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CROYDON, Surrey.
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A GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL FAILING.

A copy of the Gloucester and Bristol annual report has come into our hands, and, while the subject may be, perhaps, somewhat ancient history to some of the members, we cannot refrain from reference to one point to which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies draws attention in his official capacity of Master. He remarks, *inter alia*, in his report upon the good work being done by the ruri-decanal branches, and adds: "One special task we would most earnestly commend to them, viz., to stir up the members each and all to give up one good day each year to attend the general meeting of the Association. Nothing could be more miserable, wretched and discouraging than the general meeting has been for many years. The misery of these meetings is a grievous loss to the Association in every possible way. The few are left, in matters of business, to settle for the many. The Association presents a sorry picture compared with others even smaller than itself; an opportunity for united worship is lost, and the members themselves lose the pleasure and profit of meeting with each other, entailing a further and most detrimental loss of the feeling of fellowship and brotherhood—one of the main purposes of the Association."

When the Master of an Association is constrained to write like this, things must have come to a serious pass, and we hope the effect of the appeal he has made may result in an awakening by the members to a sense of what they are losing by neglecting the most important meeting in the whole of the Association's year. The Association covers two dioceses, and has a large membership, but nothing undermines the stability of any organisation so much as apathy on the part of its members. The enthusiasm of a few can never for long replace the interest of the many, and those associations are always the most successful whose members share, as far as possible, in the responsibilities of management. It may be that the Gloucester and Bristol Association has been so well conducted in the past that the ordinary members have felt themselves content to let things continue without interference. If this be the case, absence from the annual meeting is not the best way to show appreciation. One has missed more than half the enjoyment of membership if one has had no experience of the annual meeting of one's Association, where friendships are cemented and extended, fuller ideas of the brotherhood of the Exercise gained, and the realisation of that bond which unites ringers parted by long distances, is alone made possible. Surely the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was one of the pioneers of modern ringing organisations, will not be content until all cause for lament by the Master on the score of lack of interest has been completely removed?



St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET 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.

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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,
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
HENRY DAINS 2	†FRANK I. HAIRS 8
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 9
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 4	WILLIAM BERRY 10
*HENRY DEW 5	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 11
*HAROLD BURTON 6	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Cinques. The conductor's rooth peal and first peal as conductor on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE Treble	HENRY PRING 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 8
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by T. Groombridge, who was elected a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association before starting.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

†FRANK HALLSWORTH, Junr. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER HICKS ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	†EDGAR T. SMITH 7
†EDWIN J. TYLER 3	†GEORGE PEATE 8
*EDWARD J. STAFFORD ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
FRANK W. PERRIN 5	HOWARD W. CATTELL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters away from the tenor. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of one of the local ringers, Mr. Alfred Adams, to Miss Emily Davies.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*HENRY FARLOW Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 6
†ISAAC PURSER 2	JOHN C. ADAMS 7
*ALBERT LITTLE 3	*BENJAMIN CLARK 8
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ... 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells. This was W. Fisher's 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble	GEORGE PENFOLD 5
JOE FARMER 2	†BERT CHALLEN 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
GEORGE J. NORISS 4	*JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*LOUIS PRICE Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	EDWARD J. BOOT 6
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ... 3	FREDERICK S. PRICE 7
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 4	*JOHN PALING Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Robert Drinkwater, for many years a chorister at this church, who was interred on the above date.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
THOMAS R. SCOTT 3	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 7
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Association and by all, except the ringers of the treble and fifth.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt., in F.

GEORGE LUNT Treble	THOMAS MURRAY 5
GEORGE WOODHALL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
HENRY FYLES 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
*HERBERT H. BARKER ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Warner & Sons. They now go well.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. KNAGGS ... 5
FRANK S. HODGSON 2	*JOHN T. WATERS 6
J. BENJAMIN BUDD 3	†ALBERT COATES 7
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 4	*JOHN W. LOWTHER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COATES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. T. Waters.

ORMESBY.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

†GERALD DUNCAN Treble	JOHN G. HALL 5
WILLIAM LETTY 2	WILLIAM HOLMES 6
ROBERT ALCOCK 3	ERNEST BURNETT 7
*HARRY PARRISH 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIS, and
Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

† First peal in any method, and rung at the first attempt. * First peal in the method. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Harry Parrish, who hails from Middleham, and was on a short holiday in the Cleveland district.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ ... Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 5
WILLIAM HORNE 2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW ... 6
GEORGE UPSHALL 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
*HUBERT CHAFFEY 4	ALFRED R. ELKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Holland and Mr. E. L. Ibbetson.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

B. E. HOWE Treble	W. WALAND 5
F. HOPWOOD 2	A. GILL 6
J. PALFRAMAN 3	J. BROADLEY 7
T. B. KENDALL 4	J. JOYCE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. H. Sugden, a member of the company, who was interred earlier in the day.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*ARTHUR SPRACKLEN ... Treble	DAVID R. JAMES ... 5
THOMAS J. EVANS 2	RICHARD BUNSTONE ... 6
JOHN EVANS 3	JOHN COX 7
RICHARD EVANS 4	WILLIAM SMITH' ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN COX.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell compliment to Arthur Spracklen, who returns to South Africa on Saturday, September 14th, the ringers wishing him "bon voyage."

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE LUFF Treble	*JOHN ALLFORD 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	WILLIAM DENYER 6
HENRY MULLARD 3	THOMAS ATTWELL 7
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 4	CLAUDE RENMANT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS ... Treble	JOHN LUCKEY 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
NATHAN J. PITSTOW ... 3	WILLIAM WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Prior.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD ... Treble	HUBERT EDEN 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
FRANK T. MARTIN 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

All the above ringers are members of the Oxhey Band, excepting the treble man who belongs to the local company.

NORTH WINGFIELD.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 5
HERBERT DAY 2	WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 6
*THOMAS W. GORE 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	BART. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SMITH Treble	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
FRANK CHAVE 4	P.C. JOHN E. COLE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. B. Stedman.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... 6
GEORGE JONES 2	JAMES MORGAN 7
HENRY W. WILDE 3	JAMES H. MIDWINTER ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	ERNEST CHANNELL ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

Tenor 22½ cwt., in D.

JAMES F. GEORGE Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	*CECIL J. BAKER 6
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 3	RD. HENRY BARTRAM 7
JOSEPH HALL 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ALBERT BELTON 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
GEORGE EDWARDS 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
GEORGE THOMPSON 4	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
JAMES MOTTS 2	PETER LAFLIN 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE ROWE, Junr. ... 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	WILLIAM GRIMES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Messrs. Motts and Sedgley hail from Ipswich, and E. E. Grimes from London. The rest belong to the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CARHAMPTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(DUNSTER DEANERY.)

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JOHN FARMER Treble	E. PARKER 4
JAMES WATTS 2	WILLIAM BENNETT 5
GEORGE STACEY 3	H. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Bennett, who has given much time and patience in teaching the Exercise in this neighbourhood.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Ipswich, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

*REUBEN SANDERS Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 4
GEORGE A. BLACK 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
HARRY TORBLE 3	JOHN MOULE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

* 150th peal. Rung to welcome home the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. own), an honorary member of the Association.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

FRED BALL Treble	EDWARD GEARY 4
GEORGE H. GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
VICTOR GEARY 3	FRED STANFORTH Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of all Kent Minor on the bells and by all the band.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	BERNARD FISHER 5
WILLIAM JACQUES 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE LEEDS & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, College Treble, College Exercise, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure and Arnold's Victory. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST THORNTON Treble	T. LATIMER 4
JOHN W. T. HOLGATE 2	JAMES GUY 5
J. W. CHADWICK 3	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Mr. Chapman, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Rothwell.

ABBOTTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	†CHARLES JEFFS 4
*ARTHUR TITMUSS 2	THOMAS HULL 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	FREDERICK JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Kent, College Exercise and Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ARTHUR W. TULLETT ... 5
ALBERT ELLIS 3	*OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 161, CAVENDISH DRIVE, LEYTONSTONE, E.,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1—2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3—4	*ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells. Rung at the first attempt.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANCES ;

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

THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LATE PEALS.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
*JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM STEELE ... 6
FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ... 3	*RANDALL GRIMBLE ... 7
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 4	JOHN ALDIS, Junr. ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower.

CROYDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HORACE SHONFIELD ... Treble	AMOS CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM STATES ... 2	SYDNEY R. ROPER ... 6
DAVID WRIGHT ... 3	ALFRED F. JONES ... 7
JOSEPH TALBOT ... 4	ERNEST POPE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STATES.

First peal by H. Shonfield, and rung as a farewell and with the ringers' best wishes on his leaving for Australia.

Post-card photographs of the band that rang the long peal can be obtained from Mr. J. Hunt, 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, at 2½d. each.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WORKSOP.

The September meeting of this society was held on Saturday, at Worksop, and proved very successful. It was the first meeting held in the town, as the Worksop company are new members of the society. About 40 ringers turned up from Anston, Beighton, Bolsover, Doncaster, Dore, Eckington, Grimsby, Hoyland Swaine, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Rammoor, Rotherham, Staveley and Worksop, and some good ringing was accomplished.

The Priory Church of St. Cuthbert is an interesting old building, possessing two old towers at the west end, the south tower containing a musical ring of eight bells (tenor about 12 cwt.). The present church consists of the nave of the old building, which in days gone by must have been a noble structure, and a scheme is afoot to restore something of its old magnificence. It is proposed to build a new chancel conforming as nearly as possible to the lines of the old one which has disappeared, bringing into the scheme the old Lady Chapel which is now in ruins, a short distance from the church, and adding a fine new bell tower in the centre of the structure as completed. The whole is estimated to cost about £12,000, and one hopes that the scheme may be brought to a successful conclusion.

The bells were fully utilised during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, for the benefit of the many six-bell ringers present. The other methods were Stedman Triples, Bob Major, College Single, Superlative and New Cambridge Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held in the tower during the evening. In the absence of the President, who had to leave early, Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop, was voted to the chair.—Three new members, Messrs. R. Headley (Beighton), H. Peck (Worksop) and H. Warburton (Retford) were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Haigh and to the local company for their kindness in making such admirable arrangements for the meeting, was proposed by the Secretary.—Mr. Bemrose, in seconding, referred to the splendid work done by the society in promoting and encouraging change ringing in its district, and especially in raising the standard of eight-bell ringing from the low ebb at which it was a few years ago, to its present condition, the quality of its peals being equal to anything in the country. He referred to the helping hand always extended to learners at the monthly meetings, and expressed the hope that the many new members, at the bottom of the ladder, would attend as many of the meetings as possible, where they would always be sure of advice and help.

The motion having been carried, Mr. Haigh, in reply, endorsed Mr. Bemrose's remarks as to the good work done by the society, and added that it was the high quality of the methods rung at these meetings, and the encouragement given to others to take them up, which decided the Worksop company (twelve members) in joining en bloc. He also referred to the Sunday service competition for the society's silver cup, which has the hearty commendation of their Vicar, and remarked that at Worksop they were going strong in their efforts to gain it. He assured others who were competing that they would have all their work cut out to win it.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy (who has joined the society), for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and schoolroom, and regret was expressed that an engagement prevented his being present.

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Haigh, was accorded to the secretary for coming there at some inconvenience.—The Secretary, in reply, thought that he was really deserving of a vote of censure for turning up late, and causing the postponement of the business meeting. In thanking those present, he remarked that anything he could do for the society was a pleasure. He endorsed the previous speaker's remarks as to the work the society was doing, and in reference to the Sunday service competition, expressed a strong hope that another year more companies would enter, and make the competition really representative of the society. He welcomed the three new towers who had recently joined, and appealed for continued unity and good feeling. He concluded by expressing a hope that many more successful meetings would be held at Worksop.

Handbell ringing was indulged in in the schoolroom during the evening. It had also been intended to visit the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion, but time forbade.

DEATH OF MR. H. SUGDEN, BOLTON.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. H. Sugden, of Bolton, Bradford, the sad event occurring on Monday, Sept 2nd, at the Bradford Infirmary, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was only 31 years of age. Mr. Sugden had been a member of Bolton, Bradford, company for 15 years, and was a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He had rung eight peals.

The funeral took place on Friday last, at Scholemoor Cemetery, and was attended by ringers from Bolton and Shipley, a course of Grand-sire Triples being rung at the graveside.

At St. James' Church, on Friday, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the deceased's memory.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE PRESENTATION TO THE MASTER.**

On Thursday, the Dorchester branch held another successful meeting, this time at West Lulworth, the home of the genial and esteemed secretary of the Guild. West Lulworth is one of the beauty spots of the Dorset coast, and is a great attraction for visitors, the small bay, known as Lulworth Cove, being surrounded by high cliffs, making a beautiful picture, while to the north is a magnificent stretch of country. It is no wonder Thomas Hardy, while taking his walks in this district, got his idea of "Far from the madding crowd." Representatives attended the meeting from Dorchester, Fordington, Hilton, Wimborne, Puddletown, Wyke Regis, Wool, and the local band. The bells, a pretty ring of six, by Messrs. Mears and Sainbank, and also the bells of Wool, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The special service of the Guild was held in the church. The Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Schuster) officiated, and delivered an excellent and thoughtful address, taking his text from the 144th Psalm. After the service, the ringers and friends, numbering 39, adjourned to the parish room, where they were kindly entertained to a high tea by the Vicar, who presided, and was supported by his churchwardens, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild), Mr. J. T. Godwin (hon. secretary, St. Peter's Society, Dorchester), Mr. G. T. White (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. J. Benger (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. W. Hewlett (Puddletown), and the hon. secretary of the branch. The wants of the ringers were attended to by Mrs. Schuster and a band of ladies. Afterwards, the Vicar welcomed the branch to his parish, and hoped they would come again in the near future. He congratulated Mr. Martin Stewart on his recent marriage, and hoped he and Mrs. Stewart would have a happy and prosperous future before them (applause).—Mr. Stewart proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Schuster for entertaining them so bountifully, and for his excellent address and the use of the bells. He also thanked the organist and choir, and Mrs. Schuster and the ladies for assisting at the table.—Mr. Hewlett seconded, and the Hon. Secretary supported the motion, saying he hoped Mr. Schuster would remain their general secretary for a long time.

A short business meeting was then held, and in the absence of the chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Rev. W. P. Schuster was voted to the chair. Mr. R. N. Dawes, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, E. Dorset branch), the Rev. A. L. Helps (Puddletown), and Mr. W. H. Perkins, on behalf of the Milton Abbey band, wrote apologising for absence.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Fordington, Mr. Thomas and the Fordington band assuring the branch of a hearty welcome.—The Hon. Secretary stated that Upwey was having a new peal of six bells, and that Messrs. Llewellyns and James were the founders. The bells would be opened at the latter end of October, and he had pleasure in proposing that the Upwey tower become affiliated with the Guild. This was welcomed by all present.—Mr. Bowering, captain of the Fordington band, applied for an instructor in change ringing.

Mr. Stewart said he noticed by the minutes that the late Rev. Mr. Dicker, Vicar of Piddletrenthide, gave the address at the last meeting, and how he had since met with a fatal accident while riding his motor-cycle. He proposed the secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the family, which the secretary promised to do. He also raised the question of the ringing competition for the whole Guild, and said he should like the meeting to vote on it, whether in favour of a ringing competition or not. The meeting voted in favour of the competition.—The Master also took the opportunity of thanking the Guild for the beautiful present they had given him (on the occasion of his recent marriage). The gift took the shape of a beautiful peal of twelve handbells (by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on a solid oak stand, and Mr. Stewart said he should always value them and think of the pleasant times he had had with the Salisbury Guild. Should any band of ringers want to borrow them at any time to assist them to learn the art of change ringing, he would be very pleased to let them have them.

This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the tower, where Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, Mr. Martin Stewart, Mr. G. White and Mr. J. Benger conducting.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Hilperton and Trowbridge on Saturday, when there were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, chairman of the branch, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the hon. secretary, and ringing members from Beechingstoke, Hilperton, Southbroom, St. Mary's and St. John's, Devizes; Bath, Market Lavington, Trowbridge and Bishop Cannings. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to various methods. Tea took place at the Crown Inn, 16 ringers sitting down to a well-served repast.—A short business meeting followed, at which three new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Hilperton for the use of the bells. The ringers then proceeded to the Church of St. James, at Trowbridge, where the bells were soon set going, and some capital touches of Grandsire Minor and Triples were rung. The bells, having been recently rehung, went very much better than formerly, and they were kept going merrily until after 8 o'clock, when the company dispersed after the enjoyment of a very pleasant meeting.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**ST. JAMES', BIRCH, RUSHOLM.**

The members of the above band of ringers had their annual outing on Monday week. The party met at the Manchester Central Station, and left by the 7.50 train for Bakewell. On arrival, the local ringers were sought out, and permission was granted for the use of the bells, a fine peal of eight, which go splendidly. Two five hundreds of Grandsire Triples were tapped off in grand style, and in each touch Mr. Wallace, one of the local band, took part. After lowering the bells, the party adjourned to the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided. Shortly afterwards, a brake was called into requisition, and a lovely drive through some of the most picturesque Derbyshire scenery was enjoyed. Among the places visited were: Winster, Lillies Valley, Via Gellias Valley, Cromford, Matlock, and Darley Dale. It had been intended to ring at Darley Dale, but time, the fleet-footed, ordained it otherwise, and much to the regret of the band they had to return without ringing a touch. The return journey was very enjoyable, and was also very interesting, as the "Jehu" was rather well versed in the district, and was thus able to point out special points of interest. Bakewell was reached in time for tea, after which a vote of thanks were passed to the Rector, wardens and friends, who had once more generously provided funds for the trip. A short stroll round the town brought to a close a very enjoyable day.

The members of the St. James' band desire to thank, through "The Ringing World," Mr. Smith, of Bakewell, for sending one of his employees (Mr. Wallace) to get permission to ring, and allowing him to stay to make up a full band. They also wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells.

EDMONTON.

The Edmonton ringers visited Crawley and Horsham for their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday week. Arriving at Horsham at 3.30 p.m., they were met at the station by Mr. Vaughan and Mr. H. Mance (of Chelsea), and proceeded at once, as was only natural, to the Parish Church. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, London and Cambridge Surprise and Cumberland Delight Major were rung in turn, and after a brief interval for tea, some of the local ringers (including Mr. L. Paice) assisted in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The party then took train to Crawley, which was reached at 9.30 p.m.

On the following morning, touches of Bristol Surprise, London Surprise (in which some of the local ringers took part) and Stedman Triples, were rung for service at the Parish Church, and in the afternoon the local men again joined the visitors and rang in touches of Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire Triples (in which the three ladies who accompanied the band took part) and Stedman Triples, with the versatile "Johnnie" Thomas at the end of two ropes. After ringing Grandsire Triples for evening service, the band returned to London.

The spare moments were taken up, in and out of the train, by touches on handbells, and the conducting throughout was shared by Miss Parker and Messrs. J. Parker, J. Thomas and G. A. Card. The band wish to express their thanks to the Vicars for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers at both places for their hospitality.

ALL SAINTS' GUILD, NEWPORT.

The members of this Guild spent a most pleasant afternoon at Bristol, on Saturday week. Mr. J. Wilkins, with a few other of the Bristol ringers, kindly met and welcomed the visitors, who proceeded at once to Clifton Parish Church, where permission had been given to ring. After some three-quarters of an hour's ringing had been indulged in, the bells were lowered, and, with Mr. Wilkins as pilot, a visit was paid to the Suspension Bridge and the wonderful Avon River Gorge. A return to the city followed, and tea was partaken of. Following this the tower of St. Stephen's was visited, and a hearty greeting was accorded the Newport men by the members of St. Stephen Guild. Various touches were rung, several of the visitors getting their first touch of Stedman Caters. At the conclusion, a pleasant hour was spent at the Admiral Duncan.—The members take this opportunity of according their thanks to the Bristol ringers, especially to Mr. J. Wilkins, for making the visit such a pleasant one.

ILKLEY.

On August 21st, the Ilkley Parish Church ringers had their annual outing, making the journey to Blackpool. After breakfast, through the kindness of Mr. T. R. Crookall, 434 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's Church. The rest of the day was then spent in sight-seeing, the outing being most enjoyable.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—On August 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Jennings 1, G. Piper 2, G. Hills 3, E. Townsend 4, A. Piper 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob, with H. Bower (conductor) 6, the others as before. G. Piper hails from Seaford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, 720 each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and College Single, by: Miss C. Playle, D. Chaplin, E. Miles, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle, F. Freestone. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Playle and Miles, the latter, for whom the ringing was arranged, being on a visit.

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Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.

Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS— WELLS.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The following items relating to the old bells appear in the Fabric Rolls of Wells Cathedral :—

- " 1586. Great Bell to be placed by the Master of the Fabric in Tower, and the fragments of Metal to be sold."
- " 1587-88. Feby 16. Harewell's great Bell to be recast by Joseph Carter of Reading."
- " 1627. Corporation give towards recasting bells in Cathedral, 40s."
- " 1670. Mr. James of Bristole for metal for Harewell's Bell, £17 15s."
- " Cost of agreement between Thomas Purtle [Purdue] and Dean, 2s."

The following are the inscriptions on the bells at the present time :—

Treble.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON.
A THANK OFFERING. T. W. JEX BLAKE. 1891.

Second.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON.
GIVEN BY JOHN GIFFARD EVERETT. 1891.

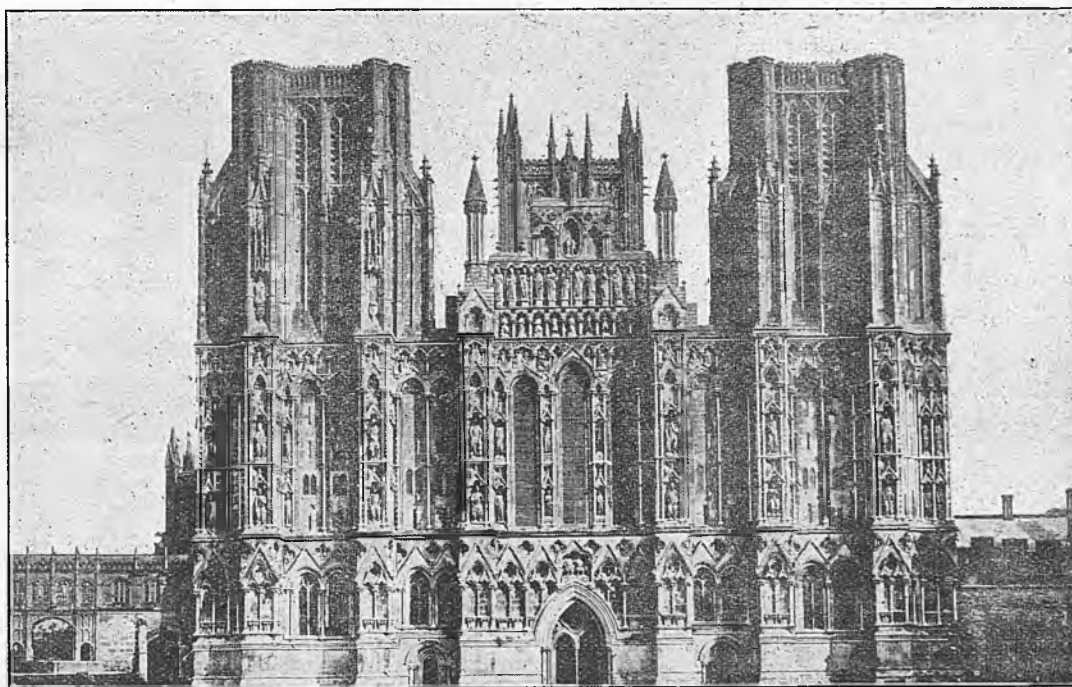
Third.

TE . DEVM . LÆTO . CELEBREMVS .
HYMNO .

i.e., "Thee, O God, we praise with joyful hymn."

Fourth.

TE . MAGNE . RERVVM . CONDITOR . ET .
TVAS . SONABO . LAVDES .



WELLS CATHEDRAL.

- " Thomas Purdie [Purdue] for forming bell called Harewell, £23."
 - " For the Iron work, to George Howell, £11 17s. 0½d."
 - " To William Britten for Woodwork, £38 4s."
 - " 1672. Purdy the bell founder to have £5."
 - " 1673. Thomas Purdy [Purdue] recasting Harewell, £4 17s. 6d."
 - " Thomas Moore for carrying Bell from Clapworth [*i.e.*, Closworth] to Cathedral £5."
 - " 1674. Thomas Hart (?) for recasting Harewell £5."
- For many years the peal numbered eight, and were the heaviest peal of eight in England, the tenor weighing 56 cwt. 3 qrs.

In 1891 it was decided to have the bells rehung, and augmented to ten. This was done, the two new trebles being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the whole peal rehung in a massive cast iron frame by Messrs. Blackboorn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury.

i.e., "Thee O great Creator of all things and Thy praises I will sound."

Fifth.

OLIM . DISCORDES . CONCORDE .
VOCE . SONAMUS .

i.e., "Formerly discordant, we now sound with harmonious voice."

Sixth.

O . CIVES . QUAM . DULCE . SONAT .
CONCORDIA . FRATRUM .

i.e., "O citizens, how sweetly the harmony of brethren sounds."

Seventh.

DEO . OPTIMO . MAXIMO . TRIUNO .
RELIGIONI . LIBERTATI . HARMONIÆ . S .

i.e., "To God, Three in One, Most Great and Powerful, I sound for religion, liberty and harmony."

Eighth.

BINI . CAMPANARUM . CHORI . PRIUS .
 DIFFRACTI . AC . DISSONI . MUTUO . TANDEM .
 CONCENTU . IMPENSIS . DECANI . ET . CAPITULI .
 WELLENSIS . ABELE . RUDHALL . FUNDENTE .
 FELICITER . COALUERE . A.D. 1757 .

i.e., "Two of the bells of this peal, formerly cracked and discordant, at last were happily restored to mutual harmony at the expense of the Dean and Chapter of Wells, by Abel Rudhall, founder."

Ninth.

TAYLOR & SONS, BELLFOUNDERS, LOUGH-
 BOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. 1877.

Tenor.

TAYLOR & SONS, BELLFOUNDERS, LOUGH-
 BOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. 1877.

The former ninth was inscribed: "Samuel Creswicke, S. T. P. Decanus, Tim: Collers, Rob: Wilson, Ioh: Walker, Rob: Wheeler, Ric: Ienkins, Edm: Lovel, Canonici Residentes, A.D. 1757."

The former tenor was inscribed: "I. Rudhall fecit A.D. 1803. Qui audit intelligat," *i.e.*, "Let him who hears understand."

ODD CHANGES.**Collected from all Quarters.**

We received on Tuesday a copy of the "official minutes" of the Central Council meeting held at Whitsun, but pressure on our space prevents us giving them this week.

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The London County Association meeting, which was to have been held on September 19th, at Kilburn, has been cancelled.

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The concert in aid of the Shoreditch Bells Fund is to be held on October 19th, not the 12th, as previously announced in this column. Tickets may be had from Mr. H. J. Bradley, Clerk's House, Shoreditch Church.

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It must be a great many years since the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, but they were successful on Saturday, under the conductorship of the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews. When they met they were one short, but Mr. H. Dains, who had turned up to listen to this grand ring of bells, was pressed to take a rope. At the conclusion of the peal he was warmly congratulated upon having been able to stand a peal of nearly four hours' duration, and was thanked for stepping into the breach. Mr. Dains, who thanked the ringers for their congratulations, hoped that many others of the band would live to the same age and ring a peal of Cinques.

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The more one thinks about the record peal at Guildford the more wonderful it appears. To ring Stedman Caters "double-handed" for 9 hrs. 32 mins. without pause is a truly remarkable performance. The mere concentration of mind necessary for such a length of time is in itself a wonderful feat. We learn that the only real trip was about twelve courses from home, but cool heads and smart conducting saved the situation. It also had the effect of waking the ringers up, at a time when perhaps one can quite imagine their brains were getting a bit obfuscated. Anyhow, after that trip the bells ran out without a misblow to a brilliant finish.

The average pace for the peal was as nearly as possible 34.5 changes to the minute. The following figures, compiled from notes made by one of the umpires, will show how little the pace varied. For all practical purposes it can be reckoned that the peal was divided into blocks of 24 courses, or 2,592 changes each, except when the 2nd was 5th's place bell, and then the block consisted of seven courses only.

	Actual Time.	Time Occupied.	Average per min.
Start	1.55 p.m.		
24 courses	3.8 p.m.	1 hr. 13 mins.	35.5
24 "	4.22 p.m.	1 hr. 14 mins.	35
7 "	4.44 p.m.	22 mins.	34.3
24 "	6.4 p.m.	1 hr. 20 mins.	32.4
24 "	7.18 p.m.	1 hr. 14 mins.	35.5
24 "	8.34 p.m.	1 hr. 16 mins.	34.1
24 "	9.46 p.m.	1 hr. 12 mins.	35.7
7 "	10.8 p.m.	22 mins.	34.3
24 "	11.27 p.m.	1 hr. 19 mins.	32.8

We said in our report of the peal last week that had the bells been allowed to go on for the 22,222, as was originally contemplated, there is every reason to suppose that this longer length would have been rung. Had this been done the hour, of course, would have been well past midnight before the bells would have come round, and the peal, begun one day, would not only have finished in the next, but would have finished also in the next week and in the next month. Fancy ringing from one month to another! But there, we ring tower bells from one year to another in a much shorter time, don't we?

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It is often said by ringers that they do not like a clock in the tower, because its face has a fascination and the time seems to drag if it is being continually noted. One of the ringers in the peal at Guildford had a clock which he could see by turning his head. The first time he looked at it was when the bells started at 1.55 p.m.; the next time was at 10.5 p.m.! We suppose he must have been too engrossed with his task to look at the clock, or else he realised that he had a long way to go, and it was no good looking too soon.

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The 10,200 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, in which the late Mr. Matt. Wood's grandfather and great-uncle took part in 1777, recalls the fact that intense rivalry existed between the College Youths and Cumberlands of that time. Each society seemed intent upon holding the ten bell record, and all their efforts in this direction seem to have been concentrated at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, where the first true peal of 6000 of Treble Ten was supposed to have been rung. This was followed by a series of attempts first by one society and then by the other.

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Jan. 20th, 1777, 6240, 4 hrs. 34 mins., by the Cumberlands.

Feb. 18th, 1777, 10,000, 7 hrs. 28 mins., by the College Youths.

May 10th, 1777, 10,200, 7 hrs. 40 mins., by the Cumberlands.

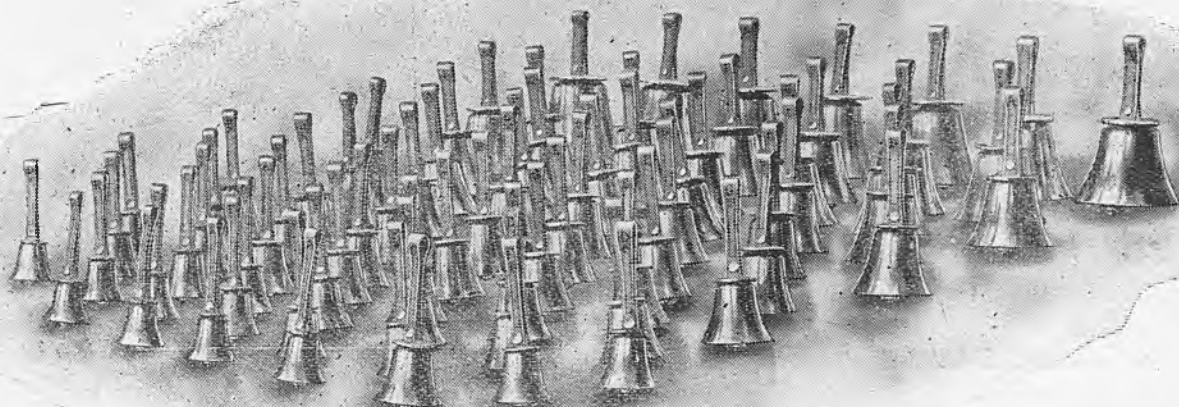
May 19th, 1777, 11,080, 8 hrs. 2 mins., by the College Youths.

Mar. 27th, 1784, 12,000, 9 hrs. 5 mins., by the Cumberlands.

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Of the band that took part in the long peal of Treble Bob at Bethnal Green in 1868 only one now survives, Mr. Ted Horrex, the veteran steeplekeeper at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

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THE LATE MR. S. BRIERLEY.

The death of Mr. S. Brierley, of Milnrow, Rochdale, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, which we recorded last week, was of a painfully sudden nature. On the previous Saturday he had returned from a holiday at Heylake, apparently in the best of health. Early on the following Tuesday morning, however, he was taken ill, and although hopes were entertained of his recovery, he had a serious relapse on Wednesday morning, and passed away in the course of the day, from cerebral hæmorrhage.

Mr. Brierley, who was in his 49th year, was a native of Oldham, but most of his life had been spent in the Milnrow and Newhey district. For many years he had resided at Firgrove, being in the employ of Messrs. R. Barnes and Sons, spinners and manufacturers, at Firgrove Mill, where he was a carder.



The Late Mr. S. BRIERLEY.

He was an earnest worker on behalf of the Rochdale Infirmary. Since 1900 he had served on the Infirmary Workmen's Committee, devoting himself to the work with keen interest, and a practical sagacity which won the confidence of his colleagues to a marked degree. In 1909 he was chosen as president of the committee, an honour he greatly prized.

He was an enthusiastic worker in the Conservative cause, and was president of the Firgrove Conservative Club.

He had been a ringer for about 30 years, and was ringing on the Sunday evening before his death. A typical Lancashire man, he was blunt and outspoken, but his honesty and sincerity were unquestioned, and won him the respect of all who had dealings with him. He was thrice married, and leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

At the usual practice, on Wednesday week, at the Town Hall, Manchester, a presentation was made to ex-P.C. Potts, who is sailing for Australia on the 18th inst. The gift took the form of a small silver medal with gold centre bearing the following inscription: "Presented to E. Potts by the Manchester Town Hall Bell Ringers, September, 1912." In handing the medal to Mr. Potts, Sergt. Cartwright, the conductor, referred to the respect in which Mr. Potts had been held, and the good fellowship that had always existed between him and the rest of the ringers during the eight years he had been a ringer at the Town Hall. They wished him "God-speed, good luck and quick prosperity" in his new home.—Several of the band also added a few words, and in reply Mr. Potts expressed his regret at leaving his old comrades. One did not know, he said, how many friends one had until something like that turned up for them to show their friendship. He could assure them he should look back with pleasure to the happy times he had spent amongst them, and that each time he looked at the medal it would bring these memories back to him. A 521 Grandsire Caters was rung, Mr. Potts taking the tenor, Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, H. Washbrook, H. Chapman, Bibby, of Frodsham, and Ramsey, of New Mills, taking part to make up the band. A 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor on front six brought the proceedings to a close.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, some 30 members being present. The following towers were represented: Weston-super-Mare, Burnham, Winscombe, Congresbury, Uphill, Worle, Bridgwater, Taunton, East Brent, Cheddar, Newport, and others. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. H. O. Penley, who gave a capital address to the ringers. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which, in the absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. O. Penley.—One honorary and six performing members were elected, and Congresbury was chosen for the annual meeting in January. Loxton was selected for the intermediate meeting, to be held in October.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. H. O. Penley for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting.—The motion was acknowledged by the chairman. The bells were kept going during the evening, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor being rung.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT KENDAL.

For the first time in its history, the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held over the border, at Kendal, on Saturday. There was a good muster of about 70 representing all the branches, some travelling over 70 miles to be present. The President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) broke his holidays to fulfil his duties, and travelled all night, and covered 320 miles in order to attend the meeting. The energetic secretary of the Lake District branch having a peal of bells worth going a long way to hear, invited as many as possible to try them, so those who made a day of it, travelled on to Ambleside to test them, and were well repaid, for they found eight bells tuned on the new principle, with tenor 32½ cwt., in a church surrounded by trees, and at the head of Lake Windermere. Touches were rung in the four Standard methods, and visits paid to the falls before the return journey was made to Kendal for the chief business of the day. At Kendal the party found the bells had just ceased, and the ringers were trooping in for the service, which always commences the business proceedings. The service was intoned by the Rev. P. A. Stewart, while the lesson was read and the sermon preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who took for his text, 1 Peter, 4—10. He dwelt on the responsibilities and duties of stewardship, which involved ministering to others, likening ringers to stewards, in taking care of the bells, some of which had hung in the towers for 200 years, and which were costly and in many cases had been provided by a great deal of self-sacrifice. They had some bells within 12 miles of them, which had done duty for some 600 years without losing their tone or note. The ringers as stewards had to send out their messages, but before they could do so they must practice and train themselves to use all their skill in order to do so correctly. It was worth their while to take pains to make themselves perfect, and to strive to better themselves. The preacher asked his hearers to give their best for Sundays and Festivals, and whether it be in a simple or intricate method to get the striking even and good. When they were considering their enjoyment, he added, they must not forget others. Their work must first be for the Glory to God, and then they would give the utmost pleasure.

THE MEETING.

An interval before tea was occupied by ringing Kent Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The business meeting which followed, was got through in the record time of 35 minutes. The officers were re-elected, including: President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson; while Mr. Barratt, of Eccles, was elected for twelve months to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. Brierley.—The President, in his address, referred to the loss the Association and the Rochdale branch had sustained by his death, and a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family.

In the committee's report, the membership was given as 1,300, a gain of 40 on the year, and 1,065 of whom lived in the county. Twelve had passed away during the year, and 85 new members had been added to the list, while 48 names had been removed from the books for arrears. The income for the year was £43, while the expenditure had been £69, the difference being due to the printing of book of rules and diagrams for members. Including the books in hand, the worth of the Association was £99. The peal list totalled 89 in methods from Bob Minor to Superlative, and Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques. Two peals of bells had been recast and rehung during the year. The committee meetings, it was recorded, had been held on the same days as the branch meetings, which had caused a little more interest to the locality where they were held.—The report closed with the best thanks to the branch secretaries for the work they did so quietly and usefully in the branches.

After the best thanks had been given to the authorities for the use of bells, church, organ, and schools, and also to the organist, choir and clergy for attending and helping to make the day enjoyable, the rest of the evening was passed by ringing on the ten bells of Kendal.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch took place on Saturday, at Kendal, and proved one of the best which has been held. Members were present from Ambleside, Burton, Brathay, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Hawkshead, Kendal and Silverdale. The chair was taken by the Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar of Crosthwaite, and one new member was elected. With the object of awakening interest in the outlying district, Milnthorpe, where a new ring of six has recently been put in, was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting in March.—It was decided to again hold quarterly ringing meetings, Ambleside being chosen for the next meeting to be held in December.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the chairman for presiding, after which the ringers visited the tower, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, being rung.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—The Devon Guild.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Howe 1, J. A. Snow 2, W. Shepherd (Hersham, Surrey), conductor, 3, F. Diamond 4, J. R. Hayman 5, W. Hayman 6, F. Davey 7, J. Gooding (first quarter-peal) 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday week, at "York Villa," Wisbech, as a wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Collett, who were married on the 4th inst., a date touch of Bob Minor was rung on the handbells in 1 hr. by the following ringers of the Parish Church (the tower bells not being available, as the ringers have been locked out since they rang a 5040 of Bob Minor, at Newton, on June 26th last): A. W. Wenlock 1, T. Haines 2, S. Andrews 3, H. B. Banham 4, T. Banham 5, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 6. Mr. Collett is an energetic churchworker. He was one of the first to learn ringing with the present voluntary band, but owing to an accident about a year ago he has not been able to do any ringing since. He, however, still takes an interest in bell ringing, and has been for many years a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday School.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. John Luff, a member of the Ewhurst (Surrey) band of ringers, who was married to Miss Rice on Sept. 5th, the bells at Ewhurst were rung as the bride and bridegroom left the church, a touch of 360 of Bob Minor being brought round. Later, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Bob Minor was rung by: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, F. Francis 3, W. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Luff all happiness.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss B. Fox (daughter of Mr. Fox, the respected churchwarden of Dagenham) to Mr. W. Evans, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Woodbine, were rung by the following: G. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, E. Butler, G. Playle and F. Freestone, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Playle, Miles and Butler.

SUDBURY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. James E. Campin, a well-known Sudbury ringer, took place at his residence on August 22nd, after only a brief illness, at the age of 75 years. The deceased was an old Volunteer, in the 11th, afterwards the 6th Suffolk Rifles. He had 33 years and eight months efficient service, when he enrolled in the newly-formed body of National Reserve. He is the first to receive the final call from that band of veterans in Sudbury. As a bandsman he served the Volunteers, and nobody remembers when he did not play in the local orchestras and string bands, his instrument being the big bass. From an early age he began to be the master of change ringing, and up to the time of his death was a member of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's band. After the singular exploit in 1860, when the Rector of St. Peter's refused to allow the bells to be rung in Lent for a royal celebration, and the ringers took possession of the tower, locked themselves in and rang the bells merrily, Mr. Campin formed a new company, as the Rector refused to allow the band of refractory campanologists to ring again. Only three of his colleagues of that day remain—Messrs. W. Griggs, F. Tolliday, and W. Bacon.

The deceased was one of the old school of silk weavers, and many of his fellow workmen on the afternoon of Monday, the 26th, when he was laid to rest, attended to pay respect to his memory at a choral service at St. Gregory's Church, where years ago he had been chorister and sidesman. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. N. Greaves. Psalm xci was sung to Croft's setting, and the hymns were, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and "Peace, perfect peace," while, as the cortege left the church, the organist, Mr. T. Elliston, played "O rest in the Lord." There were several choice floral offerings, including one from the churchwardens and sidesmen of St. Gregory's. Surmounting the lovely cross was a miniature turret, from which was suspended a silver bell with inscription, "In kind remembrance and as a tribute of sincere esteem to one who so faithfully rendered services unto the Church of St. Gregory."

Muffled touches were rung on St. Peter's bells after the interment, by the local band, and on Saturday evening, August 31st, with half-muffled clappers. 504 Stedman Triples: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Heard 2, F. A. Poulson 3, S. Howell 4, W. Dent 5, R. J. Poulson 6, A. Scott 7, H. S. Richold 8. The peals rung by the deceased were but few, but one was the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the grand eight at Lavenham, on March 3rd, 1888, Mr. Campin ringing the 3rd. Three others who took part have predeceased Mr. Campin, viz., Messrs. W. Howell, A. Scott and H. Harper. The remaining ones are Messrs. A. Symonds, W. Moore, C. Sillitoe, and W. Griggs. The last-named is in his 75th year, and rang the treble at All Saints', Sudbury, on Saturday afternoon to three courses of Stedman Triples. The deceased leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss, the latter being too unwell to attend the funeral service.—A.S.

PRESENTATION AT LYMINGTON, HANTS.

At the weekly practice on Tuesday week, the Rev. C. T. Carro (curate), on behalf of the St. Thomas' Guild, presented Mr. C. Hughes (a former colleague) with a 14-day marble clock as a wedding gift from the ringers. The clock was suitably inscribed, and to mark the occasion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following, in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, J. Figgures 2, G. Arnold 3, C. Hughes 4, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 5, H. F. Elliott 6, S. Clarke 7, A. Ayles 8.

NOTICES.

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SALOP GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's Tower open during afternoon. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Vestry. Short service 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Church; Preacher, Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea 6 p.m., St. Chad's Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemoor, Shrewsbury.

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.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting to follow. Members are specially invited to turn up.—Frank Causebrook, Honorary Secretary, Towcester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 14th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpitt and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 21st. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 17th.—A King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on Saturday, September 21st. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich; tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m., all members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gas-karth Road, Balham Hill.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 21st, 1912. 3.30, bells available (8); 5.30, service; 6.15, tea at the Swan Hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1/-.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, September 21st; bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 5. Tea and business meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30.—Rev. F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged) and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th, 1912. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting until 9 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea at Coffee Tavern immediately after service, free to members who let Mr. J. C. Tinker know by Wednesday, the 25th inst., of their intention to be present. Bells available afternoon and evening. A peal will be attempted in the morning, starting about eleven o'clock. Members desirous of taking part please let me know by the 23rd, so that a band may be chosen. For other information see circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustus Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at the Parish Church, Preston, on September 28th. Bells available from 3 to 7.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brake leaves Brentwood Station 2.45. Short service at 5. Tea at the Railway Hotel 5.30. Orseth will also be visited. Members requiring a seat in brake, and tea kindly advise me not later than first post Tuesday, 24th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. There will be a short special service in church at 6 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile single fare (maximum 2/-) will be paid to all members attending before the service. Tea can be arranged for any members at 6d. per head who will communicate with Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, not later than Wednesday, September 25th.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1/- each) at 5 o'clock, both in the National Schools. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. John Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, by Thursday, 26th inst.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to those who let me know their intention to be present by September 23rd.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORD.—No more tenders required.

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

Mr. J. H. Blakiston, 1, Willow Dene Terrace, Middlesbrough, writes: "The Parish Church ringers will be pleased to welcome any ringers attending the Church Congress held here in October, and shall be glad to hear from anyone desirous of having a ring."

SITUATION VACANT.

FITTER AND TURNER.—Improver required; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Cyclops," c/o "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

OBITUARY.

WILLSON.—On September 10th, at 1, Ann Street, Leicester, after much suffering, Eliza, the beloved mother of William Willson, and relict of the late William Willson, of Leicester, in the 81st year of her age. "At Rest."

6336 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By Henry Dains.

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Twice repeated.

This composition contains the 30 course ends without the 2nd in 6th's place.

Just on the point of going to press we learn that the tour in progress this week in Somerset and Dorset is proving most successful. Stedman Caters was rung at Wrington on Saturday evening, Superlative at Yatton on Sunday, London at Shepton Mallet and Cambridge at Evercreech on Monday, and Stedman Triples at Sherborne on Tuesday morning. That is a very good start at any rate. The peal at Evercreech was Mr. B. Prewett's 800th!

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held on Saturday last, at Upham. The bells, a light ring of six, were at the disposal of the members during the afternoon, touches in various methods being rung till 5.30, when a most excellent tea was served at the Brush-maker's Arms.—The Rector (the Rev. E. L. H. Few) presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (the hon. general secretary of the Guild), and Mrs. Williams, Mr. G. Chappel (Wickham), and members from Dibden, North Stoucham, Twyford, Curdridge, Owlesbury, and Upham.—The General Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and presiding at the tea, apologised for the absence of Mr. J. W. Elkins, the district secretary, who was detained at the Cathedral.—Regret was also expressed that Southampton and the Cathedral City were unrepresented at this meeting, the weather being all that could be desired.—The Rector, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was always pleased to welcome members of the Guild to ring on his bells, and hoped they would spend a pleasant evening.—After a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, the tower was again visited, and touches in the Standard methods rung.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN DEVONSHIRE.

The Guild assembled at Plymouth on Monday, Sept. 2nd, for its 7th annual ringing week. Grandsire Caters at Charles' Church was the first order; but only nine men had arrived. Prudence suggested Stedman Triples, the bells not going well. But bolder counsels prevailed, and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise by the Guild was scored, this being also the first peal of Cambridge in Devonshire.

Tuesday, at West Teignmouth and Newton Abbott, brought no further success. But Wednesday was a great day. At Thorverton an unsuccessful attempt for Cambridge was followed by courses of Superlative and London; and then came such a lunch at the Dolphin as all who shared it will remember with joy. At 5.30, "go Superlative" was called at East Teignmouth, and a splendid peal was rung, this again being the first in the method by the Guild. We began to think of scoring London also! On Thursday, at St. Marychurch and at Dartmouth peals seemed certain, but a shift-course and a Vicar ("protesting" but not "helpless") intervened.

Then came the great event of the week, a visit to Exeter Cathedral. A good course of Stedman Caters and a touch of Stedman on the Stafford eight were much enjoyed. A peal of Little Bob Royal at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was the first peal of Royal on the bells. Some excitement was provided during this peal by the breaking of a strand of the tenor rope after two hours' ringing; but all's well that ends well.—On Saturday morning we went to Bovey Tracey to ring London. We soon found that we could ring the method but not the bells, owing to some 60 or 70 feet of new and very springy ropes; and four courses brought the ringing to an end. The touring party, which by-the-way, included the Masters or Presidents of six other Guilds, were met at Dartmouth by the President of the Devon Guild. His presence at the Cathedral next morning, and at the end of the peal at St. Sidwell's, was much appreciated.—H. S. T. R.

The above account speaks of a successful week in glorious Devon, but the formal records of the peals had not reached us up to the time of going to press.—Ed.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE RECORD PEAL.

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416253	—	—	—	
413652	—	—	—	
314256	—	—	—	
316452	—	—	—	
312654	—	—	—	

This calling repeated, substituting 4, 5s, 16 for the first courses, produces

215634 4 5 16

514326 — —

516423 — —

613425 — —

316524 — —

314625 — —

413526 — —

416325 — —

Two blocks of 24 courses each as A, with 4, 5s, 16 for the first courses produces 214365

* Obtained by starting with last three changes of a Slow Six and calls at 1, 2, 5, 6, 9s, 10, 13, 16s.

The whole of the calling repeated, with * called 2, 3, 7's, 10, 13, 16's, gives a peal of 22,222 changes. The first half is in the titlums, and the second in the handstroke position, and the course ends of the second half are the same as in the first, except for the reversal of 8—9. The 19,738 was obtained by finishing the calling with the last bob at 4, from which the bells ran round at handstroke at the first change in the next course.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 1st, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Webb 1, G. Ransom 2, T. Crocker 3, T. Beadle 4, F. Skevington 5, J. Lee 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Spencer 1, G. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Dell 4, W. New 5, J. Lee 6, F. Goddard 7, A. Beckensale 8.

HULL, YORKS.—Yorkshire Association.—At All Saints' Church, on August 29th, 489 Grandsire Triples: T. Harrison 1, H. Jenkins 2, F. G. Laverack (Middlesboro') 3, F. Moulson 4, C. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. B. Whitfield 8.—At Holy Trinity Church, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Rodmell 1, T. Whitfield 2, F. G. Laverack 3, J. Highfield 4, A. B. Cook 5, T. Morton 6, C. Jackson (conductor) 7, F. Merrison 8.

ACTON.—On Wednesday, August 28th, 630 Grandsire Triples: *A. E. Smith 1, E. G. Stibbons 2, M. E. G. Mackman 3, H. G. Miles 4, *R. Holloway 5, *W. J. Phillips 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, *J. W. Fruin 8. * Longest length.

EARL SOHAM.—On August 18th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: H. Hall 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, W. E. Maunden (Guildford) 3, Miss M. E. N. Jukes (first 720 Minor) 4, J. W. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: B. Buckle 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, Miss M. E. N. Jukes 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6. Also three 120's Grandsire Doubles: C. Button 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, J. Hall 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. Mallett 5, Miss Jukes 6.

DEBENHAM.—On August 24th, Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire was attempted on these grand bells, but "stand" was called through a shift, after ringing 2600 changes, in 1 hr. 40 mins.: G. Wightman (conductor) 1, P. Laffin 2, W. Wightman 3, W. G. Crickmer 4, Miss M. E. N. Jukes 5, W. Grimes 6, A. S. Wightman 7, G. Rowe, senr., 8.

BEDDINGTON.—The following quarter-peals were rung at St. Mary's:—On Sunday morning, August 11th, 1251 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: F. Holder (conductor) 1, J. Trappitt 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, A. J. Perkins 4, E. L. Miles 5, A. J. Plowman 6, W. S. Smith 7, A. J. Trappitt 8, A. Clayton 9, C. Gordon 10.—On Sunday morning, August 18th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: A. Boxall, junr., 1, A. J. Perkins 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, W. Ives 4, A. J. Plowman 5, E. L. Miles 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, W. S. Smith 8, A. Clayton (conductor) 9, N. Bassett 10.—On Sunday evening, August 25th, 1320 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 55 mins.: J. A. Lambert 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, E. L. Miles 3, A. Clayton 4, Dr. A. B. Carpenter 5, A. Calver 6, A. J. Plowman 7, R. Grimwood 8, T. King 9, W. S. Smith 10.

BRAINTREE.—The Essex Association.—On August 27th, at the Parish Church, 1216 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late M. H. Pryke, a former churchwarden: W. Sadler 1, A. Shuffelebotham 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, P. Holmes 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, W. Grimwade 8.

RUGBY.—On August 26th, in 52 mins., at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes): W. Malins (composer) 1, *H. Argyle 2, J. W. Chandler 3, *E. J. Oliver 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. A. Fenton 6, J. B. Fenton (conductor) 7, J. George 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin Church, on the occasion of the members of the National Reserve, together with the Mayor and Corporation attending morning service, on Sunday, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. F. Gaunlett 1, H. Springate (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, J. Hunt 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, Corpl. J. Bennett 6, S. Shellock 7, G. Lawrence 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Stephen's Church, on August 20th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost at half-way, after an hour and a half's ringing, on account of a shift course: C. R. Walker 1, F. Messenger 2, G. Clark 3, S. Eeles 4, A. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, N. Spindlow 7, J. Tanner 8.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of St. Peter-the-Great, on August 27th, an attempt for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was unsuccessful, being lost at the fourth part end (3360 changes), owing to a shift course: R. Keen 1, J. Monk 2, H. Hollis 3, A. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, N. Spindlow (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

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