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MODERN WORK.

HELPING THE BEGINNERS.

Our previous article, prompted by the letter of a correspondent, upon the subject of helping the beginners, has ventilated a matter that is apparently of considerable interest. This week we publish in another column a pointed letter from an eminent authority, Canon Papillon, who, as a practical ringer and Master for many years of the Essex Association, speaks with a good deal of knowledge upon the question. His experience has, without doubt, been that of many others, who, anxious to advance the interests of the Art, have ever been ready to assist those just entering upon its mysteries.

In many cases those who complain of the inaction of the "experts" in helping the beginners have themselves to blame, for they frequently fail to show that keenness which would warrant an expert devoting his time to their instruction. As Canon Papillon points out, the unpunctuality of the lukewarm ones disheartens those who strive to help them, and a band that wants to get on is far better without them. They should be weeded out and replaced by others more ready to grasp the opportunities afforded. The process may be difficult, and it may be some time before a complete company can be found all keenly desirous of getting on, but in the end it will be found the best means of assuring progress. Wherever there is a band ready and anxious to go ahead, they would not, we feel sure, appeal in vain for help to any "expert" who has opportunity and facility to assist them. A large number of men voluntarily and cheerfully give their time to helping others, but however willing they may be they cannot be expected to waste their time upon ringers who are indifferent as to whether they advance or not.

As we have mentioned before, one of the best means that bands can adopt in order to get on, is to unite with their neighbours for periodical combined practices. These meetings are sure to bring together some good men able to help others with less knowledge than themselves, and provide the best means for general advance. There is great room for extension in this field of work to which the associations might well turn their attention. In a great number of districts it probably only wants someone to take the initiative, and the necessary arrangements could easily be made. Let the beginners themselves move in the matter. Those who desire to organise such practices as this, and who, through lack of "knowing the ropes," are unable to take the arrangements in hand themselves, might achieve their end by getting the district secretary of their association to act in the matter. If they show they are in earnest, help, we are sure, will not be wanting from those "higher up the ladder."

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John O. Sager, Todmorden,
Solicitor, December 10, 1910
Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd.,
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Dear Sirs,—As a Church Officer of St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, and one who has taken a great interest in the Peal of 8 Bells which you recently hung in the Church Tower, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the bells are giving the utmost satisfaction, in fact I hear nothing but the highest praise and recommendation on all sides.

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

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

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN O. SAGER.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

*CHARLES PIDGEON Treble	ROBERT CHRISTIAN 6
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 2	HARRY WRIGHT 7
*CHARLES HARDING 3	DENISON HAYWARD 8
WILLIAM T. BLYTH 4	FREDERICK PESTELL 9
*EDWIN R. TODD 5	*WILLIAM LEE Tenor

Conducted by D. HAYWARD.

* First peal on ten bells. The composition was from the Clavis. Arranged as a birthday peal for E. R. Todd.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS H. BURKITT Treble	*WILLIAM BAYLISS 6
THOMAS HUGHES 2	ALBERT E. BLUNDELL 7
WILLIAM FISHER 3	GEORGE HUGHES 8
*SAMUEL BAKER 4	HARRY PRICE 9
*DANIEL JONES 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to Mr. Alfred J. Wallater, of Wood Green, Wednesbury, who is leaving England for San Francisco, and the above ringers desire through this medium to wish him a good voyage, safe landing, and God-speed in his new sphere of labour. Messrs. Burkitt, Blundell, T. and G. Hughes, belong to the Wednesbury Parish Church; Fisher, Baker and Gough, to Coseley; Bayliss, to Bradley; Jones, to St. Luke's, Wolverhampton; and Price, to Netherton.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALFRED JONES Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 6
ALBERT SCRIVENS 2	JOHN JENNINGS 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	FRANK BENNETT 9
WILLIAM H. JONES 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a compliment to the tower keeper, Mr. James Jones, on his 62nd birthday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY MEETENS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
BENJAMIN BASSETT 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS 4	FREDERICK M. LINDUP Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Warner & Sons. The "go" is perfect and the work reflects great credit upon the firm and their employees.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

*HARRY THOMAS Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
EDWARD EDWARDS 2	RICHARD JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	*ALBERT E. RICHARDS 7
GEORGE JONES 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal of Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ARTHUR LUDER 2	WILLIAM IRELAND 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	ABEL HART 7
CLEMENT MOORE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Arranged for G. Bailey, who hails from Rickingham, this being his first peal. Composition taken from 1894 report (page 55).

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHARLES W. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM WARD 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS 2	GEORGE N. PRICE 6
FRANK T. MARTIN 3	HUBERT EDEN 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	HENRY HODGETTS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BIRD Treble	JESSE SCREEN 5
FRANK G. BURLEIGH 2	*JOHN BANK 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
REUBEN HALL 4	JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED GRIMES Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by FRED. DENCH, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	EDWIN BARNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUNR. 2	ALFRED GRIMES 6
HENRY J. RANZETTA 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

SOUTHGATE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

*HERBERT ARMSTRONG ... Treble	*HARRY MILLER 5
*GEORGE BESTER 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	FREDERICK G. TEGG 7
JOHN E. MILLER 4	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT, and
Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 7th.

GARGRAVE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REEVE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH LANGSTROTH ... Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
WILLIAM H. BIRTWHISTLE ... 2	ARTHUR R. JONES 6
*H. JOSHUA LOFTHOUSE ... 3	JAMES WANE 7
WALLACE BRADLEY 4	HENRY BIRTWHISTLE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. LOFTHOUSE.

* First peal as conductor, and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble. Rung by an entirely local company at the close of a confirmation service by the Bishop of Ripon on the occasion of his first official visit to the village. Members of the congregation (to whom the ringers tender their most hearty thanks) provided a tea at the completion of the peal, a kindness much appreciated and enjoyed.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Rotherhithe,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	HENRY DARE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	SIDNEY BARRON 5
DICK THORNTON, JUNR. 2	GEORGE TINGLE 6
JAMES A. TEALE 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS BARKER.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BARKER ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
ALFRED WALLACE 2	† JAMES L. WRIGHT 6
HARRY GREGORY 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... 7
† EDWARD ELLIOTT 4	WALTER WALLACE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES A. HUGHES ... Treble	THOMAS BEADLE 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	NEWLAND ALDERMAN ... 6
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	RICHARD BEVAN 7
HENRY DEW 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Major. This peal was rung on the 58th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wightman, of Cretingham, Suffolk, the father and mother of the ringer of the tenor.

WOOBURN GREEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

ARTHUR MARTIN ... Treble	JAMES W. WILKINS & ... 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	ARTHUR F. ASHMAN ... 6
WILLIAM PHIPPS 3	RICHARD R. BUCKLAND ... 7
JAMES GRANSBURY 4	FRANK BOXALL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. West, the local foreman, for getting ready.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

STANLEY COLE ... Treble	WILLIAM IRELAND 5
GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... 2	WILLIAM HASTINGS 6
*GEORGE PACKER 3	FRANK COLE 7
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	*WILLIAM BANYARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal in any method.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN OLDHAM ... Treble	CHARLES FOWLER 5
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ARTHUR PETTIT 3	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT, and
Conducted by E. READER.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	† WILLIAM HEWETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
HENRY J. RANZETTA 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GORE Treble	JOHN R. BROOKES 5
FREDERICK E. PARSONS 2	FRANK JACOBS 6
JONATHAN THOMPSON 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Hon. and Rev. Canon C. J. Littleton, formerly Vicar of Chesterfield, who was interred at Penkridge, Staffs, on the above date.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CUMBERLAND DELIGHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD F. COLE Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE RADLEY 3	JAMES PARKER 7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

This is the first peal in the method, which is the most intricate yet rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Parker.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

W. H. METCALFE Treble	JAS. BAXTER 5
E. J. TITT 2	J. ROBINSON 6
G. W. PEVERELL 3	T. WICK 7
J. G. GREEN 4	R. ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by G. W. PEVERELL.

First peal on the bells since the re-dedication on Wednesday, March 13th, 1912.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED. ABBOTT Treble	JOSEPH LOWE 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
ARNOLD NUTTER 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

This was the conductor's 50th peal of Treble Bob, and the first peal in any method on eight bells by A. Nutter and J. Leatherbarrow.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WM. CLIFFORD, Senr. Treble	JOHN CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WM. CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 3	EDWARD J. BOOT 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First Surprise peal by all, the first on the bells and the first ever rung in the County of Notts by a local band. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Donald Coppock, brother of the conductor, who left that day for Australia.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY (TUNSTALL BRANCH).

On Tuesday, March 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, College Single, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY JEWISS Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	ALBERT J. DAY 5
THOMAS JULL 3	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

First peal by the Association with all members of the C.E.M.S. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Spice.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Grassendale,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. MORRIS Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENMON 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was rung to welcome home from Canada the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. P. Hyatt, M.A.)

BELTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN GROCOCK Treble	*THOMAS ATKIN 4
*CHARLES REEVE 2	†JOHN J. JACKSON 5
WILLIAM WILLSON 3	*ALBERT JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. JACKSON.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. All except Mr. Willson are members of the local band and the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor have learnt their ringing since last September.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Chester, London, Wells, Lichfield,
Worcester, and Cambridge.

LEONARD CLARKSON Treble	*ERNEST TIGWELL 4
WILLIAM WHEELDON 2	DANIEL PRESTON 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	CHARLES PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by D. PRESTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung, at first attempt, as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell, who
comes from Biddulph.

STRENSHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*JOHN MORRIS Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
WILLIAM C. JONES 2	GORDON CHECKETTS 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. POULSON Treble	THOMAS REED 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	JOHN KING 5
HARRY CRICK 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This was the first peal on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the
19th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. King, of Polstead.
H. Crick hails from Preston, T. Reed from Hadleigh, the others
from Lavenham.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College
Single, College Bob iv, Willesden Delight, and Old Oxford
Modernised. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

*ERNEST J. DANE Treble	HARRY KILBY 4
GABRIEL CHALKLEY 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
LAWRENCE B. PORTER 3	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell peal for E. Dane, who is leaving
Wilkesden for Canada.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

E. MAURICE ATKINS 1-2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5-6
(St. Catharine's)	(Trinity)
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3-4	*REGINALD O. STREET 7-8
(Trinity)	(St. John's)

Composed by HY. DAINS, and
Conducted by the REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.
Umpire, J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trinity).

* First peal of Treble Bob. This was the President's (the Rev.
A. H. F. Boughey) rooth peal.

LAVENHAM.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Monday, March 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

W. R. JOHN POULSON 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
Umpire: F. A. POULSON.

First peal of Major on handbells by the first three, first handbell
peal by W. Dent. Also the first peal of Major on handbells in
Lavenham. A. Symonds' rooth peal.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SYDNEY R. ROPER 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5-6
WALTER S. WISE 3-4	THOMAS H. COLBURN 7-8

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.
Umpire, AMOS W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung at the works of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston,
bell founders, by four employees of the firm, and is the first handbell
peal rung under these conditions.

JUBILEE BIRTHDAY PEALS.

WESTMEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs., in F.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
HENRY R. NEWTON 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The picturesque village of Westmeon is the birthplace of Mr. F. E.
Dawe, who completed his 50th year on the above date. At the finish
of the peal the bells were "fired" 50 times.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-UPON-CORNHILL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt., in B.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY 7
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 8
ALFRED B. PECK 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 9
GEORGE R. FARDON 4	HENRY R. NEWTON 10
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
CHARLES S. BURDEN 6	WALTER PRIME Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was specially arranged for, and rung to commemorate
the birthday of Mr. Dawe.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Dawe, a respected
member of the Winchester Guild.

LATE PEALS.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	HARRY FRANCE ...	5
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 2	*SAMUEL WATKINSON ...	6
FREDERICK HARWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	7
*ARTHUR ROBINSON ... 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

ALBERT H. NICHOLLS ... Treble	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ...	4
JOSIAH PANTHER ... 2	EGERTON G. NICHOLLS ...	5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to
Mr. F. J. Thompson, for many years people's warden at the above
Church, who was interred at Wath on the above date.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... Treble	WALTER PIGOTT ...	4
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	GEORGE PIGOTT ...	5
HORACE HOWELL ... 3	JOSEPH PIGOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of
Grandsire Triples (Shipway), in 44 mins.: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. W.
Holmes 2, C. Broadbent 3, R. Wimpenny 4, Geo. Garnett 5, H. Palmer
6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, A. Scott (first quarter-peal) 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On March 11th,
at St. Margaret's Church, 2280 Doubles, in eight different methods, in
1 hr. 25 mins., consisting of 600 changes St. Dunstan's, conducted by
N. Hayes; 240 Morning Star, and 240 Dream, conducted by H. Howard;
480 Grandsire, conducted by R. Howard; 240 Plain Bob, conducted by
H. Slater; 240 Canterbury Doubles, 120 Oxford Single and 120 April
Day, conducted by W. Mansfield. First attempt of conducting by N.
Hayes and H. Slater. Rung in honour of the coming of age of R.
Howard, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day. The
band would like to know if this is a record on five bells.

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THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL DINNER.**

The members of the Glossop Association, which is in a thoroughly prosperous condition after its two years' existence, held their annual dinner at Dinting, the Rev. H. Lawrance (Vicar of Dinting) presiding over a company of about 40. After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. F. H. Morris (Whitfield) submitted "Success to the Glossop Change Ringers' Association," and, as a church officer, spoke appreciatively of the good work done by the ringers, and of the pleasant relations existing between the ringers and the clergy and officers of the various churches.

Mr. James Buckley (secretary) responded, remarking that an excellent feeling also existed between the ringers of the three local churches. The Association had now been in existence two years, and they had had no difficulties they were unable to surmount. Everything was working smoothly, and everyone was doing his best for the success of the Association (applause).

Mr. J. Nield, who proposed the toast of the "Vice-Presidents and supporters of the Association," said the success of the Association was, he thought, chiefly owing to the support and encouragement given them by the clergy and other gentlemen in the different parishes. He hoped as time went on they would never lose the confidence of their supporters.

The Chairman, in responding, said they were indebted to the ringers for the way in which they discharged their duties, and he suggested that if the secretary looked about him he might be able to enrol one or two vice-presidents in the room that evening (hear, hear, and laughter). He saw from the balance sheet that the Association was in the fortunate position of having a balance in hand, which could not be said of many Church organisations in that or any other town. It was not generally known that the ringers, apart from other Church workers, occupied a legal status, for the vicars were obliged to have the church bells rung twice every Sunday. One bell must be rung, if not more, before morning and evening service. But even apart from this legal status, the ringers had a very important task thrown upon their shoulders, and this was, by ringing the bells every Sunday, to let the people know that services were being held. The ringers did their part in this respect, and then the responsibility rested upon the people if they failed to attend church. From that point of view the ringers occupied an important place in their Church organisation. Mr. Morris had stated that he could not see why there should not be similar associations of other Church workers, and they might have an association of choristers, or even an association of churchwardens (laughter). Such associations helped to remove misapprehensions and promoted good feeling, and helped them to realise that although they had different duties to perform, they were all working for the same cause. Concluding, the Chairman wished the Association a prosperous future, and hoped that all connected with it would continue to do their best to make it a success (applause).

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and to the Host (Mr. F. Charlesworth). During the evening, touches were rung on handbells, and the Vale Quartette Party contributed some enjoyable vocal items.

Earlier in the day an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, at Whitfield, but was unfortunately lost. Messrs. H. Chapman and R. Newton, of Manchester, were included in the band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday, at Borden, near Sittingbourne. There were about 60 members present, representing Queenboro', Bobbing, Tunstall, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Upchurch, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Milton-next-Gravesend, Herne Hill, and Boughton, and the local band. At the business meeting, held in the belfry, Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Sheerness, was elected chairman, and 26 new members were elected. Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy, was selected for the next meeting, to be held in June. The proposed benevolent fund was considered desirable, and a motion was passed requesting the general secretary to bring it before the annual meeting on Whit-Monday.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for placing his tower at the disposal of the Association. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, were rung.

OAKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: *W. Titcomb 1, W. Hunt 2, J. Ballard (Basingstoke) 3, H. White, Basingstoke (conductor) 4, E. Lodge 5, *J. Lewis 6. *First 720. Also 720 Bob Minor: W. Titcomb 1, W. Hunt 2, W. Pither (first 720) 3, J. Ballard (conductor) 4, E. Lodge 5, J. Lewis 6.

ROYSTON.—Herts Association.—On Feb. 21st, at the Parish Church, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: A. Bonnett 1, W. Mansfield (first in the method) 2, R. Wilkerson 3, A. Gilbert 4, W. C. Darlow 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On March 8th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Bridger 1, P. Gould 2, G. J. Nichols 3, A. J. Boniface 4, H. Mason 5, H. Stovell (conductor) 6.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

Recorded in its due place in our peal columns will be found a report of the 100th peal rung by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has been the only president of the Cambridge University Guild since its foundation in 1879. It is entirely due to his energy and perseverance that the Guild has been able to maintain a continuous existence. Most men reside at the University for three years and spend only six months out of every twelve in residence at Cambridge; and it must also be remembered that the majority of those who join the Guild



THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

have never touched a rope before, or even heard of change ringing. To have kept together a ringing society under such a handicap for over 30 years is a great achievement—worthy of the highest commendation. It is a task which would have dismayed any but the greatest and most patient enthusiast.

Sometimes for years together there has been no one except Mr. Boughey himself capable of more than ringing a single handbell in Plain Bob. It will thus be seen that the president has had more than one man's share of the drudgery of training young hands, who are certain to leave just when they are becoming proficient. But in spite of this, his keenness has steadily increased, and he has imparted his own enthusiasm for ringing to many of the younger generation. He has long been an honorary mem-

ber of the Central Council in recognition of his services to the Exercise.

He rang his first peal in April, 1890. His third was one of Double Norwich in hand—a feat never before accomplished—which opened the eyes of the Exercise to new possibilities, and was the precursor of the wonderful performances of the brothers Pye and their band. But his real activity as a peal ringer began in 1903. He took part in the first clerical peal of Major (Kent Treble Bob) and in the first clerical peal of Double Norwich; and although he has never had the opportunities for practicing the higher methods, yet he has rung peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The peal ringing activities of resident members of the University Guild have, of necessity, been restricted to handbell performances, and this accounts for the fact that a large proportion of Mr. Boughey's peals have been rung "in hand"—including Stedman, and, as above mentioned, Double Norwich.

About three years ago Mr. Boughey became Vicar of the University Church of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, with its ring of twelve bells, dating from 1770. Under his rule the two trebles have been recast, and the whole twelve rehung with new fittings. These bells are, perhaps, best known from the fact that on them the famous "Cambridge Chimes"—often wrongly called "Westminster Chimes"—composed (from a phrase in Handel's Messiah) by Dr. Jowett and William Crotch in the year 1793, were first heard.

Mr. Boughey's genial personality and ready hospitality towards his brother ringers are well known to a large circle, and few men have done more towards the solution of the crying problem of promoting an intelligent interest in bells and bell ringing among the clergy and the educated classes.

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's peals are as follow:—

	Towers.	Handbells.
Minor Three Methods	1	...
Minor Seven Methods	1	...
Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	4	12
Bob Royal	2	4
Bob Maximus	1
Grandsire Triples	6	...
Grandsire Caters	1	1
Little Bob Major	1	...
Double Norwich Major	8	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	...
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	4
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Stedman Triples	30	6
Stedman Caters	1
Superlative Surprise Major	1	...
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	...
Totals ...	68	32

Including the first peal of Double Norwich in hand and the first peal of Little Bob ever rung.

The C.E.M.S. is doing magnificent work in linking together in one great brotherhood, the men of our Church. It is one of the organisations through which ringers can render further service to the Church, and we record with pleasure this week a peal rung at Tunstall, Kent, by members of the C.E.M.S., and published as a peal by "the Kent County Association and the Church of England Men's Society."

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We have received many congratulations, coupled with good wishes, upon the completion of our first year. It is impossible to reply to all these correspondents individually, and we hope they will accept our grateful thanks for their kind and encouraging messages.

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Another band has added to its laurels by ringing the "first Surprise peal by all." This was at Beeston, and was the first ever rung in the county of Notts by a local band. Congratulations to Mr. Albert Coppock and his men. The "first" is usually but the precursor of many others. We hope the Beeston company have permanently joined the ranks of the Surprise peal ringers.

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In connection with the appeal for £400 for the restoration of Holy Trinity bells, Guildford, about £200 has been promised or given, and a general appeal to the townspeople will, it is hoped, result in the balance being raised.

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At the same time that Holy Trinity are rehung, it is proposed to call in the bellhangers to attend to the ten at St. Nicolas, which have been unpealable for about a year. When this is done we may expect Surrey's county town to contribute its share to the church bell peals, just as it has in the last twelve months taken the lead and put up some records in handbell peals.

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Among the oldest of the rhymes embodying belfry rules is that to be found at Tonge, Shropshire, which runs as follows:—

If that to ring you do come here,
You must ring well with hand and ear,
Keep stroke of time and go not out
Or else you forfeit out of doubt.
Our law is so constructed here
For every fault a jug of beer.
If that you ring with spur or hat,
A jug of beer must pay for that.
If that you take a rope in hand
These forfeits you must not withstand,
Or if a bell you overthrow,
It must cost sixpence ere you go.
If in this place you swear or curse,
Sixpence you pay, out with your purse;
Come, pay the clerk, it is his fee,
For one that swears shall not go free.
These laws are old and are not new,
Therefore the clerk must have his due.

—George Harrison, 1694.

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The bells of St. Mary's Church, North Finchley, are to be rehung and retuned. The work will be commenced soon after Easter, and will be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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A conference of the United Patriots' National Benefit Society is to be held at Manchester on April 8th next. If any members of the Exercise have been elected as delegates will they kindly communicate with Mr. W. Keeble, 5, North Street, Kelvedon.

Wyldbore's Day was celebrated at Peterborough on Friday, when the bells of the parish church were rung throughout the day. The custom dates from 1781, when Mr. Matthew Wyldbore, M.P., in gratitude for finding his way after being lost in the snow by hearing the bells of the parish church, left money for this annual celebration.

CUMBERLAND DELIGHT.

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Up to the present ringers have always regarded London Surprise as the most intricate of the methods practised, Bristol not excepted. Now, however, we have a method than can claim to be more tricky even than London, and it is not a Surprise, but a Delight method. Cumberland Delight is another product of the inventive genius of the Rev. E. Bankes James, and a study of the lead given below will show what a difficult method it is to ring. Any composition in Superlative will go to it, providing 5—6 are not reversed.

Despite the intricacy of the method, however, the first peal has been rung, and it goes to the credit of the Royal Cumberland Youths, through the Edmonton band. The peal was rung at the second attempt, the first having failed, after an hour's ringing on Saturday week. It was conducted by Miss Edith Parker, who is to be congratulated upon adding another brilliant accomplishment to her many great achievements.

THE METHOD.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND BELLS.

The re-dedication of the bells at the Parish Church, Bishop Auckland, took place on Wednesday week, by the Lord Bishop of Durham, assisted by the Rural Dean and Vicar of the parish, and assistant clergy. Members of the Durham and Newcastle Association were present from Darlington, Newcastle, North Ormesby, Chester-le-Street, and Staindrop, together with the local ringers, and a representative band rang the opening touch.

The whole peal has been recast, the mechanism renewed throughout, and the bells tuned on the Simpson principle, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The old oak frame has been retained, as it was found to be in splendid condition, and it now contains the heaviest peal that it is capable of carrying. The new tenor is 12 cwt., and the total weight of the peal is 52 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs. The "go" and tone of the bells leave nothing to be desired, and the greatest satisfaction with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's work was expressed on every side, the Vicar, churchwardens and Bell Committee being highly pleased with the result, it being felt that they have now a peal worthy of the ancient and venerable church.

After the ceremony, the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea at the Cockton Hill Hall, when, in the unavoidable absence of the President, the Secretary (Mr. Chas. Todd) expressed the great pleasure it had been to the members to attend the service and open the bells. After tea, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. As will be seen from another column, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was scored on Saturday, and the verdict of ringers is summed up in the word "excellent."

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HELPING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your columns have recently contained a good many expressions of opinion on this subject, some wise and some otherwise. Without discussing these, may I briefly summarise the actual experience of a parochial clergyman, who for many years, first as learner and afterwards as ringer, attended every practice, and most of the Sunday ringing in the belfry of his parish church; and who more recently, as head of a large Association, was either concerned in, or consulted about, many schemes for providing beginners with instruction, or for "missionary" expeditions to places where change ringing was unknown? A great deal—more than some of your correspondents think—has been and is being done on each of these lines in the area which I know best; and doubtless in many others.

Let me say at once that I have found expert ringers, on the whole, ready and willing to do their best to help beginners. In their own parishes or districts it is obviously their interest to do so; and where this duty is neglected, the reward is sooner or later reaped in the break-up of a band and the disuse of change ringing. There are, however, difficulties for which allowance must be made. In the first place, not everyone has the gift of teaching others what he knows himself, or the patience necessary for dealing with young beginners. This is particularly the case in rural districts, where patience and perseverance are not invariable virtues. Another drawback is the apparently incurable unpunctuality of the class from which our ringers have to be drawn. You get your beginners together, and arrange with some good ringers to meet them at a particular hour for practice and instruction before the regular ringing begins: as likely as not, some don't come at all, or loaf in casually half or three-quarters of an hour late. Is it wonderful that efforts to help them are discouraged? In my own early ringing days, I was very nearly giving up the whole thing in disgust with the unpunctuality and irregularity of so many ringers, and the waste of time involved in waiting about for men who seemed to have no thought for the convenience of others, and had not the common politeness to notify their absence beforehand, if it was unavoidable. Had I done this, I should perhaps have set a bad example of impatience: I can only hope that unpunctual people are unaware of the real annoyance that they cause to others.

There is one other difficulty, not, I trust, very prevalent, but to my certain knowledge existing in some places where sums of money are divisible among ringers, viz., that those in possession are unwilling to admit others to a possible share. I know one important tower where change ringing was for many years—and for aught I know may still be—successfully kept out (the clergy being apathetic) by a band of call-change ringers; one or two of whom were good change ringers, but would do nothing to help others. I was once asked by a clergyman in a neighbouring county, who had lately succeeded to a parish with a fine ring of eight bells, to come and advise him what to do to get up the ringing. The foreman of the ringers, himself a competent change ringer, assured the new Rector that, do what they would, they could not get any young men to learn, and were obliged to be content with ringing only six bells. This seemed strange, in a parish of 2,000 to 3,000 inhabitants; and a private interview with the said foreman soon revealed the fact that there was a fixed sum of money divisible among the ringers, and that the existing six were not at all keen about bringing in two others to share in it! The foreman, of course, implied to me that not he, but the others were to blame. I, however, felt bound to tell the Rector that until this man resigned or was deprived of his post, and a clean sweep made of existing arrangements, I did not see what could be done: but whether any action was taken, I never heard.

Such cases are few, and become every year fewer: I think that they may almost be left out of consideration. That young ringers, and young hands, are being everywhere helped by older and expert ringers is, I think, provable from the records of most ringing associations, and from the columns of the ringing papers. Perhaps there might be better organisation of instruction: but there again, only those who have attempted it in widely-scattered rural areas know what the difficulties are. I do know; and I cannot cast the first stone at the experts.

T. L. PAPILLON

(Late Master of the Essex Association).

To the Editor.

Sir,—I trust you will kindly allow me a little space to reply to a letter in "The Ringing World," by Mr. Gutteridge. One cannot disagree with his remarks as far as they go, but one must go a good deal deeper to get to the root of the matter. My experience as a "spade worker" teaches me this, that the hardest thing one has to fight against, in coaching a beginner, or a band of beginners, is to keep them from losing heart, and if you can get them enthusiastic about peal ringing, and anxious to score their first peal, then half the battle is won. As an example, we will take a six-bell tower, in an agricultural district. In most cases, the avocation of these ringers prevents them from attending District or County Association meetings, and they are left chiefly to their own resources. Allowing Mr. Gutteridge's point, the ambition of these ringers will be to ring a peal of Minor, in seven different methods. Now what happens? One method is learnt, then, perhaps, number two is mastered; then one of the ringers has to go into the towns or cities for a livelihood, and if he is anything like

a decent ringer, he is picked up by a tower where learners are not tolerated, and so it goes on, one set making ringers for another set. Are these "stay-at-homes" to be prevented from having their names in the ringing Press as performers, or being honoured with a page in the Association's books, simply because, through no fault of their own, they cannot ring 720 changes seven times over in seven different methods? What to them is a loss, must be a gain to others. This is where the real help is needed, and to bring forward legislation, which will prevent them from giving their best in a peal ringing sense, is making the work of the "spade worker" fifty times harder, and to the ringers themselves is a gross injustice.

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H. LUDKIN.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

A man's jubilee while it must inevitably remind him of the passing years, is nevertheless an epoch which many like especially to celebrate, and the bells of a Hampshire village, and of one of London's proudest churches, were set ringing on Saturday to commemorate the 50th birthday of Mr. Francis Edward Dawe, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Years ago, Frank Dawe was a leading spirit in the Exercise in the Metropolis, but, like Rip Van Winkle, he went to sleep, as far as ringing is concerned. He has, however, awakened to the old enthusiasm, and now for the first time in a varied career, he has rung two peals in one day, for it was with a peal of Kent Treble Bob in the morning, and a peal of Stedman Cinques in the evening that he celebrated his jubilee.

Mr. Dawe was born in a charming old thatched house in the picturesque village of West Meon, Hants, on March 16th, 1862, and he returned to his native heath for his 50th birthday peal upon the bells which, he was always told, were ringing when he came into the world. To fit in two peals in one day, one in the heart of Hampshire, and the other in the city, would at no time be an easy matter, but with the train service disorganised, through the great coal strike, the difficulties seemed almost insurmountable. With the cordial co-operation of his friends, the College Youths, however, the obstacles were overcome, and the peals recorded elsewhere were the result. On reaching the village of West Meon, on Friday night, Mr. Dawe received a special welcome from the local ringers, the bells sounding sweetly in the evening air. The London contingent arrived next morning, and a good peal of 5280 of Kent was brought round in 3 hrs. 5 mins., after which the bells were "fired" 50 times. Then a photo of the group was taken as a memento of the occasion, and the thatched house was visited.

After a hurried luncheon, the band returned to London for a peal of Stedman Cinques (Mr. Dawe's favourite method), in the evening

... at St. Michael's 'pon Cornhill,

In famous London City,

Where the big bells are so grand,

And the little ones so pretty.

Here again success was achieved, and the many listeners who assembled were unanimous in the opinion that the ringing would rank amongst the best of the twelve-bell peals in St. Michael's tower.

Mr. Dawe wishes to express his highest thanks to the band, some of whom had to leave home at 4 a.m., in order to catch the train, and to all who did their best to make the day the great success it proved to be. Particularly he wishes to thank the Rev. J. H. Fair for the use of West Meon bells, and Mr. Gregory, the head ringer at that church, for having the bells up and everything in order; Canon Bell for granting permission for the peal at Cornhill, and Mr. A. Hughes for having the bells up and greased, and ready for the start.

It is an interesting fact that Mr. Dawe rang St. Michael's tenor for the late Mr. H. W. Haley's last peal, and among the many other excellent achievements in his record, he conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on his 20th birthday, and a peal of Stedman Cinques from the 11th at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on his 21st birthday. He also had the gratification of conducting a peal of Triples on the golden wedding day of his own father and mother, and, a year later, on that of his wife's parents.

On Monday, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells at Guildford, to celebrate Mr. Dawe's birthday.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

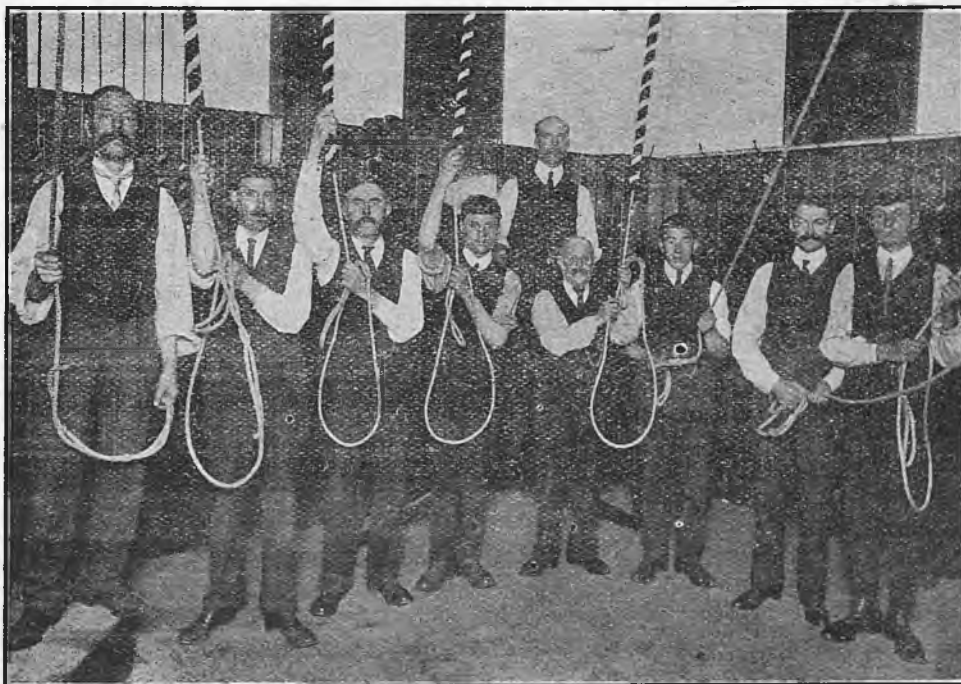
The second meeting of the Biggleswade and District Branch of the Beds Association was held at Everton, near Sandy, on Thursday, March 7th, when seventeen members attended from Patten, Sandy, Blunham, Clifton, and Biggleswade, and the local band. The business meeting was held in the tower, with Mr. A. F. Love, of Sandy, in the chair. Two performing members were elected, including the Rev. T. H. Drake (late of Hitchin), who has recently taken up his residence at Sandy. Seven honorary members were also elected, including the Vicar of Everton (the Rev. F. Bell), and the Vicar of Biggleswade (the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw), Mr. J. G. Cooper, Mus. Bac. (organist), Mr. W. C. Birch (organist of Old Warden, Beds), Dr. R. D. Bridger and Mr. J. C. H. Daniels.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the ringers the use of the bells was proposed by the Rev. T. H. Drake, and carried unanimously.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman was also passed, and afterwards there was further ringing on the handy peal of five bells.

ANOTHER STRIKE OF RINGERS.

GODALMING MEN RESENT ACCUSATIONS OF INEFFICIENCY.

Yet another strike! This time it is the bellringers of Godalming, Surrey. Their action is due to the allegations of the Godalming Church Finance Committee—through whom the ringers are paid £24 a year (in lieu of former Christmas boxes) for their services—who allege that the ringing is not satisfactory. The churchwardens received from the committee, the following resolution, which had been passed unanimously, "That the churchwardens be informed that there is great dissatisfaction at the bell ringing, and the committee give notice that, unless there is a marked improvement, they may withhold the whole or part of the grant another year." Mr. G. Manfield, the captain,

the ringing are very unjust and very unfair to us, and that unless their resolution is withdrawn and a satisfactory answer given before next Friday evening, when a meeting will take place in the belfry, the whole of the ringers will place their resignations in the hands of the Vicar (who has sole control of the belfry), and for whom and the churchwardens we are very sorry, as everything has been carried on very pleasantly before, and there will be no ringing after that date by us. You must remember that we have young ringers to instruct, and we cannot teach them without letting them practise, so that they may help when sickness or other reasons will not allow others to attend. We have always guaranteed the vicars respectively (four in my time) to ring for church services, about 113 times per annum, gratuitously, and have always done so, besides about 40 times for practice to help young members to learn (which takes a very long



THE GODALMING RINGERS IN THE BELFRY.

V. SMITH, C. CHILD, W. LAWES, W. CLISSOLD, P. MANFIELD, G. MANFIELD, W. SMITH and A. TICZ.
Behind is A. BOXALL.

in a letter to the secretary of the committee, replied that the ringers desired an explanation of the letter, "As this is the first time in my recollection, from my 40 years of ringing, that there has been any complaint of the ringing. . . . If you will kindly call a meeting as soon as possible next week, giving me 24 hours' notice, so that I may get the ringers to meet you and talk it over before they decide as to the future, we should feel obliged. If you have an expert ringer on the committee, or any other you may appoint, we should like him to come to the belfry (giving us notice of the time and date), and test us as to our ability in ringing."

In the course of further correspondence which followed, Mr. Manfield wrote to the churchwardens: "In answer to your letter of the 13th inst. respecting the resolution passed by the Godalming Church Finance Committee, a meeting was held in the belfry on Friday night, and I am instructed to inform you that a resolution was passed unanimously that the threat and the statement as to the dissatisfaction at

time). The following are the names of the ringers and the number of years that they have rung at Godalming Church: G. Manfield, 40 years; W. Clissold, 29 years; W. Smith, 23 years; C. Child, 18 years; A. Tice, 15 years; P. Manfield, 14 years; W. Lawes, 4 years; V. Smith, 3 years; A. Boxall, 9 years; W. Dunsby, 2 years; and R. Smith, 8 months. These are all members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. If the committee would like to meet us and give us a proper explanation we would meet them any evening this week if due notice is given. No member of the committee attended on Friday night at the belfry as requested by us with the exception of Mr. Houlder (hon. secretary) unofficially."

The only result of this letter was a special meeting of the committee, at which a motion, adhering to the previous resolution, was passed. In consequence the Godalming ringers have resigned in a body, and, up to the time of going to press, no alteration in the situation has taken place.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week a very successful meeting of the North Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Sawbridgeworth, about 20 members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Bishop Stortford, Harlow (St. Mary's), Harlow Common, Braintree, Great Bentley, and Wormley, with the local band. The tea and business meeting were held at the King William IV. Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presiding, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), and Mr. W. Watts (district secretary). The Rev. W. M. Bellamy (Vicar of Newport) was elected an hon. member, and the following ringing members were elected: Mr. S. C. Searle, of Newport; Messrs. L. T. Cordell, H. Morris, T. Hard, C. Peacock, F. Whitby, of Harlow Com-

mon; Messrs. W. T. Cook, A. Reddington, and A. Levey. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Wenden and Littlebury.—Mr. Penning spoke in favour of a benevolent fund for the benefit of ringers being started.—The Chairman said he thought it would be a good thing to keep in touch with the railway companies about the cheap fares to those attending ringing meetings.—The Secretary stated that a letter had been received from Mr. H. C. Bradley asking for a subscription for the restoration of the Shoreditch bells. It was decided to refer the matter to the annual meeting on Whit-Monday.—The members afterwards made a move to the tower, when the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m.; and Southwark Cathedral, on the 27th, at 8 p.m.; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings at 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapton, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells ready at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Derby on March 23rd. Bells of St. Peter's, St. Altmund's and St. Andrew's available from 3 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's belfry 6.30.—R. G. Basson, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 30th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 30th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room, behind the church, 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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirtieth annual meeting will be held at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 8th. The bells at St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, Lenton, and St. Mary's, Bulwell, will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at Calvert's Café, Long Row, at 3.15. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the same room at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, April 4th (first post at the latest). All the towers will be closed during the time of tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary, Cotgrave, Notts.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service at the cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. A. J. Langdon, Rector of Great Munden, followed by meat tea and annual business meeting for elec-

tion of officers, in the Abbey Institute, at 5.50 sharp. Will secretaries of bands please notify the probable number of their members who will attend not later than Easter Monday morning. Price of tea, 6d. to members, 1s. 3d. to non-members. St. Albans is an unique place for a bell-ringers' gathering, possessing four peals of bells, a grand cathedral, and historical ruins and associations possessed by no other city in the world. It is the place for a day's holiday.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcham on Easter Monday. Ringing at the Parish and Christ Church during the afternoon and evening. Short service at Christ Church, to be followed by tea, at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens. Further details next week.—C. F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above Association will take place at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, April 8th. A short service will be held in All Saints' Church at 12.30 p.m. The dinner and business meeting will be held at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. The bells of All Saints (6), St. Mary's (8) will be available during the day, and Godmanchester (8) after 3 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 3rd.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

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.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Tower open at 8 p.m. Business meeting at 9.30 in the tower room. The society also meets the second and fourth Sunday in each month at 10 a.m. for service ringing. No meeting will take place on April 1st as previously advertised.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Messrs W. H. Doran and F. Doran have removed to 89, Pitchford Street, West Ham Lane, Stratford, E.—Mr. Wm. B. Biss has removed to 18, Hirwin Street, Cathays, Cardiff.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

WESTWARD HO!

PRESENTATION TO A WEDNESBURY RINGER.

On Tuesday week, at St. Paul's Institute, Wednesbury, the ringers of St. Paul's Society met, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. R. Wilkin), the curate (the Rev. J. Howe), and a few friends from Walsall, and Mr. C. Wallater (Willenhall), to partake of a supper, provided by the local men, as a farewell to Mr. A. J. Wallater, who is leaving this country for San Francisco. After supper a presentation was made to Mr. Wallater, the gift consisting of a handsome dressing case, subscribed for by the Vicar, Mr. A. Fouks (a former churchwarden), and the members of the local band.—The Vicar, in making the presentation, expressed his regret at losing Mr. Wallater, as his place would be difficult to fill, both as a ringer, and as a Sunday School teacher. He

hoped he would be successful in his new sphere of life, and assured him that he was going to a lovely country.—Mr. Wallater suitably responded.—Mr. E. J. Tyler (head ringer) added a few words, giving a resume of the work accomplished by the band during Mr. Wallater's connection with it. Mr. Wallater, he said, had been connected with the band eight years, during which time they had seen many ups and downs, but he was proud to say, the present band was the best that had been at the church since the bells were put in, nearly 25 years ago. This was in no small measure due to Mr. Wallater's ability and enthusiasm. The speaker went on to say that he had worked with him both as a ringer and as a Sunday School teacher, and had always found him everything that goes to make a man, in the strict sense of the word. He wished him every success in the land of his adoption, and hoped that he would not forget the ringers, as he felt sure they would not forget him. His place would be hard to fill, and he would be missed, not only by the local band, but by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. E. Smith and Mr. C. Wallater also spoke, the last-named saying that he wished to thank the band for their kindness shown to his brother, and also the speakers for the kind words said about him. He hoped the young ringers would try and emulate his good example, and not be satisfied with being the best local band, but try to be the best band in the society.

The rest of the evening was spent in an informal manner, some ringing handbells, others expressing their good wishes to Mr. Wallater as an opportunity presented itself.

Mr. Wallater has rung in 39 peals, including the first peal of Erin Triples rung by the above society, which he conducted. All the ringers who took part in it were present at the supper. An attempt was made on Saturday, March 9th, to ring a peal of Stedman Triples as a farewell peal, which would have been the first peal by an entirely local band, but it unfortunately came to grief, owing to a change course, after ringing 24 hrs.

Mr. Wallater's 39 peals were made up of: Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Triples, 10; Stedman Caters, 8; Darlaston Bob Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Erin Triples, 1, conducted, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; total, 39; conducted, 2. Rung in 11 different towers.

PRESENTATION TO A WIGAN RINGER.

On Saturday evening last a pleasant little gathering of ringers took place in the tower of the Parish Church, Wigan, to bid farewell to Mr. J. Watts, who is leaving Wigan for Canada on March 29th.—Mr. W. Bentham (Aughton), who presided, explained the nature of the meeting, and spoke of the many happy hours Mr. Watts and he had spent together in visiting various towers, and doing all they could to push forward the Art of change ringing. Where Mr. Watts was going, he (the Chairman) believed there were no bells, and by accepting a present from himself, Mr. Watts would have something to remind him of the happy hours they had spent together in England.—Mr. Fisher (foreman of the tower) added a few words, and Mr. T. Walker, of Standish, spoke of the sterling worth of Mr. Watts, who had given them every help he could.—Mr. Watts, who was taken by surprise, thanked the donor for his kindness, and said the gift would remind him of the many happy hours they had spent together.—The present consisted of 14 handbells, and were greatly admired by the ringers present.—Afterwards, a touch of Grandsire Triples (504 changes) were rung on the splendid tower bells by the following members of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild: R. Fisher (conductor) 1, A. Shaw 2, J. Gummerson 3, W. Bentham 4, J. Watts 5, R. Fisher, junr., 6, J. Barker and T. Walker 7, S. Hall 8, brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A GOOD MEETING AT OLDHAM.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Oldham Parish Church, on Saturday, when upwards of fifty members were present from Oldham Parish, Glodwick, Moorside, Rochdale, St. Alban's, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, Milnrow, Middleton, Manchester, Blackburn, Burnley, Preston, Lytham, Walkden, Bolton, Stockport, Rawtenstall, Ashton, Helmshore. The bells were ready at 3.30, when members of the committee had a short touch of Grandsire Caters. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee.—After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were kept going in Grandsire Doubles, Triples, Caters and Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Royal, till nine o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, with half-muffled bells, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. P. Gale, for many years a sidesman and Sunday School teacher: W. Pierce, F. Lambert, junr., C. Moss, E. Easter, H. Pratt, J. O'Neill, J. Howard, F. C. Lambert, A. Head, and J. Jolly.—On Wednesday, Feb. 21st and 28th, on handbells, a course of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and seven courses of Stedman Triples: A. Lee 1—2, H. Barton 3—4, F. C. Lambert 5—6, J. O'Neill 7—8.

SOUTHGATE.—The Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 49 mins.: *H. Armstrong 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, *G. Lester 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, J. E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, *N. A. Tomlinson 7, †F. G. Tegg 8. * First quarter-peal of Treble Bob. † First quarter-peal of Treble Bob with bob bell.—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Armstrong (first in method) 1, G. Bester 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, J. E. Miller 4, H. Miller 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, F. G. Tegg 7, W. Rickworth 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, 672 Kent Treble Bob: L. B. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, G. Hardy (Kelsale) 4, J. M. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, E. H. Bailey 7, W. R. Bailey (conductor) 8.—On Tuesday, March 5th, for Confirmation service, 576 Oxford: A. F. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, E. H. Bailey 8.—On March 9th, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: L. P. Bailey 1, G. Wilson (longest length in the method) 2, N. R. Bailey 3, F. J. Smith 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. S. Bailey 6, J. M. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Also 640 Kent Treble Bob: A. F. Bailey 1, L. P. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, C. Samson 6, J. M. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8.

MAIDSTONE.—At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: R. D. Paine (Mersham) 1, G. Moore 2, H. C. Chapman 3, A. E. Gasson 4, W. Crooks 5, J. Bonny 6, T. Mannerling 7, J. Roberts 8, F. Wellard 9, L. Holmwood 10.

GARGRAVE.—Yorkshire Association.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1288 changes): J. McKell 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, W. Bradley 4, W. Townson 5, C. Langstroth 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On March 3rd, for service, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, conducted by J. McKell.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, the young company practising at this church, rang several 120's of Bob Minor, by: L. Kemp, J. Nunn, L. Hembling, W. Kemp, F. C. Lambert (conductor), J. Mouser, A. Head.

OXHEY.—The Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, 1184 Bristol Surprise: H. Hodgetts 1, T. L. Simmons 2, F. W. Brinklow 3, C. H. Leman 4, G. N. Price 5, G. C. Howchin 6, H. Eden (conductor) 7, F. White 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 588 Stedman Triples: H. Porter 1, A. Jarvis 2, S. Faithfull 3, G. Thompson 4, W. Smith 5, F. J. Laker 6, S. Perkins (conductor) 7, J. Muggridge 8.—On Feb. 20th, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. Muggridge 1, G. Thompson 2, W. Latter 3, A. H. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, F. J. Laker 6, F. White 7, S. Perkins (conductor) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—The Towcester and District Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): G. Bessley (longest touch) 1, F. Hopper 2, G. Basford 3, C. Faulkner 4, W. Sharp (conductor) 5, W. Wilkinson 6.

STAMFORD HILL.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 18th, for afternoon men's service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Keay 1, F. Gerken 2, F. Ringrose (conductor) 3, A. Howell 4, C. Ross 5, J. Skipp 6.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Crook 1, E. Watkinson 2, B. A. Knights (conductor) 3, A. Robinson 4, H. France 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Banister 7, J. Harrison 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.—On Feb. 18th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith 2, T. Oldham 3, E. B. Shaw 4, J. Harrison (conductor) 5, W. Schofield 6, D. Renshaw 7, T. Wellens 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. Fletcher, curate at the above church.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 46 mins.: A. J. Neale 1, A. Scambler 2, W. Watchorne 3, W. Truss 4, W. J. Aldridge 5, J. Scholes 6, G. Hayden 7, H. Torble (conductor) 8.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 13th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Keen 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, E. Tomlinson 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, T. Bull 7, G. Brooks 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. Long (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

LECKHAMPTON.—Towcester and District Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Antelope and St. Dunstan's), in 26 mins.: H. Carter 1, T. Carter 2, W. T. Carter 3, J. Warner 4, D. Carter (conductor) 5. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles, with P. Warner conducting.—On Feb. 24th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire and Antelope and St. Dunstan's Doubles, as a birthday compliment to L. Smith, came to grief, after 45 mins. excellent ringing, owing to the conductor missing a call: H. Carter 1, Leonard Smith 2, W. T. Carter 3, P. Warner 4, D. Carter (conductor) 5. 720 St. Dunstan's was rung afterwards by the same ringers.

WHITCHURCH, Nr. CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 120 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Thomas 1, C. O. Hobbs 2, W. B. Biss 3, J. Bailey 4, F. Chamberlain 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Oxford: *C. O. Hobbs 1, D. Thomas 2, W. B. Biss (conductor) 3, *J. Bailey 4, *F. Chamberlain 5, *S. Dawe 6. * First 720 of Oxford, and first on the bells. First as conductor, W. B. Biss. The above touches were rung by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. L. L. Lloyd-Davies, after meeting short for a peal of Bob Major, arranged for Machen, Mon.

LITTLE HEATH.—Essex.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, being six 120's called different: C. Weaver 1, A. Pye 2, L. Pye 3, W. A. Pye 4, J. Loosemore (conductor) 5. Also two 120's: T. Loosemore 1, C. Weaver 2, A. Pye 3, A. Stroud 4, W. A. Pye (conductor) 5.

MACCLESFIELD.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 25th, at Christ Church, six 120's Grandsire Doubles (called differently): E. Greenwood 1, F. Stonley (conductor) 2, F. Hirst 3, S. Stanway 4, N. Wheelton 5, F. Stanway 6.—In the evening, another 720, with 7-6-8 covering, A. Hirst and C. Gallymore taking part. First 720's by Christ Church ringers.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, at St. Mary Magdalene's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Thurstans' four-part: H. Flanders 1, R. Charge 2, H. Dains 3, A. Hart 4, G. Charge 5, A. J. Baynes 6, H. J. Ranzetta (conductor) 7, G. Gomer 8. First in the method as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 26th, five courses of Stedman Cinques: J. Purser 1, J. E. Groves 2, W. Fisher 3, R. Pickering 4, W. F. Hartshorn 5, G. Hughes 6, H. Knight 7, W. G. Hall 8, R. Cartwright 9, E. Dawe (conductor) 10, J. H. Shepherd 11, Albert Little 12.

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