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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS, GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

DISCIPLINE AMONG RINGERS.

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild contains at least one point which, we think, concerns other associations as well as that for the members of which it was especially written. It refers to the question of unpaid subscriptions, and says "there are unmistakable traces amongst us of the spirit of independence and unwillingness to submit to the discipline attendant on being part of an organisation; and it would seem that the idea is entertained here and there that members can continue their membership on their own conditions." Now, this is a state of affairs which unhappily exists, we believe, in the majority of associations, and all secretaries experience at some time or another a difficulty in obtaining, with anything like promptitude, the payment of the annual contributions of some of the bands in union.

The causes are varied, but it may generally be attributed to apathy and slackness. There is no intention of breaking rules, but the importance of keeping the very essential one, which fixes the latest date by which subscriptions should be paid, is not realised. The fact that an Association is not in need of funds does not in any way improve the case of those who fail to observe the rules, but their action tends to undermine that discipline which should accompany helfry reform. When a band joins an Association they do so with the full knowledge that they subscribe to the rules by which the Association is governed, and for the sake of their own honour those rules should be strictly observed. We do not like the feeling that very largely exists that ringers are a law unto themselves not merely in the particular matter to which the Chester report calls attention, but in other things as well.

All too frequently, for instance, we have heard it said at a Central Council meeting: "We cannot compel ringers to do this, that or the other, we can only recommend." That is perfectly true as matters stand to-day. No ringers can be compelled to do anything, but we think, when they give their approval to the existence of such a body as the Central Council, by sending representatives to its deliberations, the decisions of that Council ought to be accepted and loyally acted upon. This point, upon which one might well enlarge, is used only as an illustration of the view that there is too much tendency in ringing circles to throw discipline to the winds. But where associations have difficulties in getting a full observance of their own rules it is not surprising that there is still less control when the authority and the individual are far less closely in touch with one another. The whole subject is one which might well receive consideration by the associations, but all we desire to do for the moment is to appeal to ringers to observe one of the rules which will lighten the work of every conscientious secretary in the kingdom.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,
CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*CLIFFORD DAWSON Treble	JOSEPH DAVIES 6
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON 2	BART MITCHELL 7
*ARTHUR BRAINES 3	EDMUND WILLIS 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	†FRED HICKLING 9
HERBERT DAY 5	ARTHUR BUTLER Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by FRED HICKLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. This peal was arranged for Mr. Jos. Davies, who is home on a holiday from Northern Nigeria, West Africa; and the composition is now rung by this society for the first time.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
†SAMUEL PEARCE 2	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. ... 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
*FRANK W. PERRENS 5	CHARLES FAULKES Tenor

Composed by the late WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters with an inside bell. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. John Goodman, Junr.). Messrs. Wallater and Perrens belong to Willenhall Parish Church, Pearce and Gough to Coseley, and the remainder to Dudley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
HARRY BARTON 2	CHARLES CATCHPOLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
WALTER PERKINS 4	EDWIN GOODWIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Messrs. Catchpole, Motts, Pemberton and Sedgley belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich; Perkins to Irthlingborough; Nevard to Great Bentley; and Barton and Goodwin to the local company.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

GEORGE E. TURNER Treble	JOHN T. BOTTRILL 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 2	ALBERT E. WREAKS 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3	WILFRED J. MOSS 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK,

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE, Senr. Treble	FRANK SHARP 5
†THOMAS E. SONE 2	FREDK. S. MACEY 6
*LEONARD STARTUP 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 4	*DAVID PRICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

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

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S NO. 1.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS 5
JOHN JENNINGS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
JOSEPH W. FIMENS 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE PARSONS 4	JACOB SEABORN Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wittchell on their silver wedding day. The band heartily congratulated them, with thanks for Mr. and Mrs. Wittchell's generous hospitality after the peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM D. JAMES Treble	*ALBERT MILLS 5
DANIEL JONES 2	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 6
*ALBERT LITTLE 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
JESSE SCREEN 4	HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

FRANK W. ROMAINE Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
HARRY C. MARSH 2	*FREDERICK PRECEY 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	ALBERT SOUTHEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

* First peal as conductor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GOWER Treble	*JOSEPH SHARP 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUNR. ... 2	ERNEST GOWER 6
JOHN THORNTON RICKMAN ... 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Allen, B.D., Vicar of Christ Church and a vice-president of the Association.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... Treble	*E. HOBART SMITH ... 5
†WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6
ROBERT HAYWARD ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM FLORY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method on tower bells and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 5
*ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Dawkins.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM FOX ... 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 2	GEORGE DURLING ... 6
*ALFRED JAMES ... 3	ISAAC EMERY ... 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, August 16, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

*CHARLES WILLIAMS ... Treble	REV. ERNEST V. COX ... 5
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 2	THOMAS MILLER ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 4	JAMES E. GROVES ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First Surprise peal, and rung on the 24th anniversary of his first peal.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE ... Treble	GEORGE BULL ... 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH ... 2	LEONARD BULLOCK ... 6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE ... Treble	WALTER SEAR ... 5
JOHN MEAD ... 2	CHARLES W. SMITH ... 6
ALBERT J. GREEN ... 3	HARRY SEAR ... 7
CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 4	ALFRED G. CRANE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Crane and Miss Hopkins, the marriage taking place at St. Barnabas' Church, Sutton, Surrey, on Monday, August 12th.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... 5
JARROLD HAYWARD ... 2	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 7
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 4	GEORGE A. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST FISHER ... Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 5
LOUIS HEAD ... 2	ALFRED G. KEDWELL ... 6
ERNEST CHEESMAN ... 3	WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 4	*JACK SKEER ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal. The peal was arranged for George H. Daynes, captain of the St. Nicholas (Deptford) band.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

*ARTHUR R. KEELING ... Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 5
†ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2	ARTHUR EDWARDS ... 6
†ARTHUR SPELLER ... 3	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 7
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The ringers of the treble and 4th were proposed members of the Association before starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Treble	JOHN CAPP ... 5
HERBERT RANN ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
GEORGE PENFOLD ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER... .. Treble	HERBERT COX 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
JESSE ELDRIDGE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. Beams, for whom the peal was arranged, was made a member of the above Guild before starting.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

ALBERT V. MOORE Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	JOHN FLINT 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	GEORGE W. MOSS Tenor

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

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK C. RICH Treble	SYDNEY HILLIER 5
LOUIS A. WILSON 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	LUTHER P. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Gilbert H. Harding, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. T. Hogsflesh and L. P. Smith were elected members of the Salisbury Guild previous to starting for the peal.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. W. MENDAY.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

TAKEN FROM "CLAVIS."

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

WILLIAM ROOT Treble	HORACE H. COOPER 5
JAMES FLEUTY 2	ERNEST RIDGWELL 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	ERNEST NEWMAN 7
LEWIS WISEMAN 4	*FRANK CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by F. CLAYDON.

* First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Root; also as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Oakley.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 5
ERNEST PYE 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SILSDEN.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SILSDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Comprising 720 each of New London, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN WINSTANLEY Treble	RICHARD BROWN 4
*JOHN HORACE WINSTANLEY 2	*JOHN COOPER, JUNR. 5
ARTHUR ELLIS LAMBERT 3	*ARTHUR ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ADAMS.

* First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the consecration of the church, and is the first peal rung on the bells by the local company.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and College Exercise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

ROLAND POLLARD Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 4
WALTER J. HORTON 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE 3	E. HARRY STONELEY Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

WASHBROOK'S NO. 1.

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

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Tuesday, August 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,*

AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES ;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	BERTRAM PREWETT 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	WILLIAM PYE 7-8
ERNEST PYE 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: A. W. GRIMES.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. W. Pye, both of which fall on the same date.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT LEYLAND, QUEEN'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 1—2	*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 3—4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: R. J. POLLEY.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

JAMES HUNT ... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: S. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Handbells, size 18 in G.

*ARTHUR HAGUE ... 1—2	CLEMENT GLENN ... 5—6
GEORGE LEWIS ... 3—4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: JOHN H. BROTHWELL. Witness: WILFRED LLOYD.

* First handbell peal in the method away from the tenors.

RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WHITEHAND ... Treble	A. G. BENNINGTON ... 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 6
FRANK H. DAVEY, R.N. ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Bennington, who hails from St. John's, Deptford. The ringers thank the Rector (Rev. A. C. W. Upcher) for the use of the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS, Senr. 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 6
A. G. BENNINGTON ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 4	GEORGE HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon J. Still for the use of the bells.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

*CHARLES MILLS ... Treble	GEORGE ARCHER ... 5
*TOM FORD, JUNR. ... 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... 6
CLEMENT J. MORE ... 3	WILLIAM ROOPE ... 7
JOHN SOUTER ... 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and

Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

ST. ALBANS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

THOMAS HULL ... Treble	RICHARD CHALKLEY ... 4
ERNEST HUNT ... 2	*JAMES PAYNE, JUNR. ... 5
JOHN MALYAN ... 3	FREDERICK JEFFS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Chalkley, and also in celebration of his recent wedding.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Eckington, on August 10th, was J. Brothwell, not Boothwell as published.

THE PEAL AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In going through life we frequently experience instances of "things that had better have been left unsaid," and this has recently occurred in your journal—the live paper we all think so much of. On looking through *Odd Changes* last week, together with letters on the same subject this week, I feel, as conductor of the peal of Stedman Caters recently rung at Hereford Cathedral, that I ought to say a few words on the subject. Peals of Stedman and other methods have been attempted here by various bands for a very long time past, many years before the time of the present generation, but all have failed. Those acquainted with the place know the cause. The report of our success in the local papers, amongst other things, has the following announcement: "Thirteen attempts can be recalled, but every time a failure, the Cheltenham band, and the pick of all England, being amongst those who acknowledged themselves defeated. But on Bank Holiday a band of members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, had a trial by permission of the Dean of Hereford. Many ringers assembled in the Cathedral Close, and very much enjoyed the grand striking which sounded splendidly over the City—like a dulcimer playing."

Speaking from a long experience I may sum up the case as follows:—The bells are a magnificent ring of ten, tenor 44 cwt. in G, and the "go" of each bell individually is perfect, but my experience certainly showed that they go "lumpy" in peal, for at the same positions of the heavy bells in each course, some of them tend to "drop," whilst later on they "run up," or "horse" as it is generally termed. Of course the weight necessarily causes a great deal of vibration to be set up with an old wooden frame, which, together with the oscillation of the tower as well, causes all this. Mr. Cox alludes to the going of the 6th, but I rang this particular bell on the Sunday, and greatly prefer it to the treble.

The local company may well be proud of their bells, and I am proof positive that every care is taken by the steeplekeeper, and others concerned. Your correspondent, Mr. H. Taylor, is quite correct, for I have seen him raise the tenor single-handed in peal! We are also greatly indebted to this gentleman for his kindness in greasing the bells twice during the progress of the peal, and to me personally during the visit he was kindness itself! His devotion and attention to the bells and ringers are beyond all praise.

During a peal, these bells have to be kept well in hand—in fact over rung, and owing to this fact my hands became very sore, and there is not the slightest doubt that showing them to some friends together with a casual remark that "it was enough for one day," led the writer of your paragraph to conclude that the "bells went badly." The greatest difficulty of all is the deafening noise, which, owing to the bells swinging only a few feet above the ringers' heads, is very great indeed, and most confusing. Enthusiasm is the great key note to success here, together with proved ringers of sterling ability, and these are what I had on the present occasion, for, being holiday time, and the train services disorganised, many of my Birmingham friends had to leave their city at four o'clock in the morning! Without the services of such an excellent and trusty band, I should indeed have failed here, as many others before me had done.—Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT COSELEY.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

A handsome peal board has been presented to Christ Church, Coseley, by Mr. W. Cheshire, a former ringer and chorister. The board records two peals of Grandsire Triples, and a peal of Bob Major, the latter the first peal of Major rung by a Coseley band. The dedication and unveiling of the board took place on Saturday week, at a special service that was held. The new Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Price) officiated, and among those present were the Rev. E. V. Cox (honorary secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Mr. H. Mason (representing the Dudley Guild), Mr. A. E. Parsons (representing the Worcestershire Association) and ringers from the following towers:—Bilston, Bradley, Lichfield, Sedgley, Walsall, Tipton, Smethwick (including Miss Pigott), Wednesbury, Wollaston, Willenhall, West Bromwich All Saints, West Bromwich Christ Church, Wolverhampton St. Peter's, Wolverhampton St. Luke's, and the Coseley ringers.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 with a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Coseley ringers, and was then taken up by the visitors before and after the service in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Darlaston Bob Triples, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major, the bells going up to 9 p.m.

The service was choral, and the Vicar preached an appropriate sermon on the uses and the message of the bells.

At the conclusion of the service, the board was unveiled by Mrs. W. H. Hawthorne (wife of the Vicar's warden).

THE BOARD.

The inscription on the board, which is of handsome design, is as follows:—

Society of Bellringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. On Friday, May 26th, 1911, eight members of this church rang upon these bells, in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, Groves' Variation, Parker's 12-Part Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in two hours and forty-one minutes. Wm. A. Jeavons, treble; Arthur Baker, 2nd; Walter Grinsell, 3rd; Samuel Pearce, 4th; Benjamin Gough, 5th; Samuel Baker, 6th; W. Fisher, 7th; Albert E. Law, tenor; conducted by W. Fisher.

On Tuesday, December 26th, 1911, eight members of this church rang upon these bells to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the institution of the Rev. W. Spencer, Vicar of Coseley, J. J. Parker's 10-Part (No. 1) Peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5040 changes, in two hours and forty-three minutes. The ringers' names follow.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

On Tuesday, February 6th, 1912, eight members of this church rang upon these bells in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties, King George and Queen Mary, a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, in three hours and nine minutes, composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart. (Then follow the ringers' names). First peal of Major by all excepting the ringers of the 5th (Ben Gough); 6th (W. Fisher); and tenor (Samuel Baker). This is the first peal of Major ever accomplished by a Coseley Band of Ringers.

W. Spencer, M.A., R.D., Vicar; W. H. Hawthorne; W. E. F. Marsden (churchwardens)

This peal tablet was presented by William Cheshire, Esq., a former ringer and chorister of this church, in honour of the first peal of Major being rung by a Coseley Band of Ringers.

A SOCIAL GATHERING.

Afterwards about 80 sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the catering being under the supervision of Miss Law, assisted by the ringers' wives and friends. Letters of apology were read from Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Haworth (Ettingshall), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheshire (Smethwick), Mr. Rowland Cartwright (Wombourne), Miss Parker (London), Mr. W. D. James (Clergy House, Bordesley), Dudley Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. H. Sheppard), Mr. J. E. Groves (Birmingham St. Martin's Guild). Mr. Wm. Cheshire (the donor of the peal board) was unable to be present through indisposition.

The Vicar, in welcoming the visitors, referred to the spirit of co-operation which existed among them, as was shown by the presence of ringers from other parishes. They were all part of one great church and one brotherhood. He was pleased to see among them his clerical brother, Rev. E. V. Cox (from Rushall).

Mr. Gough said that Mr. Cheshire had sent photos of the peal board to all the ringers whose names were on the board, and to the churchwardens and Vicar.—Mrs. Price (the Vicar's wife) kindly presented these to each performer, and to the churchwardens' wives.

Mr. B. Gough then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Cheshire for presenting the peal board. The donor was an old Coseley ringer,

and with the speaker (Mr. Gough) used to travel about to the different belfries. Messrs. W. R. Small and Mr. John Goodman, senr., were the instructors to their band many years ago, and Mr. Pardoe introduced change-ringing into Coseley, while Mr. Cheshire was the first Coseley man to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. A little over a year ago Mr. Cheshire promised them the peal board when they could ring a peal of Major. They started with Bob Major, and accomplished it at the second attempt. The peal board would record the names of the ringers for their children's children, and would be handed down to posterity.

Mr. Wm. Fisher seconded the vote of thanks, and it was carried with acclamation.

Mr. A. E. Law proposed, and Mr. S. Baker seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hawthorne for unveiling the peal board, and both Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne replied.

Mr. W. E. F. Marsden (people's warden) proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing the tea. He was proud of the fact that they could find all of their ringers at the communion table, which was the test of churchmanship.—The Rev. S. Floyd seconded, and the vote of thanks was heartily endorsed.

Mr. W. Rock Small (Tipton) proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy, choir and others who had officiated at the service. They were all pleased with the Vicar's words that afternoon, and he thought that the new Vicar was the right man in the right place. Their Vicar would look after the ringers. If the Vicars always understood the ringers there would be more harmony between Vicar and belfry than often existed. He had been a bellringer in that neighbourhood for fifty years, and he could assure the Vicar that the present times in respect of ringers could not be compared with early days. In past years the bellringers were not of the class that they were at the present time, and at the same time they did not receive the encouragement that they ought to have had. The old days of conviviality in the belfry were past. There was a great improvement in change-ringing. Bellringing was not frolicing, and often meant four or five hours conscientious work. He could say that more than half the ringers now attended church, once if not oftener on the Sunday.

Mr. Harry Mason, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. A. Parsons and the Rev. S. Floyd also spoke, and the Vicar, in responding, said there was no better friend to the Coseley ringers than Mr. W. H. Hawthorne. Referring to the suggestion that had been made that a ringing chamber should be put in the tower, the Vicar said he and the churchwardens would do their best in the matter.

Selections were given on handbells, and the ringers then returned to the tower.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT HINTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I expected to see a communication from a more highly-placed official in last week's "Ringing World," in respect of one or two points in connection with the handbell peal at Hinton, Worcestershire. No one can be more sorry than myself to say anything that will appear to detract from such an unusual and extraordinary performance. The peal report says Miss E. M. Johnson was elected a member previous to starting. Now as the peal was rung at Mr. Johnson's house, I presume the election took place there, and such a proceeding is not provided for by our rules. If Mr. Johnson will read the last paragraph of Rule 3, he will see it distinctly says an election may, when actually necessary, take place at a belfry meeting of the association—a private house cannot by any method of reasoning be construed into a belfry. Further, who was there to do the election? Going on the report, only Mr. Johnson and his son were there; that would be father and son to elect the daughter—quite a family arrangement. Mr. Johnson must see the thing is a farce, and if allowed, there is no knowing where elections would be taking place in future, as the Association could refuse nothing after accepting this, and we should become a by-word in the ringing world.

Secondly, there is no mention of an umpire. I think it is most unfortunate Mr. Johnson did not take the precaution to have the presence of a person qualified to guarantee the truth of both ringing and conducting, so that in future there could not be any possible chance of saying "if" or "but," about such a very creditable performance. Anything in the nature of a record should always be done under conditions that permits of no possible doubt, whether it be Doubles, Cinques or anything else. I hope Mr. Johnson will take the earliest opportunity of getting his daughter duly elected, and repeat the performance with a qualified umpire.—Faithfully yours,

W. PAGE.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 11, at St. Mary's Church for even-song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Usher 1, J. Tarbun 2, A. Speller 3, W. Wellington (conductor) 4, H. Richell 5, A. Tarbun jun. 6, A. Tarbun 7, A. Bowers 8.

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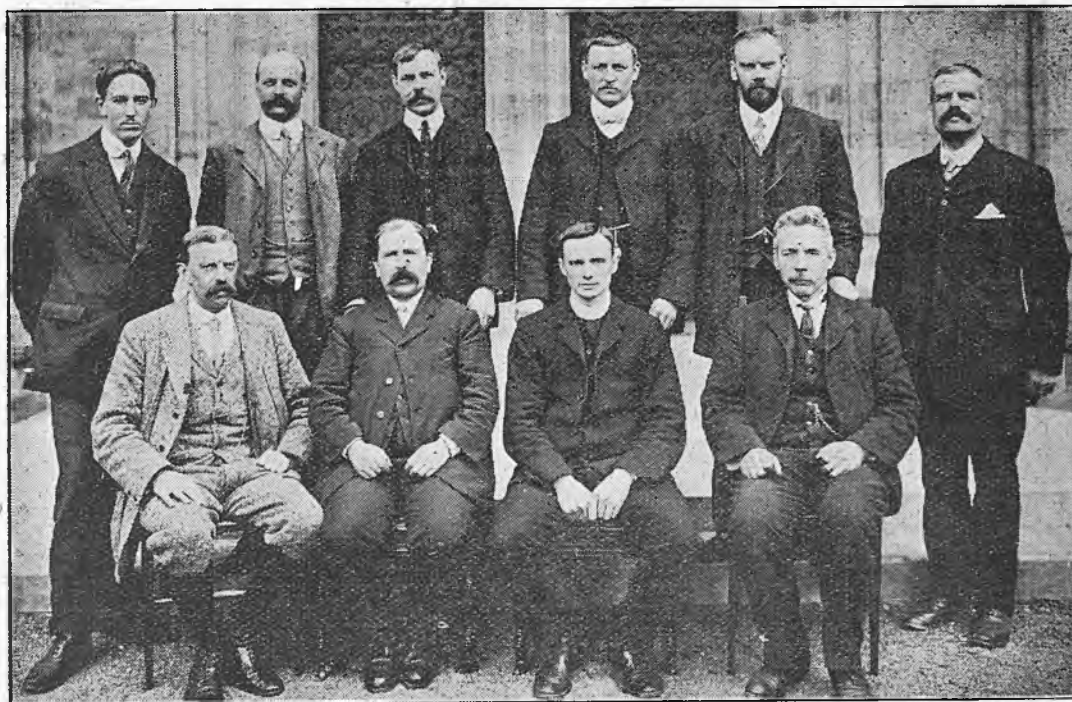
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THE PEAL AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.



THE BAND THAT RANG THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS ON THE BELLS OF HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

Seated (left to right): F. E. Dawe (treble), W. Short (2), Rev. E. V. Cox (3), T. Miller (4).
Standing: W. D. James (5), J. H. Shepherd (6), S. Grove (7), R. Matthews (8), J. E. Groves (9), J. Neal (tenor).

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We hear that the fabric of the tower of Gloucester Cathedral has been declared unsafe to withstand much ringing of the bells, and that there is little likelihood of this grand peal being rung to any extent in the future. It may be that steps will be taken to strengthen the tower. We sincerely hope so; indeed it is a work that ought not to be neglected. The safety of such a building is a diocesan, if not a national concern, and we imagine the responsible authorities are fully alive to their responsibilities in the matter.

The state of affairs at the Cathedral, however, gives a wider interest to the appeal which is being made for funds to restore and augment the ancient peal at the church of St. Mary-de-Lode, in the city of Gloucester. In this tower there is at present a peal of six, with a tenor about 13½ cwt. They are, however, in a dilapidated condition, the fifth being entirely broken down so that only five bells can now be chimed. The 4th and 5th are bells dating from 1636, while the 2nd and 3rd were cast in 1705, and the tenor in 1710. If sufficient funds are forthcoming the peal will be restored and made into a ring of eight, and an appeal for assistance is made to all ringers, and especially to ringers in the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol. Outside help will be necessary if the work is to be carried out, for the parish of St. Mary-de-Lode is one of the poorest in the city.

Certain ringers who visited Cambridge on August Bank Holiday and the previous day were lucky to escape alive, for we hear that some of the inhabitants would like to have the scalps of those who disturbed their Sunday afternoon siesta, and gave them something like eight hours music on the Monday.

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The Sunday afternoon peal at St. Andrew's was lost after an hour and three-quarters ringing. What would have been said had the peal been successful? During the second peal of Stedman Cinqes at Great St. Mary's on Monday the Provost of King's College thirsted for the blood of the ringers. The bells disturbed the college even-song, and a porter of ponderous proportions was dispatched with peremptory orders to stop the ringing immediately. The ringers, perhaps luckily for them, were secure behind locked doors, and the emissary of King's knocked in vain. Happily there is, as Vicar of Great St. Mary's, such a man as the Rev. A. H. Boughey.

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Mention of St. Andrew's recalls the fact that the bells of this church have been heard ringing in London. This is no catch. The bells are over 50 miles from the metropolis, but they almost overhang the Cambridge Post Office, and their pealing has been distinctly heard over the telephone by persons in London. This must be a record for the distance at which bells have been heard.

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St. Mary's Church, Oatlands Park, Surrey, will shortly possess a new ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.). The

bells in question are those which were used for the "Festival of Empire," at the Crystal Palace last year, and were booked by the church authorities subject to their ability to raise the necessary funds. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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The Arthurs have scored another peal. As long ago as October 31st, 1896, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lewisham for the Kent Association; last Saturday they scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the Essex Association, Mr. Arthur Neale having taken part in both.

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Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Superlative at St. Peter's, Palgrave, on Monday. Young Tom Ford is only 16 years of age, and it was his 24th peal. His performances have all been on an inside bell, and comprise the following: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Bob Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob 9, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Major 9, Superlative Surprise Major 1, total 24. This is quite a remarkable record.

SPLICING OF MINOR METHODS.

The system of ringing more than one Minor method in a true 720, as advocated by the Rev. H. Law James, is one which all those who seek for progress in ringing must favour. The "splicing," however, has its pitfalls, and, in view of the fact that a false peal has been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild through ignorance of the conditions necessary for joining up the methods, Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, sends following rules which have to be observed:—

Two or more methods which are to be spliced into a true and complete 720 of Minor, must have the same place made at a plain lead-end. That is to say, methods with 2nd's place made at a plain lead-end can only be spliced to methods with 2nd's place at a plain lead-end; and methods with 6th's place to methods with 6th's place. Subject always to this condition there are three ways of splicing methods, as follows:—

(1) In the case of plain methods only, if the in and out-of-course of the changes correspond row for row in a lead of two methods, those methods can be singled together. The in-course lead-ends are rung in one method; and the out-of-course lead-ends, in the other method, may be singled in either in a single block of 360 changes, or in a number of smaller blocks.

(2) If two or more methods contain the same changes in the plain course, one of the methods may be substituted for another, wherever a complete course occurs between two consecutive bobs.

(3) Certain groups of Treble Bob methods contain the same changes in a plain lead. In this case a lead of any method of the group may be substituted for any other method at any lead-end of the 720, be it plain or bobbed.

By combining two of these ways of splicing it is possible to get as many as four plain methods or five Treble Bob methods into a 720. There are 40 Treble Bob and Delight methods which will go into eight 720's.

It is possible, Mr. Lewis adds, to single together by method 1, two 360's, which have been built up, each of two methods, by method 2. He also gives an interesting

example of what may be done by splicing methods together:—

	23456		Plain Bob
—	23564	1	Double Bob
s	63452	1	Hereward
s	64352	5	Double Bob
—	45236	1	
—	45362	3	Plain Bob
s	32456	4	Double Oxford
s	34256	5	Plain Bob

Twice repeated.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Caters on hand-bells on Saturday, August 31st. The length will be about 20,000, and the starting time about 12 o'clock noon. Ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is my duty to cancel a peal of Treble Bob Minor in ten methods rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on April 8th, 1912. The peal contained a 720 of Oxford and Burton coupled together, which, after investigation, is false through a repetition of some 32 changes. Evidently, these methods will not go together for a true 720. I therefore offer my sincere apologies to the band who rang it. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. HARTLEY.

AN INQUIRY.

Mr. James Fernley writes that on July 25th, at Norbury, Cheshire, a 720, marked No. 13, page 17, in the "Collection of Legitimate Methods" was rung. If not already named the company that rang it would call it "Grove Delight," as it is a 4th's place Delight Method.

Mr. Fernley adds that progressive Minor ringers very often find themselves mixed up with the names of methods, and it would greatly help them if the Central Council once and for all, named all the methods in the collection.

A STAFFORDSHIRE CYCLE RUN.

On Saturday last, a visit on cycles was paid by members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, to Alrewas and King's Bromley, ringers being present from Burton, Rushall, Rugeley, Tamworth and Wolverhampton. It was gratifying to find that as a result of a visit, which some of the members paid to Alrewas about a year ago, the Society's advice had been taken, with a consequent improvement in the "go" of the bells. Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Canterbury Minor were rung there after requisitioning the local handbell box to make up for the lack of stature on the part of one of the visitors who had unfortunately left his own "box" behind. A run of four miles then brought the party to King's Bromley, where the new vicar (Rev. W. V. Chilwell), has recently been instituted. Being a ringer himself he was very pleased to welcome the society and help to raise the bells. His father-in-law (Mr. Baldwin), happened to be on a visit from Handsworth, and accompanied him to the belfry. Mr. Baldwin belonged to the St. Martin's, Birmingham, company some forty years ago, and, although he rarely takes a rope now, joined in some six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a 420 of Bob Minor. One of the party, who is not unknown at meetings far and wide, left the village with a high appreciation of the vigilance of the local constabulary, and, as we expect, made up his mind to test no more footpaths, as to their superiority over greasy roads in country villages. It is rumoured that he wished that the Shenstone peal had been "on." Ere this appears in print we believe he will have paid a flying visit to Stafford, but alas! not for ringing. Before the cyclists' departure, Mr. Osborne, one of the local men, rang the treble to a few courses of Grandsire Doubles, this being his first introduction to change ringing. The best thanks of the society are due to the incumbents for putting the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and to Mr. Kent for having everything ready at Alrewas.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On August Bank Holiday, on the occasion of the 25th annual festival of the Cheshire Diocesan Guild, a touch of 1440 Minor, being 720 of Plain, and 720 of Oxford Bob was rung in 51 mins: J. Thomas 1, J. Dunning 2, W. Thomas 3, *G. Pierce 4, J. Morgan 5, E. Richards (conductor) 6. *1st 720 of Oxford Bob.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Tuesday July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., in honour of the marriage of the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton, son of the Vicar and President of the Guild: T. H. Parkin 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, W. A. Miller 3, C. H. Bird 4, T. P. Hocknell 5, R. Oliver 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual outing of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on Saturday. "Six a.m. sharp," was the order, and didn't it fetch the sluggards out of bed?—We were all there excepting three, who were to be picked up at the other end of the town, by 6.30. The programme was a drive round to some of the famous rings in Suffolk, and having boarded our conveyance we set out, although be it said, not in very high spirits, for it was raining, and, by the look of the skies, it looked as if it might be going to rain all day. Stoneham Aspell was our first stopping place, but before reaching there the rain had ceased, and the weather fortunately kept fine for the rest of the day. There is a nice musical peal of ten at Stoneham Aspell (tenor 24 cwt.), all from the Whitechapel Foundry, although they are not all of a family, there being five different dates, ranging from 1742 to 1826. It was here, and at Coddendam, three or four miles away, that Theodore Ecclestone, the ringing squire of a hundred and fifty or so years ago used to ring. A couple of courses of Stedman Caters, and three leads of Treble Ten were rung, after which we visited another "Ten Bells," namely the village inn of that ilk, where more changes were disposed of, in the shape of breakfast.

We were under way again by 9 a.m., and an hour's drive brought us to Mendlesham, a peal of five, tenor weighing about 16 cwt. Here Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and then, under the conductorship of the Rector, we inspected the rare and interesting collection of armour, in the priest's chamber, over the north porch. Leaving at 10.45, we had a long drive, through old world villages, straggling and sumbrous, "The haunt of ancient peace," to Yaxley, a peal of six, tenor about 12 cwt. The Rector was waiting to greet us, and whilst some of the party rang, he showed the others round the church, pointing out the different features of interest, and more especially, the finely proportioned north porch. After all had rung here, it was only about a half hour's ride to our furthest point Eye, where we were met by Mr. F. Day, the well-known bell-hanger, who had everything in readiness for us. Before ringing, lunch was partaken of at the hostelry of "The Eight Bells," after which the tower was visited, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples rung upon the fine peal of eight. Leaving Eye, we took the road back to Ipswich, through Debenham, our first stopping place being Thornodon, where we found, after a hunt for the keys of the church, a light ring of six, with tenor about ten cwt. Our stoppage here was memorable for two things, firstly, one of the party, who shall be nameless, suffice it to say that he has rung a considerable number of peals, successfully called his first touch, viz., three leads of Treble Bob. The other was an attempted "cease," of which the less said the better. They evidently do not keep a fire engine in this village, or it would have been brought out. From here we went on to Debenham, the home of the long peal of Oxford, where we arrived at 4.30. The genial steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Grimes, had things in readiness for us, and we soon had this grand peal going to Double Norwich, after which a couple of courses of Stedman Triples and a course of London Surprise was rung. Dinner was the next thing at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The usual toasts were drunk, and votes of thanks passed afterwards, and a very enjoyable hour spent. Debenham was left at 7.0, and a half hour's drive brought us to Helmingham, our last call. These are a fine peal, with tenor just on a ton, with the note of E flat. They are all by T. Mears, jun., and bear the date 1815, so they were evidently cast in celebration of the victory at Waterloo. Mr. Whiting, the steeplekeeper, had the bells in readiness for us. A course of Oxford, and a touch of Grandsire Triples were soon rung, and thus, right away for Ipswich, which was reached at 10 p.m. Thus ended a very successful outing, which will live long in the memories of all who took part in it. In conclusion this opportunity is taken of tendering the thanks of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society to all who helped to make the outing so successful; incumbents for the use of the bells, steeplekeepers for having things in readiness, and last, but not least, Messrs. J. and W. Motts, who made all the arrangements.—C.J.S.

PENDLETON RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The eighteenth annual picnic of the St. Thomas', Pendleton, ringers was held on Bank Holiday. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Taylor, a party of twelve journeyed to Loughborough, but several who should have gone were prevented from various causes. As soon as Loughborough was reached, a near cut was taken to the foundry, where refreshments were waiting, and proved extremely acceptable to the party after travelling over 78 miles. A look round the tuning shop and fitting shop, where were found bells of all sizes, in various stages of completion, and some old ones ready to be broken up, followed, and then the belfry, with its little octave, was reached. After a touch of Stedman, Kent and Superlative were rung to give all a chance. Then the moulding shop was inspected. Here there were more bells and moulds, some in the sand and others on benches waiting for holidays to be over and men back to work them, to complete them for the pleasure of some out-of-the-way town miles away.

The next move was to the bells of long peal renown for a touch of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal, time not permitting for more. "I don't wonder at ringing the clock round here," "I could keep them

going for hours," and such-like remarks passed round after the peal had been tried. A conveyance was then waiting, and "go" was called for a seven-mile spin over the country roads, which gave the party an appetite for what was waiting at the "Durham Ox," Sixhills. After three good "courses," a short walk brought the visitors to Mr. Taylor's bungalow, and after a walk round the grounds, another short drive brought them to Prestwold, a church almost buried in the trees. Here they found a light peal of eight, which were once started to make history, but did not succeed. On this occasion, touches of Superlative and Stedman sufficed, and then the journey was continued to Stamford-on-Soar, where time would not permit of more than a touch of Superlative. The next halt was at Mr. D. Taylor's home, and tea was spread on the lawn tennis court.—After tea, "beef" challenged "mutton" to a game of bowls, and after a fine struggle, "beef" got home two points in front. Then the heavyweights had to try their skill, but they had no Joshua among them to command the sun to stand still. The worst part of the day's outing came next, when the party had to say good-bye to all friends old and new, who had helped to make the day so enjoyable. The company wish to thank Messrs. Taylor and ringing friends for their kindness.—Mr. J. Taylor took charge of the oldest and youngest of the party, and drove them in front of the rest in his motor, but he, having to leave before the rest, the youngster was disappointed that the motor was not left behind to drive him to the station—common horses seemed vulgar after a day out in the motor-car.

HAMMERSMITH.

The St. Paul's, Hammersmith, Guild of Ringers and friends visited Hertford for their annual outing on Aug. 5th. Reaching Hertford about 11.45 a.m., the party at once made their way to St. Andrew's Church, where there is a nice ring of eight, upon which some well struck touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples were rung. Lunch was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, after which the tower of All Saints' was visited. There is a fine ring of ten in the tower, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung. After tea a walk was taken to Bengo, where some touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were rung on the light ring of six. A return was then made to St. Andrew's tower, where some well struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round.

The members of the Guild desire to thank the Clergy of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and for their pleasant company.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.

The ringers of the above church held their annual outing on Saturday, Aug. 3, when a party augmented with friends set out from Bournemouth on an eighty-mile motor trip. Journeying by way of Ringwood and Fordingbridge, with brief stops at each place for "petrol," which, by-the-way, was sold by the glass in the New Forest, Salisbury was reached. Here the party had the bells at St. Martin's at their disposal, and found Mr. J. S. Rumming, the genial district secretary of the Salisbury Guild, waiting to receive them. Touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were safely brought round. After lunch and a look round Salisbury, the car was again boarded en route for Romsey, which was reached well up to time. Here Mr. A. R. Macdonald joined the party, having come out from Southampton for the purpose. Touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung on the bells of the historical Abbey, whilst the non-ringing members of the party found plenty to interest them. Southampton, the next stop, was reached well up to schedule time, and here Mr. and Mrs. George Williams joined the party en route for Bournemouth. A visit was paid to the docks, to inspect the giant liner "Olympic." The huge liner was an object of great interest, but somehow one's mind would go back to her ill-fated sister ship, the "Titanic," and it was possible to feel how feeble man's efforts are against nature. At last the party were compelled to leave the great vessel and join their car for the homeward trip, which was accomplished with a brief stop at Lyndhurst, the echoes of the New Forest being awakened by some of the vocalist members of the party. Bournemouth was safely reached just after ten, everyone agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable day.—The best thanks of the party are due to all those who helped to make the outing a success.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

The Uckfield ringers had their annual outing on Monday, Aug. 5, when they journeyed by brake to Burgess Hill and Bolney. They indulged in ringing at both churches, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor and Major being brought round.—Luncheon was provided at Burgess Hill, Mr. F. W. Gould presiding.—Mr. J. A. Hart (the captain) proposed "The health of the Chairman," and referred to the keen interest which Mr. Gould had displayed in the ringers.—Tea was partaken of at Bolney, and after tunes on the handbells, the party returned to Uckfield via Cuckfield and Hayward's Heath.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

The Shipley Parish Church Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 29th, when they visited Loughborough. After a long ride through country which was under water for miles and miles, Lough-

borough was reached about 11.30 a.m., and a visit paid to the bell foundry, where the visitors were met by Mr. J. W. Taylor, who placed the party in the hands of Mr. Dexter, who piloted them round the works, where everything of note was explained, and to the foundry tower, where, on the most musical peal of 8 a short touch of Treble Bob was rung, and a touch of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief owing to a broken stay. Subsequently the visitors rang at the Parish Church, and after an inspection of the interior, wended their way back to the foundry, where, at the kind invitation of Mr. Taylor, they had tea.—A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Taylor for the kind way in which he had entertained the party, and for the arrangements which had been made for their comfort.—A similar vote was accorded to the Vicar of Loughborough for the use of the bells in the Parish Church, and to the Shipley churchwardens for making the trip possible.

CHRIST CHURCH, WANSTEAD.

The members of the Christ Church Society, Wanstead, had their sixth annual outing on July 13th, when, accompanied by Rev. A. W. Goodhart (one of the curates), they visited the neighbourhood of Colchester. They were met by Mr. W. J. Nevard, who had very kindly undertaken the arrangements for the day. The party breakfasted at Great Horkesley, and afterwards were welcomed at the church by the Rev. Storr. A 720 Minor was rung, the first by Jack Smith. After several short touches the drive was continued to Nayland Church. Several touches were rung to enable all the party to take part in the ringing, and afterwards the interior of the church was inspected. Over the altar may be seen a very fine drawing of the Saviour, by Constable, and at the west end are some old brasses in fairly good preservation.

Stoke by Nayland was the next objective, and here the bells, although a heavy peal of six, go fairly well, and touches of Minor and Bob Doubles were successfully brought round. The view from the top of the tower is well worth the labour of the climb, as on a clear day Lavenham and other churches may be seen. No individual visiting the district should omit the opportunity of seeing the interior of the church, the monuments and carving being exceedingly fine. The next call was at the Angel Inn, where a most bountiful dinner had been prepared.

Higham was reached about three o'clock, and half an hour was spent in ringing Minor and Doubles. Then the party proceeded to Stratford St. Mary, where Mr. Winney was awaiting their arrival, and the bells were soon off for 720 Oxford. After ringing for 15 minutes, however, the visitors were requested to stop, owing to illness almost next door to the church. Greatly disappointed by this, the bells being such a beautiful peal, the ringers wended their way to the Gun Inn at Dedham, where an excellent tea had been provided. Tea over, the Secretary thanked the Rev. A. W. Goodhart for accompanying the party, and asked Mr. Nevard to accept the sincere thanks of all for the trouble he had taken in making the arrangements, that being the third time he had undertaken to do so on their behalf.—Both the Rev. Goodhart and Mr. Nevard replied, after which the company adjourned to Langham Church, which is situated in the Park. Here the bells were kept going for about an hour and a half to touches of Minor and Doubles, and 720 of Bob Minor, which was C. Pethy's first 720. Leaving Dedham at eight o'clock, a very pleasant drive of six miles brought the party to Colchester Station, and Wanstead was reached by midnight. Thanks are due to the various clergy for allowing the visitors the use of the bells, and also to the tower keepers for having the bells in readiness.

Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.

CHESTER GUILD.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The published report of the Chester Guild, which, as recorded in our last issue, was adopted at the annual meeting, is one which evidences a most satisfactory state of affairs. The Guild has been established for just 25 years, and for the first time, after meeting all claims there remains in the hands of the treasurer a sum exceeding £100, the actual amount being £102 6s. 9d., to which has to be added £3 18s. for subscriptions outstanding, and £51 10s. 6d. balances in the hands of branch secretaries, making a total of £157 15s. 3d. During the year three fresh towers—Dodleston, Hayfield and Nantwich, came into union, and the strength of the membership at the close of 1911 was: Life members 5, hon. members 69, ringing and probationer members 626, non-residence life members 89, total 789. The number of peals rung was 56, a decrease of eight on the previous year, and it was rather regrettable, the report adds, that the area over which they were distributed was considerably less. The returns showed the greatest activity in the Bowdon and Stockport, Chester and Crewe branches. The number of members who took part in peals was the largest on record.

The report proceeds: It is regrettable that the necessity has once more arisen of calling attention to the failure here and there to comply with the rule of the Guild respecting the time when payment of subscriptions should be made. Only last year the Master made a special appeal for punctuality in this matter, and at the last Annual Meeting the members judged it necessary to record by resolution their regret at, and protest against, an instance of neglect of the rule by a whole Branch. It is most discouraging to say that no apparent improvement has resulted. Neglect of proper supervision and freedom

from the discipline of organisation in the past naturally resulted in our ringing ancestors becoming a law to themselves, and so independent of all external control. Such a practice and attitude were naturally passed from one generation of ringers to another, and in some measure at least we of the present generation have inherited, and are being influenced by them. There are unmistakable traces amongst us of the spirit of independence and unwillingness to submit to the discipline attendant on being part of an organisation; and it would seem that the idea is entertained here and there that members can continue their membership on their own conditions. It is obvious that the true peace and growth of our organisation are threatened by the presence of such a spirit and idea; for we must not forget that Belfry Reform, with the introduction and maintenance of a true system of order and discipline, is one of the main objects of the Guild. It would be a thousand pities to sink back from the level of improvement we have reached during recent years; and as such improvement has not been gained by ignoring or by treating as trifling and unimportant any irregularity, so we are constrained again to refer to the continued failure here and there to observe the rule mentioned, and to appeal to all to co-operate in preventing such failure in the future.

The report added, in conclusion, that the bells at Cheadle and Weaverham, had received the attention of the bellhangers, the old six at Frodsham had been retuned, and two new trebles added, and a new rung of six had been put in the new church at Wallasey.

RINGERS AT CRICKET.

RUGBY BEAT LUTTERWORTH.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Lutterworth, and St. Andrew's, Rugby, had an enjoyable day on Saturday last, when a cricket match was played between the two companies. The weather, although dull, kept fine during the progress of the match, and although the scoring was not high on account of the wicket being decidedly in favour of the bowlers, the quality of the play generally was good.

The match was played at Lutterworth on a field kindly lent by Mr. P. Rourke, one of the local ringers, and was watched by a few interested spectators, most of whom were friends of some of the players. It is worthy of note that the Rugbians had a London Surprise band on the field, and incidentally a "Rugby Surprise" band too, as their Lutterworth friends found, and the result of the match will show. The rival captains were the respective Ringing Masters, Messrs. Williams and Fenton, and on the latter winning the toss, the St. Andrew's men decided to bat first. Messrs. Fenton and George opened the innings, but, alas, friend James did not stay long, being splendidly bowled by Tippler, a trundler of some fame, who also took four of the Rugby wickets at very small cost. The remainder of the wickets fell to Messrs. Jackson and Rogers, the latter being responsible for the downfall of Malins who made top score for Rugby.

The Lutterworth innings opened disastrously, the first six wickets falling for three runs. The whole of the wickets were taken by Messrs. Heywood and Joynes, the former being responsible for six. The full scores were as follows:—

RUGBY.			LUTTERWORTH.		
George b Tippler	...	...	0	Ross c and b Heywood	...
Fenton run out	...	...	1	Rourke, b Heywood	...
Chandler run out	...	...	1	F. Poole b Heywood	...
Wheeler b Tippler	...	...	5	A. Poole	...
Bramall b Tippler	...	...	0	Tippler lbw. b Heywood	...
Oliver b Jackson	...	...	0	Jackson b Joynes	...
Heywood c Tippler b Jackson	...	...	0	Rogers not out	...
Joynes b Tippler	...	...	2	Tilcock b Joynes	...
Malins b Rogers	...	...	7	Green b Heywood	...
Hessian not out	...	...	4	Williams c Hessian b	...
White c Butler b Rogers	...	...	0	Heywood	...
Extras	...	...	3	Butler run out	...
				Extras	...
Total	...	...	23	Total	...

At the conclusion of the match a visit was made to the tower where the bells were raised, and a touch of Grandsire Triples rung, after which an adjournment was made for tea.

The Wycliffites were certainly more of a success with the knife and fork, than with bat and ball, and naturally both sides came in for a deal of good natured chaff. Tea over, the tower was again visited, and the bells set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative and London, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Williams, George and Fenton. Some of the local men rang Stedman for the first time, and it is hoped that ere long we shall hear of some of them ringing their first peal in the method.

A social gathering was afterwards held, courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Stedman Caters being rung on the handbells. Those contributing to the vocal part of the programme were Messrs. Rourke, Prentice, Chandler and our old friend Sam Poole, who although not in the best of health kindly obliged by singing, "The Mangle," which was the "star" turn of the evening.

The Rugby ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank most sincerely their Lutterworth friends for their kindness in making all arrangements for the match, tea and ringing, which made such an enjoyable outing for all who were fortunate enough to take part.—A.J.H.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, on Saturday, and during the afternoon and evening touches in the following methods were rung, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Stedman, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Woodbine. A large number of members attended, and the quality of the ringing was good. Afterwards the members adjourned to St. Anne's, Highgate, where an hour was spent in ringing touches of Triples and Major on this very fine peal, which has only just recently been rung. The business meeting was held at the conclusion of the ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAIDS MORETON.—On June 20th, 720 Bob Minor: *H. Hayden 1, *A. Jones 2, *H. Jones 3, E. Nichols 4, *H. Jones 5, A. J. Green (conductor) 6. *First 720 of Minor.—On June 25th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Jones 1, E. Nichols 2, H. Jones 3, H. Stopp 4, H. Jones 5, A. J. Green (conductor) 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. J. Watts 2, J. Ansell 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8.—On June 30th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, G. Jordan 2, J. Luckey 3, F. M. Butler (conductor) 4, T. Jordan 5, W. Watts 6, T. J. Watts 7, A. Jordan 8.

BISHOP RYDERS, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, July 7th, on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the Vicar's appointment, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. Porter 3, J. T. Perry (conductor) 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.—On Sunday, July 7th, after evening service, on the 68th anniversary, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Hallbrook 1, A. Bashforth 2, R. Davies 3, W. H. Idle 4, F. Ryder 5, R. Newton 6, W. Ryder (conductor) 7, S. Burrows (first quarter-peal) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On July 8th, at St. Giles', 1080 Stedman Caters: H. Blundell 1, S. Millward 2, W. Allen 3, J. Metherall 4, W. Farey 5, W. Sharp 6, J. Hensman 7, F. Wilford 8, F. Hopper (conductor) 9, E. James 10.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, July 6th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2540 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins.: A. Evans 1, A. E. Coles 2, G. Chamberlain 3, F. Iley 4, E. B. Crowder 5, M. Morgan 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. H. Pruen 8.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On July 12th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *B. Wells 1, H. V. Fletcher 2, *Miss C. E. Banks 3, *L. Reed 4, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. V. Fletcher. *First 720.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. H. Lee 1, H. Statham 2, A. Sweetman 3, E. Lindup 4, E. Ede 5, G. Balchin 6, C. Blackman 7, Alf. Mills 8. Conducted by H. Statham. Great credit is due to Mr. Alf. Mills in assisting in this quarter-peal owing to his loss of a leg.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 14th, for evening service, at St. Mary Magdalene, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. H. Hughes 1, W. J. Smith (conductor) 2, R. W. Green 3, T. H. Taffender 4, F. Hedges 5, F. J. Hardy 6.

LEICESTER.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1261 changes) was rung with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late A. Mills: G. Holmes 1, L. E. Allen 2, G. Pilmore 3, A. S. Pettitt 4, C. H. Fowler 5, W. J. Scriven 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob: W. Hollocks (conductor) 1, H. Gladwell 2, A. Symonds 3, C. W. R. Grimwood (Tooting) 4, H. Crick 5, H. Poulson 6. This was Mr. Grimwood's first attempt in the method.

HEPTONSTALL.—On Sunday, July 28th, in 1 hr. 3 mins., a date touch of 1912 changes in five different methods, including 720 Woodbine, 600 Oxford, 504 Kent, 72 Duke of York, 16 Bob Minor: T. Robertshaw (conductor) 1, W. Ingham 2, J. Armstrong 3, F. Robertshaw 4, R. Vowell 5, J. Robertshaw 6. Rung as a farewell to the old six bells which are going to be recast and two new tenors added (the tenor to be about 17 cwt.) by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughboro'.

GLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major: W. Short 1, Miss K. Thatcher 2, W. Boughton, senr., 3 C. Boughton 4, F. Boughton 5, W. Shilcock 6, W. Boughton 7, J. Barber (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to F. Boughton, who sailed for Melbourne on August 2nd, with the best wishes of his fellow ringers.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, July 28th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Hickton 1, R. Drage 2, R. Hickton 3, G. Freebury 4, N. Widdowson 5, G. Walker 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Andrews 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Friday, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, H. Hastings 3, M. Harris 4, H. Kettle (conductor) 5, C. Aylett 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—Society of Cambridge Youths.—On Monday, August 12th, at Great St. Mary's Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins.: W. B. Kempton 1, G. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, T. R. Dennis 4, P. Taylor 5, F. Brown 6, W. Eusden 7, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 8.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton district was held at Long Buckby on Saturday. The church is dedicated to St. Lawrence, and has a peal of five bells, with tenor about 18 cwt., in good condition. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken at Mr. Mason's, 18 being present from St. Giles', St. Edmund's and St. Peter's, Northampton, Weston Favel, Isham, Guilsborough and Harlestone, a short business meeting following, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. O. Hichens (Rector of Guilsborough).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Giles' or St. Edmund's, Northampton, on "Mop" Saturday, October 12th.—Mr. W. Sibley, of St. Peter's, Northampton, was elected a member.—Heartly votes of thanks were accorded the Rector (the Rev. Geo. Crossley) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. O. Hichens for presiding, and to Mr. Mason for the excellent tea.

TOUCHES IN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK.

While staying at Great Bentley, Essex, as the guest of Mr. W. J. Nevard, the following ringing was arranged for Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough.

Great Bentley.—Aug. 3rd, 168 Grandsire Triples, and a course each of Double Norwich, Kent, Treble Bob, and Stedman.

Hadleigh, Suffolk.—On Sunday, Aug. 4th, 224 Kent Treble Bob, and 224 Bob Major: F. Reed 1, P. Almond 2, J. Bowell 3, W. Perkins (conductor) 4, A. Andrews 5, G. A. Andrews 6, W. J. Nevard 7, W. J. Hazell 8.

Polsted, Suffolk.—For the Gospel Oak Service, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Perkins 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Andrews 3, J. Bowell 4, G. A. Andrews (conductor) 5, W. J. Hazell 6.—360 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, W. Perkins 3, T. Reed 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Hazell 6; and 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Symonds (conductor) 1, T. Reed 2, H. Crick 3, J. King 4, I. Emery 5, T. Hollis 6.

Stoke, Suffolk.—A plain course each of Cambridge, Double Court, Oxford and Kent. The bells at this church are sadly in need of the bellhanger. They run in the order of 1 2 3 6 4 5.

Ardeleigh, Suffolk.—A course each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

Cove Hythe, Suffolk.—120 Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: J. Motts 1, C. J. Sedgley 2, C. W. Catchpole 3, W. Perkins 4, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 5.

Thorington, Essex.—720 each of Cambridge, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Andrews 3, W. J. Hazell 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. Perkins 6.

Great Bromley.—On Aug. 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, P. Almond 1, A. Andrews 2, W. Perkins 3, J. Bowell 4, W. J. Hazell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

Tendering.—On Aug. 8th, 720 Plain Bob: P. Almond 1, A. Andrews 2, C. Madin 3, W. J. Nevard 4, G. Jennings 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6.

St. Osyth, Essex.—On Aug. 9th, 720 Plain Bob: W. Dines 1, P. Almond 2, A. Andrews 3, E. Eady 4, W. Perkins 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Eady 1, H. Savell 2, A. Andrews 3, P. Almond 4, W. J. Nevard 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Biggleswade branch was held at Southill on Thursday week, but was not very well attended, owing to holidays and other counter attractions. The towers represented were Sandy, Old Warden, Blunham, Clifton, Biggleswade, and Hitchin, while Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, and two local ringers were also present. A 360 Bob Doubles was rung by J. Vinter (Warden) 1, Miss E. Steele (Bedford) 2, F. Blood (Biggleswade) conductor 3, C. A. Pratt (Clifton) 4, W. J. Mayes (Warden) 5, J. Elkins (Blunham) 6; also a 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins., by Job Vinters 1, W. J. Croft 2, C. A. Pratt 3, W. J. Mayes 4, G. T. Croft 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. Touches of Treble Bob with the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, of Sandy, were also brought round. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Arlesey on Thursday, Sept. 5th.—The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of bells.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brindle on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8. Evensong 4.45. Tea (6d. each to members) at the Potter's Arms, Station Road, 5.30—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, August 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 6. Tea (free) at the Wilberforce Temperance Hotel at 6.30, to be followed by annual general meeting. The Vicar, Rev. H. D. Dale, will preside at the tea and meeting.—C. Tribe, Honorary Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. Appointment of branch secretary and committeeman. A good attendance is requested.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 4.30. The bells at St. Mary's, Ambleside (8) will be available on Saturday morning.—Wm. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 7th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The school room close by will be available for the business meeting, about 5 p.m., and also for handbell ringing. The Worksop Company's handbells (61 in number) will be at the disposal of members. Permission has been granted for members to view the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion. Tea may be obtained at 1s. per head by advising Mr. H. Haigh, Worksop, by September 5th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. All are welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and should be paid as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

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. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 7th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5.30, which members and friends are earnestly invited to attend. Tea at 6, 6d. each.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Dronfield (6 bells) on Saturday, September 7th, 1912.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the Cherry Tree Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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