a 55 miles' cycle ride followed by 2½ hours' ringing.

The Llanbradach (Glam) young band, which was formed last year when the new ring of eight was fixed, are making good progress. On Saturday they rung several courses of Grandsire Triples splendidly, and are developing into a good band.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was a personal friend of the late Henry Johnson, writes congratulating us upon the picture of the veteran which accompanied our report of the commemoration dinner. It is, he says, the best portrait of the famous old ringer, that has ever been published.

At Llandenny, Monmouthshire, the new Vicar is endeavouring to teach a baud change ringing, with a view to chiming changes on the church bells which have not been rung for many years, and which are now unringable. Lack of funds prevent the rehanging for the present.

The question of adding two more trebles to the existing eight in Llandaff Cathedral is being considered.

Mr. Bert Prewett has been forwarding the cause of ringing by giving a lecture on the Art to an audience at Bushey. He gave an interesting history of bells, particularly in their relation to change ringing, explained how they were rung and enlightened his hearers upon the methods by which changes were produced. A series of lantern slides added interest to the lecture, and by this means Mr. Prewett showed the difference between a plain course of Original Doubles and one of London Surprise Major.

Our reference last week to the "pancake bell" at Mortlake, brings us a card from Mr. H. W. Fussell, of Dursley, Glos, saying that the "pancake bells" have been rung at Dursley from time immemorial. Two bells are used, the 5th and 8th, and they ring first 5--8, for "pan on," and 8--5 for "pan off." At Morpeth Watch Tower, too, the "pancake bell" is rung from 11 to 11.15 a.m. on Shrove Tuesdays.

The photograph of the company at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday week, from which our picture is produced, was taken by Mr. Arthur Palmer, of 194, Grange Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, and copies are obtainable from him.

## THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Fulham Society took place at Fulham on Saturday last. In the afternoon the fine peal of ten at All Saints' Church were placed at the disposal of the members, and several touches were rung. Afterwards the company sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Muiel), who presided, and expressed his pleasure at meeting the ringers once again. He was, he said, sorry that he was not able to meet them in the tower, but at the same time he rejoiced in the fact that once a year the ringers were his guests. At the business meeting, which followed, the Hon. Secretary read the annual report, which showed that four peals had been rung during the year, one of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich on tower bells, and one each of Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Caters on handbells. The latter peal was rung at the Crystal Palace, and was the "century" peal by the Society. After the balance sheet had been adopted, some alterations to rules were discussed, and it was resolved to have a small booklet printed, containing the rules as amended. Six new hon. members were elected, including Miss Elsie Bennett, of New Cross. The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. W. Driver; secretary, Mr. Knights; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Troughton; steward, Mr. Harvey, senr.; trustees, Messrs. A. Jones and L. Attwater.

In concluding the business, the Chairman expressed a hope that the Society would try and keep up the reputation it had justly earned in the past, for they had a fine peal of bells to ring on; in fact it was a peal that any Society could be justly proud of. Some more touches on the bells brought the evening to a close.

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## EIGHT BELLS FOR BIGGLESWADE.

### GENEROUS GIFTS PROMISED.

A proposal has been adopted to increase the ring of five bells at Biggleswade Parish Church to eight, erected in a new frame, and to renovate the clock and add the Westminster chimes. The subject was discussed at a public meeting last week, when the following resolution was unanimously carried: "That this public meeting authorises and requests the committee to take steps for the collection of subscriptions for the recasting of the present five bells in the parish church tower, and for the addition of three other bells, and also for the renovation of the parish church clock."—The chairman of the meeting (Mr. W. F. A. Fletcher) explained that a preliminary committee had been formed, and this would no doubt be added to, of the churchwardens and Messrs. H. Chaundler, C. Soundy, F. C. Kitchiner, F. Blood, and himself. Another gentleman who was interested in the matter was the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Dunstable, who was an expert campanologist. The history of the Biggleswade bells was somewhat obscure, and a great deal of it was surmised. It was believed that the four bells, leaving out the tenor bell, were cast in 1721, and it is probable they were hung the same year, and that they had hung there ever since. The Church tower was burnt down in 1720, and so they had strong circumstantial evidence that when the Church tower was rebuilt the next year the bells were also hung. The tenor bell was cast by Taylor and Co., of St. Neots, in 1865, and that name was familiar to anyone connected with bells, as they were the firm responsible for the bell known as "Great Paul." The other four bells were inscribed, "John Russell, of Wootton, made me in 1721, A.D."

The Vicar and churchwardens had sought expert opinion on the matter of their renovation, and had two firms' advice. The gist of the two reports was that the bells were in about as bad a condition as they could be, and they had cause to congratulate themselves that no accidents had so far occurred. The first idea was that the five bells should be re-cast, and another bell added, thus making a ring of six, but it had since been suggested that the bells should be re-cast, and three more added, thus making a full octave (applause). So far as the money went, in order to make a new frame-work and re-cast the present five bells, and add three new ones, the cost would be about £350. Then there was the question of the clock, the repair of which was also a necessity, and this would cost from £17 to £20. The difference between the six bells proposal and the eight bells would be about £75, and it seemed a pity when they had the opportunity to have a full octave and a really good peal, that they should let it slip for the sake of that small sum (applause). Assuming they were "going the

whole hog," they would want, roughly, £370. Mrs. Sarrel had generously promised £100 (applause), as a memento to the late Mrs. Barnett, the condition being that one of the bells should be inscribed as a memorial. The members of the family of the late Mr. Charles Lindsell had also promised to become responsible for one bell (applause), at a cost of £35 to £40, on the same conditions. In addition, Mr. H. M. Lindsell had contributed ten guineas, and a similar sum had been offered by Mr. H. Franklin and family (applause). Another £10 10s. had also been promised. They had, therefore, toward the fund, £166 10s. 6d. It was proposed to have a house-to-house collection, and he hoped people who could afford it would contribute handsomely, and that others would contribute their shillings (applause).

The Vicar and others spoke in support of the scheme, which, as mentioned above, was adopted.

## THE RUGBY COMPANY.

At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Rugby Parish Church company, Mr. Fenton, senr., was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. Hessian, Deputy Ringing Master. Mr. H. O. White was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and was accorded a vote of thanks for his past services. Messrs. Malins, Watson and Chandler were re-elected as the committee, and Mr. Hessian was re-appointed hon. auditor. The following was added to the rules: "Should any member, through prolonged sickness, excessive Sunday duty, or other reasonable cause, be unable to make the necessary number of attendances, he may, at the discretion of the committee, be allowed a sufficient number of marks to enable him to take part in the distribution of the Society's annual grant."—On the motion of Mr. Over, seconded by Mr. Brooke, the churchwarden, a vote of thanks was accorded the officers and ringing members for their loyal services to the Church.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. H. C. Wanstall for presiding over the meeting.

The St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers, together with the Cambridge Street and Wood Street Mission Choirs, were entertained to supper by the Rector (Canon A. V. Baillie, M.A., R.D.) and the Hon. Mrs. Baillie, in the Wood Street Mission Room. Owing to a slight accident, the Rector was unable to be present. After supper the loyal toast was honoured, and then the handbells were brought into play by Messrs. J. A. Fenton, junr., W. Malins, J. W. Chandler, A. J. Hessian, and H. O. White. Needless to say, the tune playing, "four in hand," was quite a novelty (and also hard work for the hands), and great credit is due to the progress made by Messrs. Fenton, junr., Malins and Chandler. This was their first appearance in public, and they have only been practising three weeks.



**THE SYSTEMATIC USE OF BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I observe that in your article on the Henry Johnson commemoration, you emphasise the advice given on that occasion as to the need for moderation on the part of ringers in crowded centres.

Permit me to suggest that in these cases there is more need than ever of such a systematic use of church bells as has been advocated in your columns. When peals or lengthy touches are rung, it should always be on one of the great Festivals, or the Eve thereof, or on such occasion of rejoicing as the King's Birthday. And the ringing at these times, as well as on Sundays and Holy Days and their Vigils, while it may be limited to short touches, should be carried out with scrupulous regularity.

To some people of unaccountable temperament the sound of bells is always distasteful, especially close at hand, but it is far less irritating to them to hear them rung for proper and self-evident purposes, than suddenly to hear them break out and continue ringing three hours or more for no reason apparent to anyone but the ringers themselves, or rung even on Sundays and Festivals in such a casual and irregular manner as to render their use practically meaningless.—Yours truly,  
F. L. E.

**RINGERS ENTERTAINED.****CHESTER-LE-STREET GUILD.**

The members of the Chester-le-Street Guild spent a very pleasant evening, on the occasion of their annual supper, which took place at the Joiner's Arms, Mr. J. R. Clark, the host, serving a most sumptuous repast. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. De Moleynes) presided, supported by Mr. J. S. Manser (churchwarden), Mr. J. R. Keen (one of the vice-presidents of the Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. A. Hillier (Newcastle), and Mr. J. Crawford (local hon. sec.). The toasts of "The King," "Our Guests," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and "The Subscribers," were enthusiastically honoured, many of the speeches being full of encouragement to the ringers. A most enjoyable musical programme was provided by Messrs. Arthur Ridley, T. F. Punshon, J. Davison, F. Watson, W. Brown, and J. Anderson. The thanks of the company are due to the subscribers who so kindly contributed the means of defraying the expenses, the artistes, and Mr. J. Young (the organist at the Parish Church), who is always ready to officiate as pianist. The enjoyable evening terminated with votes of thanks to the host and hostess, and to the Vicar for presiding.

**CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON.**

On Shrove Tuesday the ringers at Christ Church, Aughton, Lancs., were entertained to a knife and fork tea, at the Farmer's Arms, by Mr. Robert Foster, who some 20 years ago was himself one of the band. Prior to the meal, touches of Stedman Triples, followed by the rest of the standard methods, were rung, and the donor of the tea speedily showed that his hand had not lost its cunning, although for a space of 15 years he had not so much as pulled a bell. After tea, the captain of the tower (Mr. C. Sharples) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Foster for his generosity.—Mr. W. Bentham (hon. secretary to the Liverpool Diocesan Guild) seconded the motion, which was, needless to say, carried unanimously.—Mr. Foster suitably replied, and said it was the most enjoyable night he had ever spent, and hoped that it would become an annual affair.—The proceedings terminated at 11 p.m.

**THE FIRST "LOCAL" PEAL OF ERIN.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The peal of Erin Triples rung by the Netherton company, and published in your last issue, is claimed to be the first peal in the method rung by a local band. This, however, is incorrect, as the first peal of Erin Triples for the Kent County Association, rung at St. Paulinus, Crayford, on Tuesday, October 24th, 1911, and published in the "Ringing World," November 3rd, was also by a local band. Perhaps we misled the Netherton company by omitting to state this fact in the footnote to the peal. The members of this band are also Church workers in other ways beside in the belfry, as will be seen by the following: Treble, W. Fletcher, assistant organ blower; 2nd, Reginald Brough, chorister and Sunday School teacher; 3rd, George Povey, chorister; 4th, Edward Audsley, chorister; 5th, Percy E. Bex, sidesman; 6th, Edwin Barnett, junr., chorister; 7th, Edwin Barnett, senr., parish clerk and sexton; tenor, William Floyd, chorister.

I think it would be rather interesting to hear if any other bands have scored peals with such staunch Churchmen taking part. Two or three years ago, while on their annual excursion, eight choristers from Crayford climbed the steps of a neighbouring tower, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Barnett, senr.—Yours sincerely,  
Crayford.

A. R. BROUGH.

**THE OXFORD GUILD.**

The monthly combined practice for the Sonning branch was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday last. Members were present from Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints'), Hurst, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, and Yateley. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Forward and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung.

**LANCASHIRE MEETINGS.****BLACKBURN BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Padilam last Saturday, when a large number of ringers from Blackburn, Colne, and Burnley, met at St. Leonard's Church, where ringing was indulged in for about two hours in the afternoon. After tea, Mr. Wm. Heaton (branch president) occupied the chair at the meeting.—On the motion of Mr. T. Redman, a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Ridyard and her family, in the death of Mr. Richard Ridyard.—It was proposed to hold the next branch meeting at the Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and also to the ringers for having the bells in good order.—After the meeting, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, were rung.

**PRESTON BRANCH.**

A meeting, for practice, was held at Samlesbury, on Saturday last, but owing to the wretched weather there was only a small attendance. The bells, however, were well utilised from 3.30 to 7.30, the methods rung being Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Major, Stedman Doubles and Triples. The towers represented were: Brindle, Chorley St. Mary's, Walton-le-dale, Leyland Parish, Whittle-le-Woods, and the local men. The quarterly meeting will be held at Eccleston, in April.

**HELPING BEGINNERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your article re helping the beginners is interesting one or two of us here. Two of us, in conjunction with our Vicar (who is used to call changes only) have set out to raise a set of change ringers. We got about half-a-dozen men together, and, after great difficulty, owing to the "stand-offishness" of the old ringers (call changers) got them to raise a bell and ring rounds. As the next move, we purchased a set of handbells to practice method ringing. Then came our difficulties. The tenor man said, "I'm not going to bother getting this lot in my brain." He wants the cards in front of him. Another man said he could do the change ringing if he had a paper to follow. To meet this we have thought of inviting one or two young ladies to join us. If we get a set made up, we should like a good instructor. How have we to go about this?

We are a long way from any change ringers, and as yet we belong to no Association. Could you tell us how to join an Association—have we to do a certain amount of ringing to gain admission? If this should meet the eye of any change ringer who is likely to come to this district, which is near Malton, I wonder if, in mercy, he would come to our rescue. Wishing your paper, which we young "Rope-sighters" read with interest, every success.—Yours sincerely,  
Illovington, Yorks.

PERCY KIDD.

[In reply to our correspondent's two questions, we suggest his first step should be to write either to the Secretary of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. C. Glenn, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield), or to the Secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association (Mr. T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby), whichever Association covers his particular district.—Ed.]

**A REPLY.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Will you please kindly allow me a little space in which to disagree with a statement in Mr. Ludkin's letter, concerning helping beginners. He says he thinks that throughout the whole Exercise legislation that will assist those who are more or less beginners is sadly neglected. Now, anyone who reads "The Ringing World" each week, carefully, must know, by the reports of the monthly meetings, combined practices, etc., of the various Guilds, that such is not the case. Of course, with ringing, as with everything else, the man is most successful, who perseveres and tries to help himself. Almost all ringers are only too pleased to help a youngster, when they find he is keenly interested, and works at it with pencil and paper at home, as well as when he is in the tower at practice. Concerning the recording of peals of Minor, in an Association's peal book, I should think the ringing of the various Minor methods was the important part to the ringers concerned, as if persevered with a peal in seven Minor methods would ultimately be the result.

Ivor Heath, Uxbridge.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. J. Green 1, Harry Collis 2, W. Reeves 3, J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 4, W. Coster 5, C. Green 6, J. C. Truss 7, E. Horns 8.

TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, in 45 mins., at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Maddock 1, J. Matthews 2, H. J. Foole 3, W. S. Dobbs 4, T. Doble 5, W. Evans 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BARLEY.**—Herts Association. — On Thursday, Feb. 1st, 2160 Doubles (1560 Grandsire, 360 Canterbury, 120 Morning Star, 120 Dream): D. Hales 1, H. Howard 2, H. Slater 3, N. Hayes (longest touch away from treble) 4, W. Mansfield 5. Grandsire and Canterbury conducted by W. Mansfield; Morning Star and Dream by H. Howard.

**ASTON MANOR.**—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, at the Parish Church, after morning service, 1277 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. Jones (first quarter-peat) 1, A. Scrivens 2, J. Jones 3, W. Webb 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, J. Perry 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, W. Davis 10.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, A. Jones 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, F. Bennett 7, C. Allen 8.—After evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Corrigan 2, others as before, F. Bennett, conductor.

**BATH.**—The Bath and Wells Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. R. E. Waterson 1, J. Odey 2, A. E. Seers 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, H. E. Lewis 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, N. Davis 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, on the occasion of the Patronal and Dedication festival, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: E. Alexander 1, J. Odey 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers 4, T. Hogsflesh 5, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 6, C. Densley 7, N. Davis 8.—On Feb. 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. H. Seers 1, J. H. Odey 2, H. E. Lewis 3, A. E. Alexander 4, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins 7, R. Whatley 8. The composition is now rung for the first time.

**BLEWBURY.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 24th, two 168's Stedman Triples: W. Webb 1, T. East (conductor) 2, F. James 3, Joe Napper 4, C. Gregory 5, R. James 6, Jim Napper 7, G. Welch 8. Also 168, with M. Caudwell and H. Bishop ringing. First 168 on tower bells by all except the conductor.—On January 26th, for practice, two 168's Stedman Triples, in which G. Rice (first 168) took part.

**BELTON, RUTLAND.**—On Jan. 25th, an attempt for a peal of Minor, as a birthday compliment to the conductor, came to grief near the end of the second 720 of Oxford Bob, through a mis-call: J. Grocock 1, C. Reeve 2, F. Bindley 3, S. Atkin 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6. Later in the evening, the same band had the satisfaction of scoring the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob ever rung by a local band in the county of Rutland. Except the conductor, all the band are "new hands," having had barely five months' training, so their progress speaks for itself.

**PORTMADOC.**—The North Wales Association.—On Thursday, Jan. 25th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: E. Buckingham (first quarter-peat) 1, H. McMillan 2, S. Roberts 3, John Owen (conductor) 4, Eric Thomas 5, H. Wakefield 6, J. Parsons 7, J. P. Thomas 8. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone by Lady Harlech of the new church at Borthygest, Portmadoc.

**SHROPHAM.**—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Jan. 25th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Doubles, consisting of three six-score of Grandsire and one six-score each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, by R. Allen 1, H. Allen 2, W. Allen 3, F. Shingfield 4, H. Mason (conductor) 5. First touch by all in four methods.

**SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 26th, 720 Plain Bob: Miss B. Mitchell (first 720) 1, F. Denman 2, T. Adams 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. Also 120 Oxford Single, 240 Cambridge, and 120 each Violet and New London Pleasure.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6.

**HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Jan. 27th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Saunders 1, H. Percival 2, G. Walker 3, P. Hadfield 4, J. Cadle (conductor) 5, G. Griffin 6, H. Powdrill 7, H. Cornford 8. Rung with the bells fully muffled, and tenor open at back stroke, as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Bailey, who was interred in Hugglescote Cemetery the same day. The muffled ringing was also continued on Sunday, January 28th. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Tuesday following came to grief, after ringing about an hour and a half: P. Hadfield 1, H. Percival 2, G. Walker 3, J. Cadle 4, G. Griffin 5, Rev. R. P. Farrow (conductor) 6, H. Powdrill 7, H. Cornford 8.

**TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 27th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. C. Limpus 1, F. G. Goddard 2, A. H. Winch 3, T. Beadle 4, W. New 5, A. Dean 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, G. Spencer 8. This quarter-peat was arranged for A. C. Limpus, who hails from Vancouver, B.C., Twickenham having been his former home. The band wish to thank the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells.

**KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.**—The Lancashire Association. — On Jan. 27th, at a combined practice of Kendal and Ambleside ringers, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. Satterthwaite 1, E. L. Bennett 2, G. Whitam 3, A. Newton 4, W. Atkinson (conductor) 5, T. F. Thwertson 6, J. Braithwaite 7, W. Fisher 8. Afterwards touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were rung, with T. Haslam, C. Heap, L. Townley, R. Dennison and W. Robinson standing in.

**UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**—On Jan. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Gatland 1, H. Stalham 2, T. Burtenshaw 3, J. Boyd 4, B. Challen 5, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 6. Also two 120's of Stedman Doubles. This was rung after meeting short for a peal of Bob Major.

**EATTERSEA.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 27th, in memory of Mr. W. Ambrose, for 37 years steeple keep at St. Mary's, a muffled peal was attempted by local ringers: Messrs. Essery, Burton, Dean, Watkin, Reeve, Newman, Mance, and Pullen, but it unfortunately came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing.

**EECCLES, SUFFOLK.**—On Saturday, Jan. 27th, 700 Grandsire Triples: H. Reynolds 1, H. Hopson 2, C. Parnell 3, W. H. Fussell (conductor) 4, F. Naunton 5, T. King 6, H. Ling 7, H. Goate 8. Also 378 Grandsire Caters: H. Goate 1, H. Hopson 2, H. Reynolds 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. E. Mickleburgh 5, C. Parnell 6, F. Naunton 7, A. Spalding 8, H. Ling (conductor) 9, T. King 10. The ringer of the 2nd is in his 82nd year.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Saturday, Jan. 27th, at St. Alphege's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, H. Shepherd 2, A. Bragg 3, W. Meeks 4, G. Martineau 5, S. Bragg 6, J. Bragg 7, Sam Bragg 8, R. Bragg (conductor) 9, H. Foster 10. First quarter-peat of Caters by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, and tenor, and also by an entirely local band.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: R. W. Green 1, E. G. Fenn 2, C. H. Hughes 3, E. Levitt (first quarter-peat in the method) 4, J. Milner 5, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 6, H. W. Hibbert 7, T. A. Askell 8.

**HARROLD, BEDS.**—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. After service, another 720 (46 calls): H. Boston 1, F. G. Crouch 2, H. Gayton (conductor) 3, W. Stock 4, H. Robinson 5, G. Thew 6.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 28th, for Divine service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 28 mins.: W. Payne 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Wing 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells by an entirely local band. On Saturday, Feb. 17th, a quarter-peat (1280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 51 mins., by members of the Beds Association: W. Payne 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, B. Jarman 4, F. Hunt 5, C. Wing 6, J. Rookwood 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties the King and Queen.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, 973 Stedman Caters: R. Coles 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Mute 3, F. Eggs 4, E. Markham 5, J. Gransbury 6, G. F. Williams 7, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 8, B. Page 9, W. Hoing 10.

**PUTNEY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 7th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Herbert 1, A. Hubbard 2, M. Honeyball 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, T. Bolton 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Colles, junr., 1, J. Kent 2, S. Jones 3, W. Honeyball 4, G. W. Honeyball 5, T. Bolton 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.

**EWHRST, SURREY.**—On Friday, Feb. 9th, 240 each of Grandsire, Canterbury, and Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, Alfred Francis 2, W. Tidy 3, John Luff 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6. First 720 in three methods by all, except the ringer of 5th.

**SOUTHSTOKE, OXON.**—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 10th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bower 1, J. Smith 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, W. Goodenough (conductor) 5. Great credit is due to the last three ringers, who are members of the local band, and who have recently been having instruction from J. Bower. It is believed to be the first 720 ever known to have been rung in which local ringers have taken part.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, 480 in the same method, the ringers standing as above.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Feb. 10th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: \*G. Chaplin 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle 5, J. Dale 6, W. Watson (conductor) 7, \*C. Barlow 8. \* First quarter-peat.

**DEVONPORT.**—On Feb. 10th, at the Dockyard Chapel, 720 Bob Minor: W. Ford 1, W. Hornbrook 2, \*E. W. Marsh (conductor) 3, W. Rundie 4, W. Richards 5, J. Woodley 6. \* First 720 with bob bell.

**PULSEY, YORKS.**—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: E. Hoyle 1, R. C. Mathers 2, J. W. T. Place 3, W. F. Thorpe 4, J. Smith 5, E. Mann (conductor) 6.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: V. Morgan (aged 14), first quarter-peat, 1, A. E. Morgan 2, J. Bullen 3, S. Jones 4, J. W. Jones 5, C. Greedy 6, F. Morgan (first quarter-peat as conductor) 7, S. Baiss 8.

**DEPTFORD.**—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, the ten different 120's Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, A. G. Bennington 3, C. Block 4, F. W. Richardson 5, W. Daynes 6, J. Law 7, C. H. Maeklin 8. This was the last ringing on bells before rehanging, by Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich.

## NOTICES.

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**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Business meeting at the Queen's Head at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Kendal, on Saturday, March 9th, 1912. The Parish Church bells (10) available from 3 p.m., meeting in the School at 5 p.m.—William Robinson, Branch Secretary, Thom Fold, Smithy Brow, Ambleside.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—The bells of St. Andrew, Bishop Auckland, will be reopened on Wednesday, the 13th March, at 3 p.m. All members are invited, and tea will be provided for those intimating their intention of being present to Mr. Pallister, Eryholme, Cockton Hill, Bishop Auckland, by the 11th.—Chas. Todd, Hon. Secretary.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Borden, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Bells available from 3 p.m. Half rail fares up to 2/- allowed at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due. It is hoped that all members who possibly can, will attend to discuss the proposed Benevolent Fund.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on Saturday, March 16th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. at 6d. per head for those who notify me not later than the 14th inst.—William H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. There will be a committee meeting on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton, on Saturday, March 16th, 1912. Meeting at the Lamb Hotel, at 3.30 p.m., tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church, at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at

St. John's, Hackney, on March 19th; at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 14th and 28th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on the 26th. St. Magnus 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. W. A. Wilkinson), at Heston, on Saturday, March 23rd. Ringing from 3.30. Tea will be provided free in the Church Room at 6 o'clock.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield, Gorton, on March 23rd. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W.W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**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.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, April 13th. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

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The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Armley, on Saturday. At the business meeting, held in the evening, at the White Horse Hotel, the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupied the chair, supported by members from Leeds, Holbeck, Bramley, Tong, Pudsey, Mirfield, Guiseley, and the local band. The retiring officers were individually nominated for re-election, and Mr. P. J. Johnson was nominated as Central Council representative. Messrs. J. W. Baxendale and F. Gaunt were elected as auditors.—It was decided to leave the arrangements for a peal attempt at Hunslet on March 30th, in the hands of Mr. P. J. Johnson.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Armley, and to the local band, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Holgate, seconded by Mr. G. Bolland, and carried unanimously.—Mr. J. Thackray responded, and the meeting then closed.

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Mr. Ernest F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, wishes to state that the amount sent by him was from the Eye ringers.

Mrs. A. W. Reeves wishes, through "The Ringing World," to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the above fund, which has and will be such substantial help to her in her bereavement. The fund is now closed, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, the hon secretary, wishes to thank one and all for the hearty response to his appeal.

DAGENHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, after evening service, a quarer-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): D. Chaplin 1, A. Chaplin 2, E. Hawkins 3, E. Butler 4, G. Playle (conductor) 5, F. Freestone 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Fife.

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