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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

In preparation for the next Central Council meeting many Associations have been recently electing their representatives to serve for the triennial period. Only once in three years are the members elected, and when the appointments take place there is sometimes a voice raised in opposition to the Council, and the inquiry is frequently made: "What has the Council done for ringers?" or "What is the good of the Council?" which, in effect, is the same thing. Viewed in an unprejudiced light, it must be admitted that the Council has done a good deal to raise the standard of ringing. Its legislation has not always been of the practical type, and it has sometimes been said that the meetings are merely the debating ground for theorists. To some extent this may be true, but it must be remembered that the theory must precede the practice.

On the other hand it cannot be ignored that there have been occasions, such as last year, when there has been little result to the Council's proceedings, but what is the reason for this? Speaking generally, discussion at the meetings is confined to a small proportion of the members, the rest seem content to sit still and listen. It would be refreshing if only these men, who we may assume represent the best talent of the Associations, would ventilate their views more freely. Again, as practical men, they have the means of getting practical matters placed on the agenda, but do not do so, and the "theorists" are not to be blamed for that.

At the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association the question of seceding from the Central Council altogether was seriously discussed, and, while this step was not taken, the members went so far as to decide to send only one representative in future instead of the four to which it is entitled. This, too, in face of the fact that the Master of the Association is the honorary secretary of the Council, and that his influence, we may be sure, was used on the side of upholding the central authority. It would be a very regrettable matter if anything were done to jeopardise the existence of the Council, because, it must be obvious, that some central organisation, to draw together the many Associations and to focus opinion, is needed. If action like that of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were to be generally taken its effect would be serious, not only on the Central Council, but upon the Exercise as a whole, for there would be nobody to standardise the ringing or to secure uniformity of practice—there would be, in fact, no court of appeal. We do not for a moment anticipate that anything like extinction of the Central Council will happen, nor, indeed, is it even threatened, but it is well not to ignore the sign of the times in the west. It rests with the Council itself to see that it does not lose in the popular favour.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	EMANUEL HALL 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
ARTHUR LEEDER 2	ELLIS HAYWARD 6
ERNEST POPPY 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
CLEMENT MORE 4	ABEL HART Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

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

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt., in G.

ROBERT H. YOUNG Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 7
FRANK BOREHAM 4	JOHN EVANS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

This composition has the 2nd her extent at home and always in 2-3.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE BASSON Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	*FRED HICKLING 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	*HENRY LETTS 7
ERNEST H. CLARKE ... 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY, of Derby, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. The figures will appear in due course.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Four-and-a-half Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs., in E.

*ERNEST POXEN Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
COL.-SERGT. J. H. ILIFFE ... 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
*ISAAC HUFTON 3	*JAMES F. GEORGE 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Major, and first on the bells. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Capt. A. H. Longdon, of Stanton-by-Dale.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2	DAVID WRIGHT 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
ALFRED WOODROW 4	ALFRED J. HISCOCK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been converted into a splendid ring of eight and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM ... Treble	JOSEPH GODDARD 5
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY ... 2	BENJAMIN GODDARD ... 6
ROBERT WALKER 3	JOHN HARROP 7
JOHN J. PEMBERTON ... 4	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

Rung as a wedding and a farewell peal to C. H. Marsland, who has left the district, the ringers wishing him much happiness and success in his new sphere. The peal was also a birthday compliment to W. H. Bradley.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

HENRY S. REEVES Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
GEORGE H. BARKER 2	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 6
ALFRED TALBOT 3	SAMUEL PAGE 7
ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Old Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

J. H. BENFIELD Treble	HORACE HOWELL 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WALTER PIGOTT 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
JOHN BASS 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

This is the first peal in the method by the Association, by all the band, and on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure,
Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single
and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM SPICE 2	WILLIAM WALKER 5
WILLIAM HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of Albert James Day, who died suddenly on April 10th.

GREAT TOTHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise,
New London Pleasure, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and
Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PERCY C. SAYER... .. Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	FRED CHALK 5
ALFRED SOUTH 3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all and on the bells.

FREISTON, LINS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury, each called differently, and four of
Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BRADLEY Treble	HAROLD PALMER 4
*JOSEPH BURCHNALL 2	*HARRY MITCHELL 5
ARTHUR H. PALMER 3	JOHN SHARP Tenor

Conducted by J. SHARP.

* First peal.

SUDBURY, DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*T. FRANCIS WEEKS Treble	†CHARLES SANDERS 4
†WILLIAM SHERCLIFF 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
*LESLIE C. SMITH 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First peal on tower bells with a bob bell. The treble ringer was elected a member before starting.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called
differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES HENRY BAKER ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 4
JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 2	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 5
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

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

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church;

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, London Scholars, Islington, Woodbine,
Oxford and Kent, and 360 each of Coventry and Burton.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	JOHN W. HARTLEY 4
HARRY LANGLEY 2	ALLEN S. GORDON 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Upper Weston,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lbs.

*FREDERICK C. RICH... .. Treble	FRANCIS W. NEATE 4
JOHN TAYLOR 2	CHARLES W. BELL... .. 5
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... 3	HORACE TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Francis A. Bromley, for his kindness in granting the use of the bells.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	*ALBERT RELF 4
ANDREW MARSHALL... .. 2	EDWIN LAMBERT 5
*GEORGE FULLER 3	JIM BEACH... .. Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 3-4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES... 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HACGERSTON, LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the "George the Fourth," Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. 5-6
ERNEST PYE 3-4	FREDERICK A. HOLDEN ... 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpires: Messrs. E. E. GRIMES, T. LANGDON and J. E. DAVIS.
Mr. E. Pye's rooth peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

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

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pulling. The composition is No. 9 on Broadsheet.

A LANCASHIRE WEEK.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS SMITH... .. Treble	*WILFRED J. MOSS 5
*JOSEPH LOWE 2	*JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
GEORGE E. TURNER ... 3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	ALFRED CROSS 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
ISAAC SCHOFIELD 3	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED CROSS Treble	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	WILFRED J. MOSS 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCE

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES H. RIDYARD Treble	JOHN WELSBEY 5
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

HULME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER BROWN... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	ALFRED CROSS 6
GEORGE E. TURNER 3	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 7
WILFRED J. MOSS 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

The peal at Westerham was rung on April 10th, not April 3rd as published.

THE "TITANIC" DISASTER.

The following peals have been rung with muffled bells in connection with the disaster to the "Titanic."

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOSEPH BAILEY... .. 7
SAMUEL WESLEY 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8
R. GEORGE BASSON 4	THOMAS W. GORE 9
FRANK JACOBS 5	GEORGE DAVIES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the unfortunate victims of the "Titanic" disaster; also to the late Mr. Markham, a prominent churchworker, who passed away in London on April 20th.

WOOLWICH.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER ... Treble	HENRY BECKFORD 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*FRANK C. NEWMAN... .. 6
JAMES SCHOLES 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung, half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the heroes who went down in the SS. "Titanic."

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being a 720 of Oxford Bob and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... Treble	JOHN WALDEN 4
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 3	JAMES BLACKMORE Tenor

Conducted by G. F. WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, at the request of the Rector, as a mark of sympathy at the loss of the "Titanic."

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1912, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER...	... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES HOUGHTON ...	... 5
JAMES GARRATT ...	... 2	WALTER J. GERMAN ...	6
WALTER PERKINS ...	... 3	JOHN J. MAWBY ...	7
J. HUBERT HORN ...	... 4	JAMES T. WARD ...	...<i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives through the "Titanic" disaster.

Muffled touches have been rung at many churches, including the following:—

Aldenham, Herts—504 Grandsire Triples.
Barming, Kent—720 Grandsire Doubles.
Fenton, Staffs.—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Gainsborough, Lincs.—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Heanor, Derbyshire—504 Grandsire Triples.
Ilkeston, Derbyshire—504 and 408 Stedman Triples.
Isleworth, Middlesex—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Rotherfield, Sussex—1260 Grandsire Triples.
Sandiacre, Derbyshire—Attempt for peal of Minor.
Southwark (St. George the Martyr)—1260 Stedman Triples.
Tarrington, Herefordshire—840 Grandsire Doubles.
Walthamstow—Attempt for peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the London Society of Compositors.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FORMATION OF DISTRICTS.

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and was one of the most successful meetings that the society has held. Notwithstanding the lack of facilities for railway travelling, and the awful cycling weather, the attendance was much greater than has been the case for a number of years. The bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches were kept going to a great variety of methods, ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. Even the "young hands" were not forgotten, a number of them ringing rounds on ten for the first time in their lives.

The annual dinner was held in All Hallows' Schoolroom, at 1 p.m. The Mayor (Mr. W. Roff) presided, supported by the president (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker), the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. Rust), the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Misses E. and D. Steel, and Mr. Edwin Ransom. After dinner, the President made a brief speech, in which he gave a hearty welcome to the Mayor.—His Worship, in responding, expressed the pleasure that it gave to him to meet so many enthusiastic gentlemen. Personally, he knew nothing of the intricacies of change ringing. He knew the objects of their society were good, and to carry out those objects a good deal of mental, and sometimes physical, labour were required. The ringing of bells was certainly connected with his family, for on his father's wedding day an incident occurred, which might have made a material difference to him. It was at the village church, and, of course, the bells being rung in honour of the event, a visit was made to the belfry. Somehow one of the ropes became entangled round his father, and he was quickly taken up, nearly to the ceiling. Needless to say he came down again. His Worship considered it proper that all should learn to play some musical instrument, if only a bell, for bell ringing was a national music. Before he got married, he had no instrument to play, but after he found that he had to play second fiddle—to his wife. He was sure that all present enjoyed the music of the bells, and he hoped that after enjoying their own music, they would go down into the church to enjoy the music inside in prayer and praise to God, their Creator, and to Jesus Christ, their Saviour.

The Secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet. Both were very satisfactory. The quarterly meetings and summer festival were very well attended. Change ringing had never been done previously in such advanced methods in the county. The expenditure had been heavy, but the society still had a good balance in hand. Peal

ringing did not count everything, but the number of peals that had been rung was very satisfactory; and though the standard was high, next year in all probability the standard would be higher.

DISTRICTS FORMED.

The President then moved: "That the area of the Association be divided into three districts, to be called respectively, the Bedford, Biggleswade, and Luton districts; that the annual meeting on Easter Monday and the summer festival be continued, but in place of the other quarterly meetings, there be held in each district meetings at convenient dates; that each district elect its officials from members resident within that district, and that the district hon. secretaries be responsible to the general hon. secretary for all the business transacted within their districts." He considered that if the resolution was adopted it would be beneficial to the members, and would greatly assist in spreading the principles that each member held so dear.—Mr. J. W. Barker seconded. He considered that the resolution would not push the Association in advance of the times, but would bring the Association up-to-date. No one could take up change ringing without becoming better, mentally; and if, as he thought, they would by means of this resolution, plant change ringing where it had never been practised, and assist those to a higher grade who at present practised it, then not only would the ringers be benefited, but, through their influence, it would be beneficial to the community as a whole.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake recommended the scheme to the members, and said he was sure that the members could do no wrong in adopting it. At some meetings they would have few members; at some many members, but in all meetings they would be stepping forward. He then gave a very interesting account of the district meetings that take place under the auspices of their neighbour, the Herts Association.—A number of questions were satisfactorily answered, and the meeting unanimously accepted the resolution.—Messrs. J. W. Barker, Bedford; F. Blood, Biggleswade; and A. King, Luton, were asked to convene the first business meeting of their respective districts.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Rural Dean of Dunstable, was unanimously re-elected president; the Rev. Canon Haddock, Messrs. Charles Herbert and Edwin Ransom, vice-presidents.—The Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Messrs. Herbert and Ransom are the only three members who were present at the inauguration of the society twenty-nine years ago.—The Rev. A. Rust was re-elected hon. secretary, with acclamation, and Mr. G. C. Walker was re-elected hon. auditor, with thanks for past services.

The general committee were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. F. Blood, Biggleswade.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.

In proposing the Rev. W. W. C. Baker as the representative on the Central Council, Mr. J. W. Barker said that he would like to see the report on Legitimate Methods made an absolute rule. He knew that difficulties existed, but he believed they could be surmounted. Eight and ten-bell ringers had, almost to a man, given up ringing methods that were not properly constructed and that did not conform to the principles laid down by the Central Council. He was sorry that such was not the case with all six-bell ringers. If every leading ringer did his best, illegitimate methods would soon die a natural death, but he thought it was now time that the Council made a move.—The Rev. W. W. C. Baker, in thanking the members for electing him as their representative, said that he thought the idea of the Central Council was to give the best advice possible to the Associations. Difficulties did exist, not only of the Council, but on the Council in the matter referred to by Mr. Barker. The Council preferred to permeate the Associations with its principles rather than use coercion with resolutions, and the former method, if not as effective as some desired, had certainly effected good work, and he believed lacked that irritation which would probably be caused if the Central Council made the question a specific rule.

A vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding was carried with acclamation, and the fraternal greetings of the society to the Herts Association were sent by the Rev. H. T. Drake.—The meeting was closed with some handbell ringing.

BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Biggleswade branch of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Blunham, on Thursday evening in last week, when there was a good muster of members from Sandy, Bedford, Elstow, Everton, Clifton, Old Warden, Northill, and Blunham, the Misses D. and E. Steel, two lady ringers, being among those present. The meeting was held in a room kindly lent by Mr. Payne, of Blunham. The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was elected chairman, and reported upon the annual meeting at Bedford, on Easter Monday, when it was decided to divide the Association into three districts. He informed those present that the main business before them was to elect officers to carry out the work of the Association in the Biggleswade district. The following gentlemen were elected to fill the offices as follow: President, the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Vicar of Biggleswade; vice-presidents, the Rev. John Richardson, Vicar of Sandy; Mr. Guy Pym, of Sandy; secretary, Mr. F. Blood, Biggleswade; committee, one representative from each tower attached.—Ringing took place in the tower, after the meeting. The church has only five bells, but they are a heavy peal, and would be an ideal five for augmentation, as there is plenty of room, both in the tower and frame as at present constructed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

A well-attended meeting of the Preston Branch was held on Saturday last, at Eccleston, and the methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Bob Minor to Woodbine.—Mr. J. R. Taylor presided at the business meeting, when Scorton and Chipping were selected for practice meetings, and Croston for the quarterly meeting. Nine new members were elected, all belonging to the local band, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells. Ringing was again indulged in, the Leyland St. James' company going through a faultless 720 of Arnold's Victory. Mixed bands afterwards kept the bells going till eight o'clock. The towers represented were: Brindle, Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods, Leyland Parish and St. James', Penwortham, Preston, Samlesbury, Walton-le-Dale, Standish and Aughton.

On Saturday last, the usual monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, members being present from Pendleton, Eccles, Stockport, Reddish, Middleton, etc.—Mr. James Barratt was voted to the chair, and in a few well-chosen remarks, he welcomed all present. — Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft was elected as committeeman, it being deemed advisable that the branch secretary should act on the committee.—Eccles was chosen as the next place of meeting. — A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, wardens and ringers, for the use of the bells.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday last, when 16 members were present from Walkden, Tyldesley and Deane, with several of the local ringers. Some very good touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob, were rung, and one new member elected at the business meeting.

On Saturday week, the members of the Rochdale branch held their monthly meeting at Todmorden Unitarian Church, when about thirty members were present from: Todmorden Unitarian, Todmorden Parish, Crosstones, Colne, Rochdale Parish, Newhey, Middleton, Oldham, Heywood, and Walsden.—Mr. W. Crabtree presided over the meeting, when four new members were elected.—East Crompton was selected for the next monthly meeting.—Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the day.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT GUISELEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Guiseley on Saturday. The bells were half-muffled, as a token of respect to the victims of the Titanic disaster, and of sympathy with the bereaved relatives, and a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted in the afternoon, but was lost after ringing about 1,200 changes. Touches were then rung until the meeting, which was held at the Red Lion Hotel.—The President presided over a representative assembly, consisting of members from Bolton, Calverley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Leeds, Mirfield, Pudsey, and the local band. The President announced the death of Mr. B. T. Copley, of Bolton, a former secretary of the Yorkshire Association, and a vote of condolence and sympathy was passed by all standing in silence.—Arrangements were made for a peal attempt at Shipley on May 11th, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Guiseley, and to the local company, was proposed by Mr. F. Hopwood, and seconded by Mr. W. Woodhead, and carried unanimously.—Mr. F. W. Dixon responded. — The bells were again rung until late in the evening, the methods including Treble Bob, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO LATE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held at Churchill on Saturday week, some 30 members being present, and the following towers being represented: Burnham, Burrington, East Brent, Congresbury, Churchill, Cheddar, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare, and Rowberrow. Service was held in the Parish Church, at which a capital address was given by the Vicar (the Revs. S. P. Jose), who, with other friends, subsequently entertained the visitors to tea in the Rectory Reading Room.—The Rev. G. H. Lewis (president of the branch) presided at the business meeting, and thanked the members for electing him as their President for the year. Nine new performing members were duly elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at East Brent, about the second Saturday in June.

A presentation was made to Mr. A. Davies, in recognition of his services as branch secretary from 1908 to 1912. The gift consisted of a marble clock, and was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Davies.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. S. P. Jose for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, arranging the service and address, and for his and other friends' kindness in providing tea.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the ladies for kindly assisting with the tea.—The Vicar responded.

A WEDDING GIFT.

Mr. G. H. Mason, who has been one of the band at Merrow Parish Church, Surrey, for the past 14 years, has been presented with a silver onet on the occasion of his wedding. It was a gift from his brother ringers, and the presentation was made by Mr. H. Stovold (the captain).—Mr. Mason suitably replied, and subsequently 720 Bob Minor was rung to mark the event.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Crondall, on Saturday last, and was attended by nearly 40 members. As the tower is over four miles from any railway station, and a very limited service of trains was running, this may certainly be reckoned as a good attendance. There was ringing both afternoon and evening. Service was held at All Saints' Church, and an address was given from the chancel steps of the quaint old building (which dates from 1100 A.D.) by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Cotton), who warmly welcomed the Guild, that being the first occasion a meeting had been held there.

Mr. C. Willshire presided at the tea held in the old Schoolroom, in which Cromwell's troopers are said to have stabled their horses. Among other business, questions were asked and statements made concerning members drawing their train fare to Winchester without attending the meetings, and the representatives were instructed to bring the matter forward at the annual general meeting, at Winchester, on June 29th.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO MAIDSTONE DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Leeds, Kent, on Saturday last, when 80 members from various parts of the county took advantage of the glorious weather, and the privilege offered them to ring in the old and historical belfry, which contains a fine old ring of ten, that have recently been rehung. Everyone was highly delighted with the "go" of the bells, which do great credit to Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich; whom the work of restoring the bells was entrusted to. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Leeds, who, in a short address, gave a very interesting account of the history of the bells and church.—At the conclusion of the service a collection was made, on behalf of the Gillingham belfry fund, and amounted to 16s. 4d.—A splendid meat tea was provided for the visitors at the George Inn.—At the business meeting which followed, Mr. G. Moore, Maidstone, was again elected district secretary; Mr. T. Manning, district representative.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Boxley, on Saturday, July 20th.—At the close of the business, a pleasant surprise was in store for the district secretary, who was presented with a handsome travelling bag and fountain pen, subscribed for by the Rev. G. H. Hughes (Vicar of Leeds) and members of the district.—Mr. Hayzelden, of East Farleigh, in making the presentation, paid a warm tribute to the way in which the secretary had carried out his duties.—The Secretary, in replying, said they had indeed taken him totally by surprise, and it was difficult to find words sufficient enough to thank them for the magnificent gifts they had given him. He should always cherish them, as they would remind him of the esteem they held for him. He thanked the secretaries of all the belfries for the splendid way they had rallied round him, and he was proud to say the district was making splendid progress.—Mr. H. Hollands afterwards read some interesting old papers on the famous peal at Leeds.

WATERLOO MAJOR.**A FALSE PEAL.**

The band that rang the Waterloo Major, at Erith on Easter Monday, will be chagrined to hear that the peal was false. Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, writes: "The peal of Waterloo Major which appeared in this week's issue is false. For instance, figure out the first lead from course 52436 and the second lead from 23654, and you will find a repetition. There are false rows in this method the same as in Treble Bob. I am very sorry for the band who rang the peal." The Waterloo Road men will doubtless have another "cut" at the method, and put up the first true peal.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Waterloo Major we rang at Erith in false. I ought to have known better, but I did not suspect false course ends in a perfectly constructed Major method, with a plain hunting treble. I can only apologise deeply to the band for spoiling what would have been a first-rate performance—two peals in two methods in one day, each the first by the Association, and in the county.—Yours truly,
J. A. TROLLOPE.

THE SEVEN MINOR METHODS ON HANDBELLS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal of Minor rung at Bourne, and published in your paper of April 19th, I beg to say a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung in hand by the following members of the Midland Counties Association on March 15th, 1898, viz.: Walter Stone 1—2, Thos. W. Chapman 3—4, Harry Argyle 5—6, conducted by T. W. Chapman. While thus robbing the Bourne ringers of their presumed record, allow me to offer them my congratulations on their achievement, as I know seven Minor methods in hand take a lot of ringing.—Yours truly,
HARRY ARGYLE.

7, Globe Road, Nuneaton.
P.S.—A peal in seven Treble Bob methods was also rung by the same Association on May 23rd, 1909.—H.A.

Several other correspondents have written pointing out that seven methods had previously been rung.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

Among the ringing clergy there is no greater enthusiast for the Art than the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who is now the honorary secretary of the Warwickshire Guild. Like some of the other clergy, who are so prominently connected with the Exercise, he is not fortunate enough to have a peal of bells at his own church, and all his ringing has now to be obtained by going far afield. But with Mr. Cox obstacles only serve to whet his enthusiasm, and the Warwickshire Guild is extremely fortunate in possessing as its chief executive officer, a gentleman who is not only an able ringer and a clergyman to boot, but also one who has had the additional advantage of a business training in former years.

Mr. Cox was born at Croxley Green, Hertfordshire, in 1882, and resided in Hammersmith from 1886, receiving his early education at St. Paul's School. Before going to



THE REV. C. CAREW COX.

college, Mr. Cox had nine years' business experience in the City and West End of London. During that time he was for six years a member of the London Scottish Volunteer Corps, and was always keen on shooting. He still takes a keen and active interest in this valuable pastime, being President of Shottory Miniature Rifle Club, and a member of the Stratford-on-Avon Rifle Club. At Shottory they are fortunate in possessing a 1,000 yards range. Mr. Cox has won many shooting prizes. He completed the theological course at King's College, London, with honours, and graduated B.A. at University College, Durham, in 1908.

He was first taught to handle a bell at Stockland, East Devon, by his ringing cousin, the Rev. E. V. Cox, in 1902, and the same year he joined the Guild at Hammersmith, where there was a voluntary band, but only call changes were rung. He became secretary to the Guild about eighteen months later. The band was gradually reduced to five or six members, who started learning change ringing from Troyte's book. It was slow and often disappointing work, but with the aid of some of the Chiswick band on practice night they gradually made some progress.

Mr. Cox had got into touch with the London County Association, and much of his Grandsire and Stedman ringing was learnt at St. Clement Danes. As a result of his own experience Mr. Cox believes in learners getting about to as many ringing meetings as they can if they want to get on. He has himself picked up a great deal by doing so, and most, if not all, of his first touches in the higher methods were obtained at Association meetings. The Hammersmith band, once change ringing was laid on a solid foundation, never went back, and now all their members, we believe, have rung peals. They are still a voluntary band, and when Mr. Cox left them to take up his first curacy they presented him with an engraved badge in the shape of a gold bell.

Mr. Cox rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples on the treble) at Hammersmith in December, 1904, and his first peal of Stedman two years later in the same tower. The latter was conducted by Mr. William Pye. He called his first peal (Holt's Original) on April 1st, 1907, at Chiswick. This was Mr. Cox's seventh peal, and nearly all who took part in it were members of the Hammersmith band.

He went to his first curacy at Stratford-on-Avon in March, 1909, and found himself in a very isolated district as far as change ringing was concerned, but he soon identified himself with the Warwickshire Guild, and last July was elected secretary of the Guild in place of Mr. A. Coleman. He called the first peals of Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Caters for the Guild. Mr. Cox was appointed in charge of Shottory about 18 months ago, but his opportunities for attempting peals in the higher methods have always been few and far between. His first peal of Double Norwich was his fiftieth peal, and this he conducted.

He is a member of seventeen ringing Associations, and he has been able to ring peals for them all. Among the more interesting peals he has taken part in are the following:—Stedman Triples at Gateshead in February, 1908, which Mr. W. H. Barber conducted blindfolded (Carter's odd bob one part from a non-observation bell); the first peal of Stedman rung in the Isle of Anglesey in August, 1907; Holt's original (silent) at West Bromwich in November, 1909; the first clerical peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick in October, 1910; while this week he was due to call the next attempt for Clerical Cinques and Clerical Royal at Painswick and Stroud respectively.

Unfortunately there is no change ringing at Stratford-on-Avon tower, and the present members are against it. Mr. Cox, however, has started a handbell band, and hopes that some of the youngsters who are learning will become useful ringers later on. His list of peals is as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	12 (one silent)	3
Grandsire Caters	2	1
Stedman Triples	21	7
Stedman Caters	8	2
Stedman Cinques	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	2
Bob Major	4	
Minor	2	2
Double Norwich Major	3	3
Superlative Surprise	1	
Total ...	56	20

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BASINGSTOKE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. Leavey 1, F. Wilson 2, H. White conductor) 3, O. F. Mansford 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, J. E. Ballard 7, H. E. White 8.

ODD CHANGES.

Some of our readers may have noticed a pathetic coincidence in our last issue. We recorded two peals rung at Tunstall, Kent, on Easter Day, and in these notes mentioned the fact that at that church 12,000 changes were rung for the services and put forward the inquiry, made by Mr. A. J. Day, as to whether this was a record. In another column we recorded the death and funeral of Mr. Day, the report of which came to hand just as we were going to press.

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We received the peals with Mr. Day's letter on the very day he died, and we now learn with the deepest regret that, through being for a considerable time out of work, he leaves his widow and family in very straitened circumstances. Cut off thus unexpectedly, the blow to those left behind is all the more severe, and this is an instance in which the value of a Benevolent Fund would make itself felt. However, we are certain that, if need be and despite other claims upon their generosity, ringers will rise to the occasion and do their best to assist those who have been bereaved with such tragic suddenness.

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The bells of Christ Church, Crewe, which have just been recast into a peal of ten, were originally placed in the tower by public subscription in 1877 to commemorate the building of the 2,000th engine in Crewe Works.

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Mr. S. W. West, one of the oldest ringers at Whitwick, Leicestershire, has been unanimously elected to the office of parish warden. He held the position from 1901 to 1905.

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From Mr. R. F. Deal, who a few months ago went to Australia, we have received by the last mail the report of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Wednesday, March 13th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The ringers were: A. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Guest 2, C. Stocks 3, R. F. Deal (conductor) 4, A. Fitzgerald 5, A. E. Barnes 6, H. Blakeley 7, T. Perry 8. It was rung on the light octave, the 11th being out for repairs. On the preceding Sunday at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral three courses of Stedman Triples were rung.

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A correspondent writes: "We shall be glad to have opinion as to whether the tone of our tenor and seventh would be improved by having lighter clappers. The weight of the tenor is 24 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs. in D and the weight of the clapper is 1 qr. 10 lbs. The 7th weighs 17 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs., and the clapper is 1 qr. 2 lbs. Our opinion is that these bells are too heavily clappered." What say our readers?

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Mr. W. Bottomley, one of the youngest of the Macclesfield ringers, has left the old country to seek his fortune in Canada. Before his departure he was presented by his fellow-ringers with a handsome travelling rug as a token of their esteem and good wishes. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Norling, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

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The monthly practices, hitherto held every third Wednesday at Romsey Abbey, are to be transferred to North Stoneham at 7 p.m. on and after May 15th.

Mr. John Beams, of Ewell, writes that the peal of Grandsire Triples published in our article on composition, on April 5th, as having been composed by Mr. Corrigan, was composed by Mr. J. J. Parker in 1888, and is published in the Central Council "Collection of Peals."

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The London Society of Compositors can muster a band between them, and on Saturday, at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, they made their first attempt for a peal (Holt's Original), but unfortunately it was lost owing to a change course, after ringing 4000 changes in 2 hours 25 minutes. The bells were half muffled as a mark of esteem to those who lost their lives in the "Titanic" disaster, and the ringers were: J. A. Dart 1, T. Loosemore 2, J. Bartlett 3, C. N. Leman 4, G. F. Margetson 5, W. H. Dickinson 6, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 7, J. Millmen 8.

PEAL OF TEN AT CREWE.

Crewe is now in the happy possession of a peal of ten bells, for the octave, placed in the tower of Christ Church about 35 years ago, have been recast into the higher number and rehung in a new frame. The work has been carried out in a most thorough manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Up to the present a sum of £300 has been raised towards the cost, and the balance has to be found by Christmas. With a view to augmenting the fund, Mr. Bowen Cooke, who is himself an enthusiastic ringer, and has taken the warmest interest in the scheme, has kindly offered the use of his grounds at Chester Place for the purpose of a garden party during the summer.

THE BELLS.

The weight of the bells, with their inscriptions, are as follow:—
Treble: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. This peal was cast from the original peal of bells hung in 1878. Walter Bidlake, Vicar; Charles R. Wooldridge and John Knott, churchwardens.

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No. 3: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. "My tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness." Given by Rev. J. Nadin, Vicar, 1877.

No. 4: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. "I shall be here if I am treated just when they are mouldering in the dust." Given by the churchwardens (W. Adamson and E. Lockitt), 1877.

No. 5: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. "Ring in the name of love and right." Given by the foremen of Crewe Works, 1877.

No. 6: 5 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. "To the Lord of praise my voice I'll raise." Given by the artisans of Crewe, 1877.

No. 7: 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. "Our voices shall with joyful sound make hill and valley echo round." Given by the artisans of Crewe, 1877.

No. 8: 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. "Glory to God in the highest." Given by the Tradespeople, 1877.

No. 9: 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. "Let Atkinson's bell continually be rung, the truth still preached and Hallelujahs sung." Given by J. Atkinson, first Mayor of Crewe, 1877.

Tenor: One ton. "To those who can hear, but cannot see, may the sound of this bell ever welcome be." Given by F. W. Webb, chief engineer.

The dedication was performed by Canon Howson, who was for 13 years Vicar of Christ Church, and he preached an impressive sermon, upon the message of the bells and the ringer's office. The completion of the dedication was signalled by the ringing of the bells, those taking part being: W. T. Holding 1, J. H. Riding 2, R. Langford, senr., 3, H. F. Holding 4, R. T. Holding, junr., 5, G. H. Crawley 6, A. Crawley 7, C. J. B. Cooke 8, R. T. Holding, senr., 9, J. Tentith 10.

RINGERS' OPENING.

The ringers' opening of the bells took place on Saturday week, the tower being open to the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and about 45 members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Alsager, Lawton, Barthomley, Nantwich, Northwich, Market Drayton, and Whitechurch. Ringing commenced about 2 p.m., the methods rung being: Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, and Treble Bob Major, under the conductorship of Messrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon; S. Wood, Ashton-under-Lyne, and R. T. Holding, senr. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Bidlake), was served at the Euston Coffee Tavern.—Afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. James Edwards, of Alsager, and seconded by Mr. W. Cartwright, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for so kindly providing tea.—This was responded to by Mr. R. T. Holding, senr., in the absence of the Vicar.—The Vicar shortly afterwards entered the room, accompanied by Mr. C. J. Cooke, and gave a cordial welcome to all present. He hoped they were all satisfied with the bells, and that they would spend a pleasant afternoon.—After a short service in the church, ringing once more was indulged in. The ringers were well pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells, and satisfied that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had made a splendid job of the work entrusted to them.

MUSICAL HANDBELLS.

No.	Tenor. Size	Note.		Set of 8.				Set of 10.				Set of 12.				Set of 15.				Set of 19.		
				£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
22	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.	C	...	4	10	0	...	5	5	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	5	0	...	8	5	0
21	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	D	...	4	0	0	...	5	0	0	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0	...	8	0	0
20	6 "	E	...	3	15	0	...	4	15	0	...	5	5	0	...	6	10	0	...	7	15	0
19	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	F	...	3	10	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	0	0	...	6	5	0	...	7	10	0
18	5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	G	...	3	5	0	...	4	5	0	...	4	15	0	...	6	0	0	...	7	5	0
17	5 "	A	...	3	3	0	...	4	0	0	...	4	10	0	...	5	15	0	...	7	0	0
16	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	B	...	3	0	0	...	3	17	6	...	4	7	6	...	5	10	0	...	6	15	0
15	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	C	...	2	17	6	...	3	15	0	...	4	5	0	...	5	7	6	...	6	12	6

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AT KING'S NORTON.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held on Saturday last, at King's Norton, in ideal weather. King's Norton is a very ancient place, and it is proudly asserted by the inhabitants that at one time the postal address of Birmingham was "Near King's Norton." Whether this is correct or not the writer is unable to say, but, at any rate, the district is now a part of the "second City in the Empire," having been recently absorbed by its big neighbour under the Greater Birmingham scheme. It is still a very rural place, and when standing on the village green and gazing round at the old half-timbered houses, it is very difficult to imagine that one is within five miles of the centre of a large city, and actually within its boundaries.

The church stands on a hill, and dominates the whole village. It is a very interesting building, and possesses a noble tower and spire containing a fine ring of eight, and will be known to many ringers as the home of the record length of London Surprise Major. The genial tower keeper, Mr. W. Palmer, had everything in apple-pie order, and ringing was indulged in until 5 o'clock, at which hour the company partook of a substantial meat tea at the Bull's Head Hotel.

With the Vice-President, Mr. Samuel Reeves, in the chair, the short agenda was soon got through, the business being mostly formal.—Perry Barr was decided upon as the place for the next meeting, to be held in July.—The tower elections of several men were ratified, and Mr. C. Dickens was unanimously elected a trustee, in place of Mr. Thomas Reynolds, deceased.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung, but an attempt for a course of London unfortunately came "unstuck."—The members desire, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Palmer for his courteous attendance, and for having everything in readiness.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at Sheffield, on Saturday week, about thirty members being present. The bells of the Parish Church were fully occupied in the various methods during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. F. Willey presiding in the unavoidable absence of the President, through indisposition.

The accounts, showing a balance in hand of £2 13s. 10d., which was considered very satisfactory, were passed.—Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, F. Willey and W. Lomas were re-elected president, vice-president, and hon. treasurer respectively, and Mr. James Evinson was elected hon. secretary, vice Mr. S. F. Palmer, the latter having tendered his resignation owing to inability to regularly attend ringing meetings, through business claims.—Messrs. C. Glenn and J. Thorpe were re-elected Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master respectively, and a working committee was elected, which was composed of one nominee from each tower where meetings are held.—Three alterations of rules were decided upon, and two new members were made.—A vote of thanks to the past officers, and to the Chairman, concluded the business.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Western Division of the Sussex Association had a successful meeting at Arundel, where the members received a cordial welcome. The bells have been idle in the tower for some six months, as the local ringers deem them unsafe, but touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob were successfully brought round. At the meeting, which followed tea, the Master of the Association (Mr. F. B. Tompkins) presided, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. Bartlett and Peckham). Six new members were elected (five from Arundel), and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

PRESENTATION AT WHITWICK.

An interesting presentation has been made at Whitwick, Leicestershire, to Mr. Alfred Clarke, on his departure for Sydney, Australia. His fellow ringers, as a mark of their appreciation of the services Mr. Clarke has rendered for upwards of nine years, presented him with a silver albert with pendant, in the shape of a bell, on which was neatly engraved the following inscription: "A mark of esteem from the Whitwick Church Bellringers to Mr. Alfred Clarke. Epiphany, 1912."

At the close of an interesting speech, the Vicar made the presentation, and Mr. Clarke suitably responded, thanking the ringers for their kindness.

Mr. S. W. West gave a short account of Mr. Clarke's progress as a ringer, showing that by perseverance and study he had risen to an excellent position amongst the local change ringers. On behalf of the ringers, Mr. West expressed the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Clarke and daughter would have a safe journey and successful future.

Mr. H. Partridge also spoke in similar terms, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. W. Fern seconded, and it was carried.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 19th, 534 Stedman Triples: Frank Morgan (conductor) 1, P. Kneath 2, R. Morse 3, C. Morse 4, J. Hoare 5, C. Hoare 6, J. Davies 7, E. Davies 8.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

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

One of the Minor methods which is very popular with those who go in for variety in six bell ringing is Double Court. It is easy to ring, and leads us a step further in learning how to master some of the more intricate methods. It may seem superfluous, but perhaps I ought to explain that a Double method is one in which half the plain course work of the bells in one direction is exactly repeated in the opposite direction to form the other half. Thus, in Double Court the work that is done after passing the treble in any place while hunting up, is done again, at a later stage, after passing the treble in the corresponding place while hunting down. Let me give you an example of what I mean. Suppose, that after passing the treble in 2-3, you have to have a dodge in 5-6 and lie a whole pull behind; then the "double" of this is that after passing the treble in 5-4 going down you dodge in 1-2 down and lead a whole pull. In other words, crossing the treble in 5-4 is really passing it in 2-3 from behind, and the dodge and the whole pull on the front is the reverse of the dodge and the whole pull behind.

Therefore, we have to learn, in addition to passing the treble in hunting up, to pass the treble in hunting down, treating 6-5 as 1-2; 5-4 as 2-3; 4-3 as 3-4; 3-2 as 4-5; and 2-1 as 5-6. This may seem at first sight rather to complicate matters, but in reality it reduces the work to be memorised by one half. In Double Court there is one thing always to be remembered. Every working bell dodges in 1-2 both before and after leading, and in 5-6 both before and after the whole pull behind, unless the treble (which is in the plain hunt) intervenes to prevent it. If you take the treble off at lead, you cannot, of course, dodge, as the treble is not a dodging bell; if the treble takes you off at lead again it is impossible to dodge. Similarly, when you are behind the same thing must happen.

The place making is slightly different to anything we have had before. It consists of a whole pull in 4th's, followed by a whole pull (by the same bell) in 3rd's, when hunting up, and a whole pull in 3rd's and another in 4th's when hunting down, each time the treble is passed in 1-2 up or down respectively. For the rest every bell runs straight through 3-4. It is useful to note that all the places are at handstroke, and backstroke, and that, as the bell which is making the places passes from 4th's to 3rd's or vice-versa, the bell that it passes is the treble.

When you pass the treble, then, in 1-2 from the front or behind, you have to do the place making. If you pass the treble in 2-3 it is straight to a single dodge before lying or leading; if you pass the treble in 4-5 it is a single dodge both before and after lying or leading; if you pass the treble in 5-6 it is a single dodge after lying or leading.

I give below a lead of the method, and, with care, my readers will be able to prick out a full course. Then if they will take a coloured pencil and mark a continuous line through one bell, as it passes up and down they will get a diagram which will show at a glance the symmetry of the work. The treble similarly marked with a pencil of another colour will make the diagram additionally useful.

A bob, it will be seen, does not affect the bells, coming from and going to the place making, but is made by the other three. The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 makes 4th's and returns to the dodge each way on the front, and

the two bells behind, which began to dodge when the treble passed down through 5-4, continue to dodge until the treble comes up to part them again; making a three pull dodge in all. A single is made by these two bells lying still in 5-6 instead of having the second dodge.

Plain Lead.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

2 4 1 3 5 6

+ 2 3 1 6 5

2 4 3 6 1 5

4 2 6 3 5 1

+ 6 2 5 3 1

6 4 5 2 1 3

+ 6 5 1 2 3

6 4 1 5 3 2

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 3 4 2

Bob

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 4 2 3

5 1 4 6 3 2

Single

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 4 3 2

5 1 4 6 2 3

"Inquirer."—A 720 of any Minor method, in which the bobs are made by the three front bells, can be got by bobs, W.R., and W, twice repeated, with single half way and end in the case of a plain method. When the bobs are made by the three back bells the calling I.O., and I. twice repeated, with Single at O. after the last bob, will produce 720.

CONDUCTOR.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Cheltenham on Easter Monday, when, despite the absence of cheap trains, what must be considered a satisfactory number of members put in an appearance during the day. Owing to weakness in the spire of the Parish Church, ringing here was limited to half-an-hour before the service, and one hour in the afternoon, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques being rung.

Service was held at 11 a.m., the preacher being the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett, Rector of Cheltenham, who took for his text, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life." The organist and some of the choir boys kindly gave their help in making the service musical, for which the visitors were very grateful. The business meeting was held in the Parish Room (by the kind permission of the Rector), and was presided over by the Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer (the Rev. H. A. Cockey), the Hon. Secretary read a rough draft of the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of just over £22.—All the officers were re-elected.

Before the election of representatives on the Central Council took place, Mr. R. J. Wilkins moved a resolution which would have had the effect of the Association ceasing to recognise the Central Council. It was seconded by Mr. F. K. Howell, but an amendment was carried, that, instead of sending the full complement of representatives, only one be sent.—Mr. J. Austin was elected representative.

The Master, having to leave at this point, Mr. F. K. Howell was voted to the chair. The next item on the agenda was "Any other business," and if time had permitted it is probable that some interesting discussions might have taken place. One member complained of the frequency with which one or another of the officials of the Association had to leave before the business of the meetings was over. Another hoped that at future meetings of the Association better arrangements would be made for ringing. He did not refer to the present meeting, but to some that had gone before, and especially to that of last year at Bristol.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, to the organist for his services, and to Mr. W. T. Pates for the help he had rendered the hon. secretary in making arrangements for the meeting.—This was carried with acclamation.

A meeting of the Management Committee was subsequently held. Only a small amount of business was transacted, but a fuller agenda will be placed before the members at their next meeting at Stonehouse, on Saturday, September 21st, when a full attendance is asked for.

The bells of Prestbury and Charlton Kings were rung during the afternoon, and it was a subject for remark that the striking throughout the day had been much above the usual for Association meetings.

DEATH OF MR. T. DAY.

The death has occurred at Willenhall, Staffs., of Mr. Thomas Day, who had many ringing friends throughout England. He was a member of the St. Giles' band, and on Sunday evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect: H. Ward 1, E. Hortin 2, F. Ward 3, C. Beech 4, W. Pardoe 5, C. Wallater 6, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 7, J. Adams 8.

HELPING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of March 22nd, you printed an admirable letter on the above subject from Mr. H. Ludkin, of Goole. He writes of the difficulty in keeping up enthusiasm in coaching a beginner, or band of beginners, and of keeping them from losing heart. He gives as an example a six-bell tower in an agricultural village that exactly fits our own case—a village in rural Rutland of 300 inhabitants, and 10 miles by road from the nearest Triples band—Oakham, and no connection by rail. Our bells were opened on August 30th last, augmented from four to six, and all rehung. I had to start with the very worst material—men who thought they could ring, and took hold of the rope with much the same style and vigour they use when heaving at a waggon rope, hands wide apart, etc.—result: a broken stay in less than 10 minutes.

After four months' hard work, and much weeding and sifting, we got five inside men and two trebles, who stuck together and progressed splendidly. Two attempts for a peal in January failed. Arrangements were made for a third try on March 16th. As late as the evening of the 15th, one of the inside men found he couldn't get off, but a wire to our mutual friend, Mr. W. Willson, found him disengaged. He cycled over from Leicester, completed the band, and a good Minor peal in three methods was scored.

Now we fit in with Mr. Ludkin's letter again. One of our youngest and most promising members, Harold Crabbe, aged 16, has gone to earn his livelihood at Barrow-in-Furness. He didn't start ringing until last November. We hoped to send him with a peal to his credit, attempted Easter Monday, but after 2 hrs. and 10 mins. good ringing a change course settled matters in the negative. However, I have much pleasure in recommending him to conductors in that part of the world as a very useful recruit. His address is H. Crabbe, 1, Parade Street, Barrow-in-Furness.—Yours faithfully,

Belton Old Hall, Rutland.

J. J. JACKSON.

NON-CONDUCTED MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was not at all surprised to see that ours was not the first non-conducted peal of Minor ever rung, and if we ever did claim ours to be first, I unreservedly withdraw that claim on behalf of the five ringers, still living, who took part in it, one having since died. However, I have looked up my own record of our peal, and also the peal board in St. Mary's belfry, and I find that the only footnote to our peal is: "This is the first silent peal of Surprise Minor ever rung in England," which is a very different thing to claiming it to be the first non-conducted peal of Minor, irrespective of methods.—Yours, etc.,

35, High Street, Hucknall.

D. PRESTON.

DEATH OF A READING RINGER.

The tower of St. Lawrence, Reading, has lost, by death, one of its most promising young members, Mr. Edwd. Bailey having passed away on Easter morning, from pneumonia, after only a few days' illness. The deceased, who was only 22 years of age, and a book-binder by trade, had been a ringer for about six years, having been a pupil under Mr. W. Newell. He was quick at grasping method ringing, but acting upon medical advice, he had never rung a peal, his longest length being a quarter. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and was a sergeant in the Lads' Brigade, being an ambulance instructor, and with his team, having won several prizes.—The Vicar officiated at the funeral, both at the church and cemetery, and there was a large attendance of friends, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), the secretary (Mr. A. E. Reeves), Mr. Newell, Mr. Newman, etc. On the same evening a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, by members of the Reading branch of the Oxford Guild, particulars of which have appeared in the peal list.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.—Yorkshire Association.—On March 30th, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins., consisting of 16 Original, 96 Violet, 360 each of Gladstone Delight, Woodcock's Delight, Nelson's Delight, City Delight, and Roy-stone Delight: A. H. Nicholls 1, A. Panther 2, W. Woodcock, junr., 3, A. Gill 4, E. G. Nicholls 5, A. Nash (conductor) 6. Rung after failing at a peal attempt.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: V. Sear 1, J. Mead 2, H. Sear (conductor) 3, A. Crane 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear 7, F. Goodman 8. For evening service, the last 742 from Holt's Original: A. Crane 1, J. Mead 2, T. Best 3, F. Stanton 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Casin 1, H. Cowell 2, P. Almond 3, J. Bowell 4, G. Humm 5, W. J. Nevard 6. For evening service, another 720 Bob Minor, and after service another 720: W. Dines 1, H. Cowell 2, P. Almond 3, J. Bowell 4, G. Humm 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6, P. Clarke 8. Each 720 called differently.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Monday, April 1st, at 135, Brighton Road, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells: T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 1—2, A. J. Perkins 3—4, W. S. Wise 5—6, T. H. Colborn 7—8. Also a 504 with A. W. Clark 1—2.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins., at the Church of All Saints: V. Morgan 1, J. W. Jones 2, J. Bullen 3, C. Bowen 4, F. E. B. Charles 5, F. Morgan (conductor) 6, A. E. Morgan 7, T. Max 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Hearman 1, E. Leigh, junr., 2, E. Seal 3, W. Leigh 4, G. Malyan 5, R. Jenner 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, E. Leigh, senr., 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 31st, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Bloor 1, H. Page 2, J. Woodward 3, E. Landon 4, T. Austin 5, C. Page 6, S. Churton (conductor) 7, F. Page 8. Longest length by the ringers of the treble and the 4th.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Easter Day, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: H. Pink 1, J. W. Whiting 2, A. Cummings 3, F. L. Tull 4, J. Churcher 5, H. Barry 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, C. Privett, junr., 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild, Reading Branch.—On Wednesday afternoon, March 27th, to welcome the new Bishop (Dr. Gore) to St. Laurence Church for confirmation, several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and in the evening for the special service for those who had been confirmed, 1106 Grandsire Triples: W. Newell 1, F. Alexander 2, A. Holliday 3, E. Hallaway 4, R. Runham (conductor) 5, F. Newman 6, S. Bristow 7, A. Nailor 8. Rung as a farewell to S. Bristow, who is leaving Reading for Lincoln, his brother ringers wishing him success in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Bristow has only taken up ringing about two years, but under the tuition of Mr. W. Newell, has made such good progress that he will be much missed in the belfry.

POTTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—On Tuesday, March 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: *W. H. Compton 1, *W. G. Inskip 2, *A. O. Bailey 3, C. A. Pratt 4, W. T. Lightfoot 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. *First 720 Treble Bob. Mr. Lightfoot belongs to St. Paul's, Bedford.—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Single Oxford Bob: W. H. Compton 1, W. G. Inskip 2, A. O. Bailey 3, J. H. Mason 4, F. Flood (conductor) 5, C. A. Pratt 6.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday morning, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Ward 1, C. Beech 2, F. Ward 3, D. Appleby 4, L. Williams 5, R. Baker 6, F. W. Perrins (conductor) 7, J. Adams 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On several occasions recently some of the Bridport ringers have visited Bradpole for the purpose of combined practice. That they, as well as the local band, have benefited by the co-operation, is evinced from the fact that on Tuesday, March 26th, the following three touches of Grandsire Triples were successfully accomplished: 336: W. Bishop 1, Rev. C. F. Langford 2, W. Oates 3, J. Zealley 4, T. H. Beams 5, Hy. Way 6, T. Lathey 7, J. Lathey 8. 504: E. J. Manuel 1, T. H. Beams 2, W. Oates 3, J. Zealley 4, E. Powell 5, Hy. Way 6, T. Lathey 7, W. Bishop 8. 504: J. Lathey 1, P. Hayden Beams 2, W. Oates 3, J. Zealley 4, E. Powell 5, Hy. Way 6, T. H. Beams 7, T. Lathey 8. All the touches were conducted by T. Hervey Beams.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.—On Saturday, March 16th, for confirmation service, 420, 168 and 84.—On March 18th, 896: C. Walker 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, E. Brown 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8.—On March 26th, a quarter-peal, in 47 mins.: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, E. Brown 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Walker (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 420, standing as above.

WOLSTANTON.—Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—On Sunday, March 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Austin 1, H. Roberts 2, W. Alhnan 3, C. Bishop 4, J. Simister 5, J. Morley 6, W. Fitchford, senr. (conductor) 7, W. H. Fitchford, junr., 8.

NOTICES.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Lee, S.E., on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service with address by the Rev. R. Meddings (Rector) at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the Kingswood Hall, the Rector presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 30th April; at Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday evenings at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, 7.30.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hadley on April 27th. Bells available from 3.30.—Tea, 6d. each, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Eckington on Saturday, April 27th. Service with an address at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting after service. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—J. Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Norton Canes on Saturday, April 27th. Ringing from 3.30. Cannock Station 2½ miles. All ringers welcome.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th, 1912. Service in cathedral 4.45 p.m., with address by the Bishop. Tea at Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.45 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea. For further particulars see circular.—J. W. Scamer, Honorary Secretary.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The business meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday next, April 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 5 p.m.—John W. Barker.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Wednesday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea by the invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Matthews) at the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by April 27th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting, Horsell, May 4th. Visitors gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Mistley on Saturday, May 4th. Tea at the Parish Institute 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, will be provided for those sending notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, May 4th. Church tower open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in Vicarage garden at 5.30, if weather unfavourable in Parish Room.—Jas. W. Elkins, 20, Culvin Villas, Winchester.

SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, May 4th. There will be ringing in the afternoon in the Parish Church, followed by a meeting in the Vestry.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, M.A., Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, May 4th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, May 4th, 1912, at 6.30 p.m. It is expected the bells at Mytton Church will be available during the afternoon.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, May 4th. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Honorary Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Secretary.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of April 27th will be postponed to Saturday, May 4th, and will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's, Ashton. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers invited.—Charles Bower, Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Chesterfield Parish Church of St. Mary and All Saints; 10 bells (tenor 24½ cwt.), available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. The business meeting will be held about 6 p.m. either in the vestry, or (if numbers warrant it) in St. James' Mission Room, Vicar Lane. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is hoped for.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the South and West District will be held by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. G. Bird) at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Ringing will be held at Heston on the second Sunday afternoon of each month from 2 till 3, when all ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 4th, St. Peter's tower open from 11 to 1 and from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Nicholas' from 6 to 8 p.m. Luncheon at Unicorn Hotel, North Street, at 1.30. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside at the luncheon and at the business meeting which follows. Ringers' service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4 p.m. Preacher Canon Southwell. Half railway fares with a maximum of 2s. will be allowed members attending the meeting, but it is hoped that if possible they will avail themselves of the cheap fares. Those intending to be present should notify same to me not later than Tuesday, April 30th.—G. Watson, St. Leonards, Honorary General Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 11th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, May 11th. The bells of St. Stephen's (8) and St. Dunstan's (6) will be available from 3 till 9 p.m.; of St. Alphege (6) from 3 till 4 p.m., and of the Cathedral (10) after 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 3d. each will be made, will be taken in St. Peter's Parish Hall at 5 p.m. The usual business meeting will be held after tea. Will all members who intend to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 8th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Chorley, with Whittle-le-Woods, on Saturday, May 11th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual report of the above Guild for 1911 is now ready. Members under Rule XI can have them by sending three penny stamps to the Secretary, Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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