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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS, GILLET & 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.

PEAL RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

Another letter on the subject of "Ringing and the Public" appears in another column, and the writer on this occasion takes the opportunity of ventilating a grievance as well as of appealing for consideration for those who live within the sound of the bells. Without going into the question of the complaint which he makes against some ringer unnamed, there are two points in the letter which call for comment. In our love and enthusiasm for the Art we must not be blind to the feelings of others, particularly when it comes to a question of indulging, for our own pleasure, in something that may give others annoyance, but do not let us get a distorted view of things.

Our correspondent says "we ringers are to a very great extent a nuisance to the public, and judging by the peal records, an increasing nuisance, and unless we show people a little more consideration we shall, in my opinion, be faced with a determined opposition brought about by the craze for ringing peals." Of course consideration must be shown to the public, but has not our correspondent taken a rather exaggerated view of the state of affairs? It is quite true that peals are being rung in increasing number—nearly every year sees a fresh record made in this respect—but this does not necessarily show that the public are receiving less of that consideration which, we believe, ringers are ever ready to show. Our view is that the increase in peal ringing is due to the much larger number of rings of bells now in pealable condition, coupled, of course, with the rapid extension of the Art, and the ever improving facilities of transit. A careful analysis, we believe, would show that the number of towers in which peals are rung is now greater in proportion to the actual peals than ever it was, a fact which would show that, speaking generally, individual districts get less peal ringing now than was once the case. Moreover, the growing "craze," as our correspondent describes it, does not necessarily mean more annoyance to the public. Take last year as an example. Although the total number of peals was 14 more than in 1910, the number of peals on tower bells was 49 less. All of which goes to prove that the public is not being treated with less consideration than heretofore.

One other point in the letter is worthy of note, and that is the suggestion, that associations should have powers to restrain their members from attempting peals under certain circumstances. Well, they have not yet the control over their members and the towers as, for instance, the Football Association has over players and grounds, and it is much easier to talk of restraint than to apply it. In the present state of organisation such powers, even if they were necessary, would be absolutely valueless.

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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 BELRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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Kindly ask us to Inspect, Report and Tender before deciding your Contract,— we may be able to assist you.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

OXFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (COLLEGE) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES ;

Tenor 32 cwt., in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 9
FRANCIS E. DAWE 4	ALFRED B. PECK 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
FREDERICK J. HARDY 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

The band wish to tender their best thanks to the Dean for so readily granting permission ; and also to the head verger (Mr. Francis) for his kindness and attention in having everything ready for the visitors.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5018 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
FRED G. MAY 2	FREDK. W. WADE 7
WILLIAM STOWELL 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
CHARLES PERRY 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALFRED E. REEVES 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by G. MILEHAM, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Arranged for J. H. B. Hesse.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANCES ;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS 6
EDWIN HORREX 2	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
EDWIN GIBBS 3	JAMES E. DAVIES 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	EMMANUEL HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late William P. Cooter and Matthew A. Wood.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 5075 CHANCES ;

HARRY SMITH Treble	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. 6
SAMUEL PEARCE 2	HARRY GOODMAN 7
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. 5	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor

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

This is supposed to be the first peal of Grandsire Caters in which the ringers are all members of the C.E.M.S., and was rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, on the 20th anniversary of his induction as Vicar of Dudley. Messrs. W. R. Small, H. Smith and A. Rowley belong to Tipton Parish Church C.E.M.S., B. Gough and S. Pearce to Coseley Parish Church C.E.M.S., and the rest to Dudley Parish Church C.E.M.S.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

WILLIAM MESSAM Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	ERNEST C. BONIFACE 6
JOHN WYATT 3	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by A. DEAN.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

RICHARD LYNCH Treble	ROBERT TAIT 5
EDWARD LUTMAN 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
CHRISTOPHER MURRAY 3	*GEORGE F. WILMOT 7
WILLIAM E. LYNCH 4	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THOMAS FORD, Senr. Treble	THOMAS FORD, Junr. 5
ARTHUR LFERED 2	CLEMENT MORE 6
CHARLES MILLS 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
JOHN SMITH 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

The peal was rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR EDGERTON Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JAMES JONES 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6
THOMAS HORTON 3	FRANK BURLEIGH 7
WILLIAM H. JONES 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a farewell to the conductor who is shortly sailing for Australia, and who rang his first peal at the above church on the same bell.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH WOODS Treble	HENRY FYLES 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
GEORGE WOODHALL 3	*THOMAS R. STORER 7
SYDNEY F. BARNES 4	EDWIN BREEZE Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.	
ARTHUR CRAVEN Treble	SAMUEL SMEDLEY, Senr. ... 5
LEWIS G. PALMER 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
JOHN WORTHINGTON 3	JOHN R. BROOKS 7
F. E. PARSONS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. John Worthington, who is shortly returning to America, and also in honour of the eleventh anniversary of his wedding. J. Flint hails from Bolsover.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM COLEY Treble	HARRY LEA 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	WILLIAM H. WEBB 6
VICTOR WHITE 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
*EDWARD BACHE 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Somers, who have been prominent members of this church for a great number of years.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.	
FRANK BENNETT Tenor	GEORGE HUXLEY 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE 6
*SPENSER MARSHALL 3	GEORGE DURLING 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	ALFRED JAMES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.	
GEORGE DAWSON Treble	HENRY GEORGE 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FREDK. W. HILL 6
JAMES PAGETT 3	WILLIAM C. PILCHER ... 7
JOHN FLOWER 4	ALEX. HUTCHISON Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY, and
Conducted by FREDK. W. HILL.

The quickest peal of Major on the bells. It was George Dawson's 95th peal, and the first he had rung away from his own tower (Duffield) where he had previously rung 94 peals.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
ERNEST BRETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
*BERTRAM PREWETT 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
*HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method by the Association.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs.	
*ALBERT CRYER Treble	*HORACE MORLEY 5
*GEORGE MORLEY 2	FREDERICK CRYER 6
CHARLES JACKSON 3	*HENRY FAIRLAM 7
*JAMES JACKSON 4	THOMAS STRUDWICK ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

* First peal. This composition, from "Grandsire," page 205, is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of the dedication of the new South Transept, by His Grace the Archbishop of York. The new wing, with its beautiful stained glass window, which cost about £10,000, is the gift of Mr. Wm. Liversidge, a native of Selby.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 25 cwt.	
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2	*ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
FREDERICK G. TEGG 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung on the 76th birthday of Mrs. Pye, mother of the conductor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM C. MINCHIN ... Treble	*VICTOR R. WILLIAMS ... 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	CHARLES E. BARILETT ... 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	WILFRED G. COOK Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal for the conductor (F. J. Lewis), who was married to Miss Margaret Little, at the Parish Church, on February 15th, a peal on that day being unfortunately lost.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

SIX-PART No. II.	
ERNEST CARTER Treble	JAMES ELDERFIELD 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
GEORGE ALLDER 3	GEORGE BASDEN 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	WALTER E. HARRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

Rung on the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the two treble bells. Mr. Harris was elected a member of the above Guild before starting.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs.	
GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE MOY 5
GEORGE SOAME 2	FRANK COPEMAN 6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL 3	FRED J. HOWCHIN 7
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE CROSS.

Rung as a compliment to F. Copeman on his 19th birthday.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S ONE-PART, No. 12. Tenor 11½ cwt., in F.

HENRY F. COOPER Treble	*PERCY LETCH 5
HENRY HEAD 2	ARTHUR HEAD 6
ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ... 3	HARRY MOORE 7
ARTHUR EDWARDS 4	†JAMES WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

3 * First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID COTTON Treble	WALTER CANNER 5
JOHN HOUGH 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 6
WALTER HAIR 3	WM. W. WORTHINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4	REUBEN STEVENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal of Triples as conductor. The peal was rung on Michaelmas Eve.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	GEORGE GATLAND 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS ... 6
HENRY STALHAM 3	KEITH HART 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP 4	BERT CHALLENGE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HERNHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD TRENDALL 2	WILLIAM HEWETT 6
HAROLD BURTON 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... 6
*GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM SAWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN WYATT Treble	ALBERT N. SELBY 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS ... 6
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR AINGE Treble	JAMES COTTERELL 5
*FRANK R. CUNDALE 2	JOHN MCKELL 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 7
JAMES R. KEMP 4	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich in the City of Bradford. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Naylor to Miss Margaret Oates, of Lightcliffe, the ringers wishing them health and happiness; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Rung on the eve of St. Michael's day.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... 5
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	SAMUEL WATKINSON ... 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
EDWARD ARMSTRONG 4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th. Also first peal of Stedman on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT Treble	WALTER S. INWOOD ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
HENRY WAITE 3	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 7
ERNEST PYE 4	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., a vice-president of the Association.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM HAYS Treble	*BERT PERRITT 5
FRED STUBBS 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6
*THOMAS JERVIS 3	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... 7
JAMES NICKERSON 4	FRANK KIRK Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of St. Michael and All Angels' Day.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
REGINALD BROUGH 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

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

ROWLEY REGIS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PEART Treble	THOMAS TAYLOR 5
FREDERICK BENDALL 2	WILLIAM COOPER 6
GEORGE GRIFFITHS 3	ALBERT MILLS 7
STANFORD WOODHALL 4	ELIJAH PAGETT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

The above are all ringers at All Saints, West Bromwich, and wish to thank the Vicar of Rowley for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. Homer and G. H. Detheridge for making the necessary arrangements. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Peart, the band wishing him "many happy returns."

SELLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt., in A flat.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
WILLIAM HEWETT 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 3	*CHARLES W. BRETT 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method. This peal was rung, by special permission of the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANCES;

GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HORACE HOWELL Treble	JOHN E. EATON 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	WALTER PIGOTT 6
*J. HERBERT BENFIELD 3	†GEORGE PIGOTT 7
JOHN BASS 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal inside. † First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.:—i Cambridge Surprise, ii Double and Single Court, iii Double and Single Bob, iv Double and Single Oxford, v S. Clement's, vi Oxford Treble Bob, vii Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
HERBERT HURDMAN 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 3	DAVID COTTON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal in ten methods on the bells, and by the ringers of 2, 4, 5, 6.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS Treble	FRED BRACE 4
*CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	CHARLES F. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in seven methods on a bob bell.

COLSTERWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Single Court and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR Treble	*J. FRANK PROCTOR 4
HARRY THORPE 2	DAVID B. OVERTON 5
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Minor.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE WHIFFEN Treble	JAMES FRENCH 4
FRANK CLAYDEN 2	ERNEST RIDGWELL 5
†JOHN TURNER 3	JAMES FLEUTY Tenor

Conducted by E. RIDGWELL.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. J. Fleuty has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

SWAINBY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER J. WATSON ... Treble	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 4
JOHN APPLETON 2	FREDERICK BARKER 5
JOHN T. GRAVES, JUNR. 3	EDMUND MILBURN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM FISHER Treble	ALFRED CROUCHER 4
†GEORGE FISHER 2	ERNEST NEWELL 5
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal upon the bells.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores.

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

*GEORGE W. GREENING ... Treble	T. HERVEY BEAMS 4
WILLIAM OATES 2	W. S. B. NORTHOVER 5
W. J. ZEALLEY 3	*FREDERICK DENNETT Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Fry, through whose liberality it was made possible recently to have the bells overhauled and put in a ringable condition.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

SAMUEL STUBBINGS Treble	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 4
GEORGE D. COLEMAN 2	WILLIAM COMPTON 5
ALFRED BAILEY 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLONE ... Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON ... 4
PERCY J. COOKE 2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... 5
WILLIAM STAPLETON 3	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells.

ST. DECUMAN'S, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being Forty-two Six-Scores. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD PROLE Treble	ROBERT W. HENSLEY ... 4
FREDERICK SULLY 2	WILLIAM BENNETT 5
EDWARD THOMAS 3	WALTER J. PROLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

First peal by all except ringers of treble and fifth.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY JEWISS Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
FREDERICK G. MACEY 2	THOMAS JULL 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung for morning service at the Harvest Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT 120, CROYLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

WILBY J. HAZELL 1—2	CHARLES H. HORTON ... 5—6
JOHN THOMAS 3—4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: MR. F. CONN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Horton. It was his first peal of Triples on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

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

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: S. RADFORD and T. W. RADFORD.

This composition has all the 6,7's at back stroke. For calling see "Stedman," page 64.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN THORPE 1—2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN 3—4	*WILLIAM E. UNSTEAD ... 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: R. W. COLLIER.

* First peal.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
97, EDEN BRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

WILBY J. HAZELL 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7—8

JAMES PARKER 9—10

Composed by F. G. MAY, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT 16, WELLESLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM ROUGHTON ... 1—2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 5—6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3—4	FRANK T. MARTIN 7—8

CHARLES N. LEMAN 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK DEWELL 1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5—6
HARRY A. TURNER 3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT 7—8

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: WILLIAM KEMP.

This peal was rung to replace a peal rang by the same band on August 28th, 1911, which was afterwards proved to be false in several places, Mr. F. Dench having published the composition in 1897 as a 5,056 of Brighton Treble Bob and not intending it for Kent.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM W. KEMP 1—2	HARRY A. TURNER ... 5—6
FREDERICK DEWELL 3—4	JOHN SPARROW 7—8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.

Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

* First peal double-handed and first attempt.

The umpire to the peal of Triples rang at Leytonstone on September 4th was Mr. J. Parker.

The peal rung at Maldon, Essex, on Sept. 21st, and credited to the Ely Association, was rung for the Essex Association.

The conductor of the peal at Llangibby, on Sept. 14th, was Walte Large and not George Large.

SALOP GUILD'S ANNUAL MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

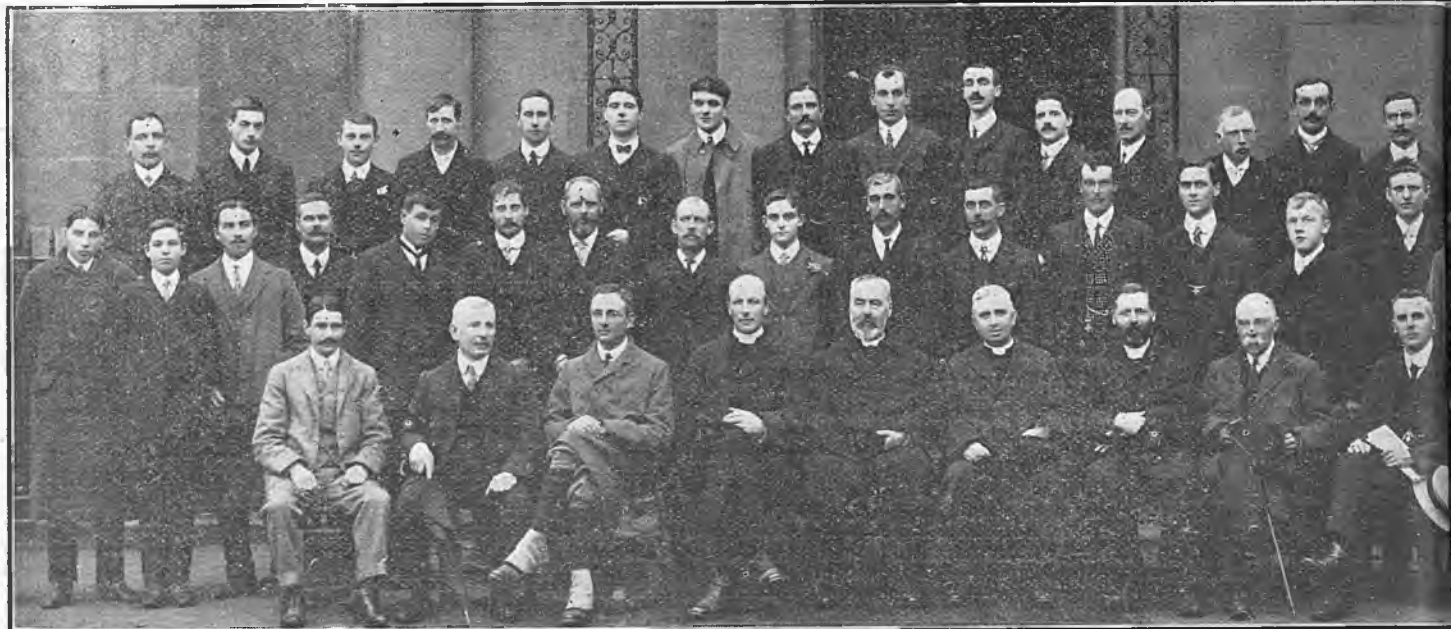


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SALISBURY GUILD.

BAD GOING BELLS RENDER CHANGE RINGING DIFFICULT.

A successful meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Marlborough last Saturday. Some of the ringers visited Overton, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round, but an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Minor failed through the breaking of the fifth rope. A return was then made to Marlborough, where ringing had been taking place at St. Mary's Church, at which, also, the Guild service was held.—Tea was afterwards provided at the Angel Temperance Hotel, and at the subsequent business meeting, presided over by the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, the Secretary (Mr. J. Butler) explained that he had been unable to get the names of the ten Wootton Bassett ringers whose election had to be confirmed. They were, therefore, elected in a body.—After tea, the towers of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Presbute Churches were visited, and the bells kept going until late in the evening. Touches in various methods were brought home, but, owing to the bad "go" of the bells in this district, very little change ringing could be done.

PAINSWICK FEAST.

On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for the celebrated Painswick Feast, a large number of ringers visited Painswick, from Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol, Newport, Wootton-under-Edge, Upton St. Leonard's, Barnwood, and Witcombe, and with the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, rang some good touches on the famous Painswick bells. For Divine service at 9.15 a.m., the touches included Grandsire Triples and Caters; for the 11 a.m. service, a good touch of Grandsire Cinques; for the "clipping" service, several touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Cinques; and for the evening service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and a course each of Bob Royal and Grandsire Cinques. All the visitors appreciated the excellent "go" and tone of the bells. The various touches were conducted by Messrs. Albert Wright, John Austin and William Hale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday last at All Souls' Church, Bolton. Members were present from Newchurch, Walkden, and Deane, with some of the local company. Good touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung, and it was proposed that the next meeting be held at St. Saviour's Church.

LEEDS SOCIETY'S MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Gargrave, Halifax, Hunslet, Holbeck, Mirfield, Pudsey, Queensbury, Shipley, Wakefield, and the local band. A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, recorded elsewhere, was rung in the afternoon, and touches in other methods were rung in the evening.

The business meeting was held at the Bolton Hotel, with the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) in the chair.—After formal business had been transacted, Messrs. T. R. Hensher, J. McKell, J. R. Kemp and J. W. Wright were elected members of the society.—The next meeting is on October 19th, at Headingley St. Chad's, and names were given in for a peal on that day, the final arrangements being left to the secretary.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed, and Mr. J. McKell seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Bolton for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making the arrangements.—Mr. A. Gill responded.—Touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung on handbells during the evening.

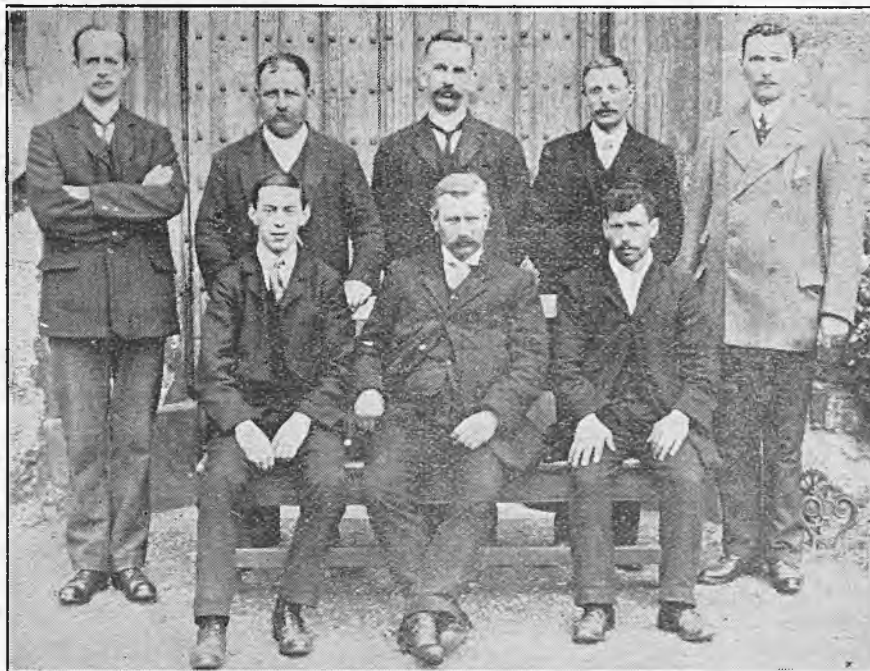
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A SUGGESTION TO ALLESLEY CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

A monthly meeting was held at Allesley, near Coventry, last Saturday, about twenty-five members attending from Rugby, Coventry, Nuneaton, Sutton Coldfield, Allesley and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a light and musical ring of six, and go well, but they are rather noisy in the tower, and an additional floor in between the bells and the ringing chamber would undoubtedly be a great advantage. Some good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, and touches were brought round in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob Minor.—The Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Bree) very kindly entertained the company to tea, but unfortunately could not be present at the meal. The Rev. T. Mirams, however, looked in as his representative, and acknowledged the vote of thanks proposed by the hon. secretary to the Rector for his hospitality and welcome to the Guild. The Rector himself favoured the visitors with his presence later.—After tea various touches were indulged in on the handbells.—Seven new members were elected at this meeting.

PETTISTREE.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evensong, 360 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Cooper 1, W. Reeve 2, R. Miles 3, E. Butler 4, C. Fisher (conductor) 5, D. Leggett 6.

THE "ARTHUR" PEAL BAND.



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THE LINCOLN GUILD.

THE DEAN AMONG THE RINGERS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday last, 43 members and friends being present, representing 15 towers. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, Canon Standen (Vicar) and the Revs. Letts and Whitehead (curates) taking part, the last-named giving a most excellent and instructive address from the words of Psalm cl, 1.

Tea took place at the Coffee Palace, the President of the Guild (the Very Rev. Dean Fry) presiding, supported by Canon Standen, the Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln), the Rev. Whitehead (Gainsboro'), Mr. F. F. Linley (President of the Northern Branch), etc.

Mr. Linley expressed the pleasure it gave the members, and especially those belonging to Gainsborough, in having the Dean among them, proving that he was not merely a figure-head, but one who was taking a very lively interest in their work.

The Dean, who, on rising, had a most enthusiastic reception, said that his interest in the Association had not in the least abated, and considering the interest that had been shown in the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, was not likely to do so. He thanked the ringers, on behalf of the Bishop and himself, for the services rendered to the various churches by the ringing of the bells for calling congregations together.

The Dean having to leave the meeting at this juncture, Mr. F. F. Linley took the chair.—The Rev. R. Bond proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild of Ringers, who had so excellently entertained the members to tea, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit them again, it being the town wherein he held his first curacy, and where he was taught the art of change ringing. He wished the ringers' Guild prosperity and happiness, and extended a hearty welcome to the members of the North Notts Association who had paid them a visit that day.—Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon Standen) for kindly granting the use of the bells and for arranging the service, to the Rev. Whitehead for his excellent address, and to the choir boys and organist for their valuable assistance.—Mr. J. C. Tinker proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, and this concluded the business, after which the ringers wended their way back to the church, where the bells were soon busy.—The following methods were rung during the day: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Major, Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, also touches upon the handbells.

NEW RING OF SIX FOR MAULDEN, BEDS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF ELY.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24th, the pretty village of Maulden, near Ampthill, was visited by the Bishop of Ely for the purpose of dedication of a new ring of six bells. They were formally a peal of five, and the three old trebles have been recast and a new treble added, the result being a very handy peal of six, hung with entirely new fittings and framework by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The work has been carried out in the most efficient manner, and reflects great credit upon the firm. The weight of the bells are as follows Treble, 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.; 3rd, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.; 4th, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb.; 5th, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.; tenor (note G), 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. A new clock was also dedicated. This shows time on one large dial, and plays the Westminster chimes, and was erected by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby.

The service began with the hymn, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving," sung as a processional. The Bishop of Ely was attended by his chaplain (the Rev. Mowbray Smith), the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. H. Spokes, Barton), the Rev. H. B. Brown, the Rev. T. F. F. Williams, of Silsoe, and the Rev. R. C. Cory, of Higham Gobion. The following clergy were also present in their robes: The Revs. R. C. Whitworth (Wilstead), B. L. Postgate (Shillington), W. S. May (Ampthill), A. Crean (Flitton), T. Collinson (Gravenhurst), A. J. Foster (Wootton), and A. E. Lloyd (Campton). The Rector (the Rev. Cecil Bromley) was unable to be present owing to illness.

After the anthem, the Bishop, attended by his chaplain, the Rural Dean, the Rev. H. B. Brown, and the Rev. R. C. Cory, proceeded to the entrance of the belfry, where his lordship offered the formal prayer of dedication. After a special prayer the bells rang out a merry peal, and were then lowered. Miss Moore, of Maulden Cottage, the oldest Churchwoman in the parish, being 85 years of age, loosened the cord which set the clock in motion.

The Bishop then ascended the pulpit, where he preached from the text, "Wist ye not that I must be in My Father's house."—After service, peals were rung on the bells by the following members of the Beds Association: The Rev. W. W. C. Baker (President), Dunstable; the Rev. A. Rust (general secretary), Husbome Crawley; Messrs. A. King (district secretary, Luton district), J. Simms, H. Shepherd and H. Smith.

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This bell was recast, and the peal of twelve rehung by us in September last. Since then the following peals have been rung on the bells:—

Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surorise 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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ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The peal of Norfolk Surprise rung by the St. John's, Waterloo Road, band last Wednesday week is of more than passing interest. The band have now rung four peals in the method in four attempts. Three of these were the first in the method by three of the leading associations, viz., Kent, Norwich and Middlesex, and the fourth was the first in the county from which the method takes its name. The others include also the first peals in London and in Kent.

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Mr. George Dawson, of Duffield, has achieved a remarkable record. Although he rang his first peal as long ago as 1884—the "first peal on the bells, and the first by all the band" at Duffield, conducted by Sir Arthur (then Mr.) Heywood—he waited until last week before ringing his first peal away from his own tower. In the meantime he had scored 94 peals, and is now in his 63rd year.

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To a correspondent: Mr. Sydney F. Barnes, who recently took part in a peal at Oxton, Cheshire, is not the famous Staffordshire cricketer. Famous cricketers who are also members of the Exercise are very few, but one recalls the fact that the great Australian, M. A. Noble, was once, if not at present, a devotee of our Art, and during one of his tours in England visited and rang in a number of towers.

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The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, are making progress, and have scored a 672 of Grandsire Triples and a quarter-peal. The former was rung for morning service on Sunday, August 4th, and the latter for morning service on August 11th, the band on each occasion being J. F. Colegrove 1, N. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. W. Barringer 8. This looks promising, and we hope we may soon record a peal.

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In his letter, which we briefly mentioned last week, relating to the first peal of Stedman at Willenhall on August 14th, 1880, Mr. William Rock Small recalls two amusing incidents in connection with the performance. He writes: While ringing the peal the band was much annoyed by the choir boys, who had come to a practice, and continually shouted "bob" after the conductor made a call. When they at length desisted, a policeman came into the tower, walked round and took stock of the ringers. The conductor (Mr. Hallsworth) asked him to go down, and eventually he did so. . . . Despite these disturbing incidents a good peal was rung.

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The Rev. Maitland Kelly writes: In the report of the handbell peal rung at Plymouth on September 14th it is stated that Miss Parker is the first lady to ring an inside pair to Major, and the first to ring a peal in the Devonshire Guild. The latter sentence is correct as regards handbells, but not as to tower bells, for Miss Elliot, of Tiverton, about two years ago rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Peter's, Tiverton, so to her belongs the credit of being the first lady to ring a peal for the Devonshire Guild.

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The Mr. Frank Bennett, to whom a farewell peal, prior

to his sailing for Australia, was rung last week at Oldbury, must not be confused with the popular and energetic secretary of the Cumberlands. The Oldbury ringer will depart with the best of good wishes from a large circle of friends.

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Mr. G. Naylor, until recently honorary secretary of the Halifax Association, has joined the ranks of the benedicts. Congratulations!

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A C.E.M.S. peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Dudley on Saturday, and is believed to be the first time a ten-bell peal has been rung in which all those taking part are members of this rapidly growing society of Churchmen.

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All the bells but the tenor in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Helmingham, Suffolk, on Saturday, were rung by Wightmans. Are they intent on rivalling the performance of the Bailey family? When, by the way, is the next peal to be rung by the Leiston brothers?

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The ring of five bells of Marston Bigott, near Frome, Somerset, are to be retuned and rehung in a new steel frame complete, with all the most modern fittings, and a new treble added. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry.

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Our inquiry as to the oldest man to ring a 5000 brings a reply from Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, who writes that on Monday, October 25th, 1813, at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds, Kent, the Leeds Youths, "to exercise five young hands," rang a complete peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes. James Barham (age 88 years) treble, Richard Gibbons 2, Thomas Bigg, senr., 3, William Holland 4, James Bolden 5, James Holland 6, Thomas Bigg, junr., 7, Thomas Cook, tenor. Conducted by T. Bigg, junr. We hope Mr. Gosling, of Mansfield, who, at the age of 85, has just rung a peal of Treble Bob, may be spared to eclipse this record of a wonderful old ringer.

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Is there a band that can beat the record of the company at Wool? They have rung regularly four times every Sunday for the last five years.

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Our reference, in a recent number, to the peal recorded on a jug at Barnsley has brought us information of another such record at Chesterfield, where, we are told, in a hotel near the church is a jug recording a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Caters.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, CRAYFORD.

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Eleven times repeated, with S for B in fifth course of the 6th and 12th parts. Reduced to 5088 by calling the third course of first part S 3rds, S 5ths, which cuts out five courses and produces the part end. This peal has 4, 5 and 6 their extent in sixths. First rung at Crayford as 5088, Sept. 28th, 1912, conducted by the composer.

"THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING."

To the Editor.

Sir,—It certainly would appear, after reading the Rev. Boughey's letter in your issue of Sept. 6th, that the eight hours' ringing at Cambridge could not have annoyed anyone. But those who have the pleasure of knowing the reverend gentleman will agree with me in saying that it would be impossible to refuse a request made by him or complain of any action of his, so genial is his manner to all. But apart from this there can be no doubt that we ringers are to a very great extent a nuisance to the public, and judging by the peal records, an increasing nuisance, and unless we show people a little more consideration we shall, in my opinion, be faced with a determined opposition, brought about by the craze for ringing peals. That it is a craze, which can be as baneful in its effects on the Exercise, as it is frequently an annoyance to the public, the following incident will show. An unsuccessful attempt, by a mixed band, was made for a peal at Acton on Sept. 18th. Permission for this was absent-mindedly given by the Rector, who had overlooked his promise that the tower should not be open for peal ringing until the local band, which was formed early in the year, had attained a fair degree of efficiency. This arrangement will be quite intelligible to those who know the position of Acton Church, situated as it is adjacent to a busy and populous neighbourhood. Also the only evening in the week on which a peal can be attempted is Wednesday, the half-holiday and practice night of the local band. This arrangement was well known to the applicant for the bells, but an appeal to him was of no avail, though it was pointed out that his attempt for a peal would be depriving a band of learners of their much-needed practice, many of the practices having been lost during the year mainly owing to the position of the Church. I can only hope that the other members of the band, some of whose records stand foremost in the Exercise, were not aware of this. If towers are obtained for peals with such scant consideration for the local band, the sooner the compilation of peal averages, and incidentally the Warner cup, are abolished the better. The secretary of the local Association, under which the peal, if successful, would have presumably been published, has no powers to deal with such a case, as there does not appear to be any regulation in existence to deal with ringers whose enthusiasm for their own personal powers makes them both a nuisance to the public and their fellow ringers. It would appear necessary to have powers of restraint as well as means of promulgation included in the rules of the various ringing organisations.

J. R. MACKMAN.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DIVISION PROPOSE TO MEET IN A SUSSEX TOWER.

The Ashford Division of the Kent Association held a meeting at Appledore on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt). The attendance numbered nearly thirty, the towers represented, in addition to the local one, being: Ashford, Brabourne, Hythe, New Romney, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. A service, conducted by the Vicar, was held, Miss Avery kindly presiding at the organ. A meat tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. B. Anderson, of New Romney. Subsequently the Vicar arrived to preside at the business meeting. Wye was selected as the place for the meeting in February next, and on that occasion the usual travelling expenses will be allowed.—A rather lengthy discussion took place regarding the place for the meeting in May. Many of the members seemed to be extremely anxious to hold a meeting at Rye, a tower in Sussex, and on the borders of Kent. Whether this is wise or not remains to be seen, and whether it will be held depends on the action of the committee. There are forty towers in the Ashford Division, of which only about half belong to the Association, so there is still a good deal of spade work necessary to cultivate change ringing in unattached towers. On the face of those conditions, therefore, it seems that the best course would be to make Rye an extra meeting. Then there is the Sussex Association, to which Rye is affiliated, to be taken into account, and Mr. A. R. Manning, who was the proposer of the resolution, suggested that the meeting should take the form of a combined assembly of the two Associations, subject to the consent of the committee.—Mr. T. A. Vincett seconded, and this was carried.—Probably the meeting, if it takes place, will be the largest ever known in the ancient town, and the writer, who is closely associated with the borough, hopes to see well over a hundred in attendance. It is to be hoped the Kent Committee will view the matter favourably, and Sussex would probably do the same when approached.

The question of the opening of Saltwood bells was next discussed.—On the proposition of Mr. A. R. Manning, seconded by Mr. G. B. Anderson, it was decided to write to the general secretary to ascertain if the Association's services would be needed for the opening ceremony, and it was decided, if they are, that the arrangements be left in the hands of the district secretary.

On the proposition of Mr. G. B. Anderson, seconded by Mr. S. A. Gower, the Vicar was heartily thanked for the use of the bells, the service, and for presiding.

The Chairman, in response, said he looked upon it as a privilege and

pleasure to be connected with an Association of their kind, and especially so, because he was connected with a church with a good peal of bells and a set of bell ringers, who took a great interest in bell ringing. It was a very great pleasure to his bell ringers to welcome members from other churches, and a special pleasure to him to preside, as there were not only parishes in his deanery represented, but delegates from Hythe, a church he was connected with for 18 months. He had not seen them since he left that parish, and would like to say how much he welcomed them as well as others. He hoped the associations and guilds throughout the country would live long and prosper.

Subsequently the tower was again visited, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

On Saturday, at Cookham, Berks, a meeting took place for combined practice, about 20 members being present, representing Burnham, Chalfort St. Peter, Cookham, Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Maidenhead, Old Windsor, and Stoke Poges. Several 360's of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in which Miss Ellis, of Halesworth, took part, and 120 of Stedman Doubles, to which Mr. E. Keeley, of Cookham, rang the tenor. Mr. Keeley is one of the Guild's oldest members. The local ringers rang the bells in rounds.

The monthly combined practice for the Sonning branch was held on Saturday, at Arborfield. The number of members present was rather below the average, viz.: Binfield (3), Hurst (2), Sandhurst (1), East-hampstead (1), and the local band (5). Some good touches of Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also Grandsire Triples on handbells.

RINGERS' LAST TRIBUTE.

On Saturday, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, at the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, as a token of respect to the late Ex-P.C. Thomas Hickmore, City of London Police. The deceased, who was held in the highest esteem as a Church worker, passed away recently, after a long and painful illness.

The ringing was done by the following: A. Riley 1, C. H. Hughes 2, R. W. Green 3, H. S. Ellis 4, T. Walker 5, J. Cornford 6, B. Horton 7, F. A. Nunn 8. Afterwards three courses of Stedman Triples were rung by the following: T. Walker 1, C. H. Hughes 2, H. Gowllett 3, H. S. Ellis (conductor) 4, R. W. Green 5, B. Horton 6, J. Cornford 7, F. A. Nunn 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, A. Riley ringing the treble.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SIX-BELL RINGERS' PROGRESS.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bolsover on Saturday last, and proved very enjoyable and successful. Representatives were present from Alfreton, Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Darley Dale, Derby, Ilkeston, Loughborough, North Wingfield, Nottingham, Ripley, Palterton, Sandiacre, and Sheffield, in addition to the local ringers, and some very good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol and London Surprise being amongst the methods rung.

Tea was served in the National Schools. Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president) took the chair at the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Rev. Webb-Peploe (Vicar of Bolsover), the Rev. S. M. Wheeler (curate), the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Knights, Mr. John Flint, and others. Mrs. J. W. Taylor and several other ladies were also present.—Eight new ringing members were elected.

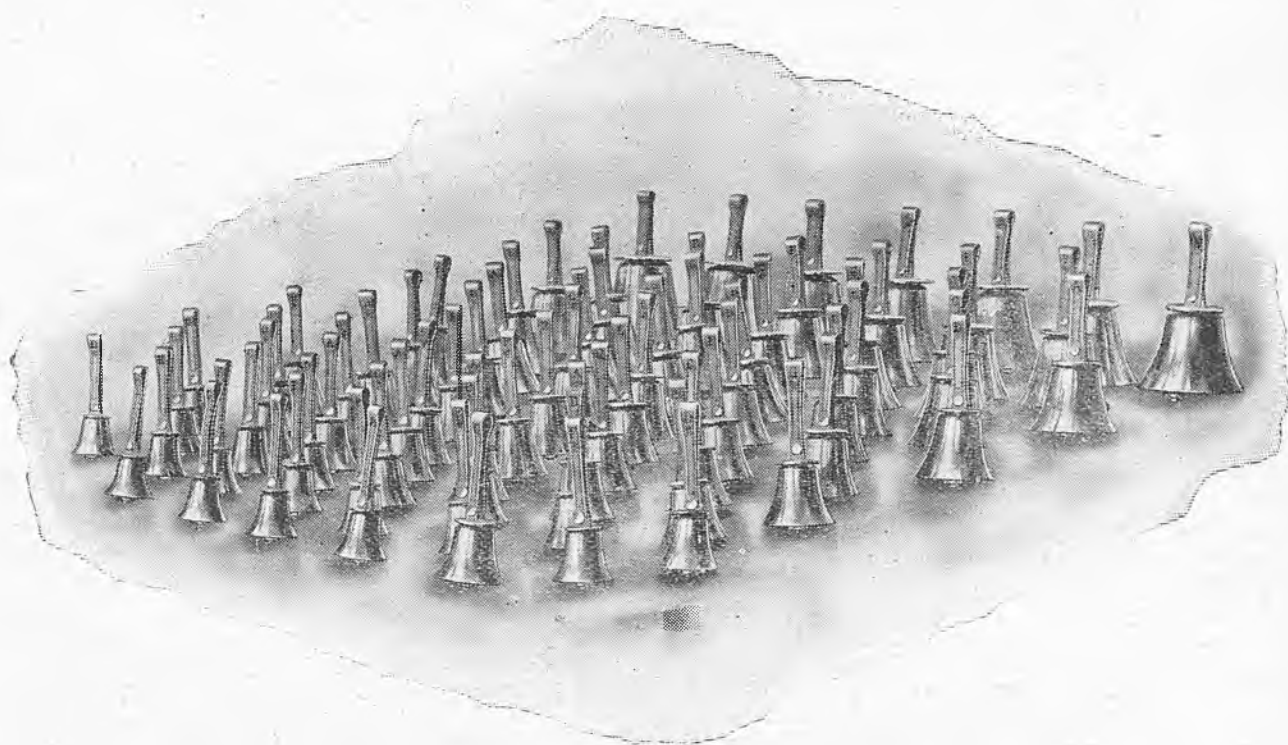
The Chairman, in the course of his remarks on the work done during the past quarter, drew special attention to the great increase in the number of peals rung on six bells, and also to the higher standard of the methods rung. Eleven of these peals had been rung during the past quarter, eight of which were 5040's in seven methods, and one a 5040 in ten methods. He also noticed the first peal of Stedman Triples in the county of Rutland, which had been rung at Oakham, and a peal of Grandsire Caters, the first on handbells in the town of Derby.

The Vicar, replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and schoolroom, said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Bolsover, and hoped to have the pleasure again in the near future.—Thanks were also passed to the local men for making the arrangements for the day, and to Mr. Taylor for presiding. This terminated the meeting, and a move was made to the tower, where ringing was continued until time compelled the visitors to seek their trains for home.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Wakefield, Yorks, on Tuesday, Sept. 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. Scott (a member of the local band) to Miss A. Morris, the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: W. Peaker 1, G. Hinsley 2, J. Moorhouse 3, J. W. Moorhouse (composer and conductor) 4, T. L. Moorhouse 5, J. Thos. Eason 6, T. R. Hensher 7, F. Cockell 8. The composition contains twelve each of the 74's, 46's and 67's.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 o'clock.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Members please note that the next meeting will be held at Preston on October 5th. Bells available from 3 to 7.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourn on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.30. Brake will leave High Level Station, Wolverhampton, at 2.45, return fare 1s. 3d.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, October 5th, service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rector in the schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) and also Clent (8) available at 3 p.m. Motor 'bus leaves Stourbridge Town Station (not Hagley) at 3.15 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. for Belbroughton.—E. J. Dowler, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Honorary Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, October 5th, at 4 p.m.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Church Room at 5 p.m. Service at 6. West Tarring bells will also be available in the evening.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea 5.30, at the Angel and Harp. Will those intending being present kindly send notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Cottenham, on Saturday, October 12th. Short service at 5 o'clock, tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president to be sent to the branch secretary not later than October 11th. A good attendance of ringers is requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Halifax on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Tenor 11 cwt. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea 6d. each to all visitors ordering same from me by October 7th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry, G.N.R.) on Saturday, October 12th. Tea 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, at the White Horse Inn. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. S. W. Law, Misson, Bawtry, by Wednesday, October 9th.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at "Ye Olde Gate" at 5.30 p.m., 1s. per head, followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Through the kindness of the Rector tea will be provided for all members notifying me not later than Tuesday, October 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares to two shillings paid.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Strensham on Saturday, October 12th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for all those sending in their names to me by the Wednesday previous. Defford Station $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Salehurst (Robertsbridge Station) on October 12th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to members.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The meeting at Dore is POSTPONED till Saturday, October 12th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society. Established 1824).—A quarterly general business meeting of the association will be held at

the headquarters room, the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., on Monday, October 14th, at 8.30 p.m. The annual concert will be held Saturday, October 26th.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's Hackney, on October 15th and 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at four o'clock. Tea at the King of Denmark at 6 o'clock. There will also be a practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, October 12th, from 3 to 5 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, October 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Honorary Secretary, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

X. Y. Z.—The methods you name are not double methods.

A double method is one in which half the plain course work of the bells in one direction is exactly repeated in the opposite direction to form the other half. Thus in Double Grandsire 3rd's place is made when the Treble is in front, and an equivalent place is made when the treble is behind; while the dodging in 4-5, which takes place when the treble is in front, is done in 1-2, when the treble is behind.

This reply also partly answers the queries by "M. R. B." (Miskin Village). A reverse method, "M. R. B.," is one in which the path of the bells is traced from the back, when the treble is behind, instead of, as is the usual form, from the front with the treble at lead. In the Reverse Grandsire Doubles which I gave a short time ago, you will notice that 3rd's place is made when the treble is behind, and that the dodging is in 1-2 instead of at 4-5 as it is in the ordinary way, when the treble is in front.

I am sorry not to be able to give you any tunes for handbells, but you can obtain a book of suitable melodies written for handbells from Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., Spitalfields Foundry, Spelman Street, London, N.E.

"W. A." (Gainsborough): I will endeavour to help you in my next notes.

CONDUCTOR.

SHALFORD.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, W. Moorey 2, T. Streeter 3, T. Thompson 4, G. Elston 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Whittington.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SWINDON.

The Swindon Parish Church bell ringers had their outing on September 14th, and spent a most enjoyable time. The party, accompanied by Mr. William Newell (Reading) and Mr. James H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), left Swindon by G.W.R. at 7.22 a.m. for Bath, where a motor char-a-banc was awaiting their arrival. A trip to Marshfield was the first item on the programme, and the ride thither was most pleasant. The church was visited and the bells were rung for a short time. Leaving Marshfield at 10 o'clock, the company reached Wotton-under-Edge a few minutes before 11, and, after the morning service, ringing was indulged in for half an hour. Dursley, a distance of about five miles, was the next stopping place, and here some of the local ringers were met and the bells were soon set going. A short time was spent at Berkeley, and the tower, which is situated some distance from the church, was the object of much interest. The bells here were also rung. The next objective was Thornbury, where an excellent dinner was partaken of at the Swan Hotel. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Parish Church tower, and the bells were rung for about half-an-hour. Leaving Thornbury at 4 o'clock, a stop was made at Olveston, where some more ringing was done. The last call was at Almondsbury, and the church tower was found to contain a magnificent ring of bells. Two courses of Plain Bob Major were rung here. The company then proceeded to Bristol, where an hour was spent before taking train to Swindon.

SMETHWICK.

The Smethwick band had their outing on Saturday, Sept. 14th, and visited London. Thanks to the kind offices of Messrs. E. T. Coles and G. M. Kilby, of Willesden, St. Mary's bells were at the disposal of the visitors. Several members of the local company awaited the Smethwick men's arrival, and everything was in readiness for ringing. A seven-method Minor peal was started for, the first 720, Double Court, coming round in fair style. The band by that time were used to the bells, and Colledge Single was beautifully rung. Double Oxford, however, proved their Waterloo, a trip midway causing a shift course, and so ended the peal attempt. The band stood: J. H. Benfield 1, Miss S. Pigott 2, H. Howell 3, W. Pigott 4, G. Pigott 5, J. Pigott (conductor) 6. Afterwards, 360 Kent Treble Bob was rung, Mr. Kilby standing in. After saying farewell to the local band, the visitors proceeded to the city, where, after satisfying the wants of the inner man, the rest of the time until midnight was spent in seeing the sights. The band desire to convey their gratitude for the very hearty welcome they received from the Willesden men, and hope to take advantage of their offer in the near future to come up and finish the peal.

ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK.

On Sept. 14th, the ringers of this church spent a most pleasant day at Tring. The church contains a nice peal of eight bells, and the visitors, who were met by the steeple keeper and local ringers, soon set the bells going to Grandsire Triples. Touches of 336 and 504 (conducted by Mr. Alderman) were brought round, being the longest lengths by two of the local men. A capital spread had been provided at the George Hotel, and afterwards the party again wended their way to the tower, where they were strengthened by Mr. A. King from Luton. One of the local men desired to ring a quarter-peal, and the company had the pleasure of scoring a well-struck 1260 in 45 mins.: C. Pryer 1, N. Alderman 2, A. Brightman 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield 5, W. R. Melville 6, A. King (conductor) 7, A. V. Tompkins 8. It was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 6th and tenor. With the assistance of Messrs. E. F. Cole and R. Bevan, who had by this time arrived, Grandsire was changed to Steadman, Treble Bob and Bob Major, the steeple keeper ringing the treble for the first time to Major. After tea, the visitors once more ascended the tower to have a final pull with more of the local ringers until the eight o'clock service, when they adjourned to the George for a social hour with their friends. The band wish, through "The Ringing World," to tender their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, to Mr. F. Reeve for making such splendid arrangements, and to the local ringers for joining them.

Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.

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