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

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

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

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

MODERN WORK.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The formation of the Ladies' Guild is progressing in the most satisfactory manner, and among our notices this week will be found the preliminary announcement of the inaugural meeting, which is to be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on October 26th. Thus are the fair sex entering upon an independent existence in the realms of change ringing—a position which they have fully established for themselves, by reason not only of the peal at Cubitt Town, but by their numbers scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, and the increasingly active part they are taking in the Art. At the moment of writing we do not know exactly what the strength of the Guild is likely to begin at, but that the response has been encouraging to the promoters is obvious from the fact that the organisation is to be formally launched a fortnight hence. Whatever else the Guild may do—the members will be too scattered to be expected to ring many peals together—it is certain to give an impetus to the Art among ladies, and to draw them together by a still closer bond.

It was the peal at Cubitt Town which led to the idea of a Guild for ladies being brought to a definite issue, and there is something rather appropriate in the fact that the announcement of the inaugural meeting coincides with a suggestion put forward by a correspondent in another column that a commemorative tablet of the ladies' peal should be erected by the male members of the Exercise. The pluck and perseverance of the band has been admired by every ringer, and we feel sure a large number will be only too glad of the opportunity of showing their admiration by contributing to a fund for the erection, in the belfry where the peal was rung, of a fitting record of the great performance.

Mr. H. O. White, of Rugby, who puts the proposal forward, suggests that the subscriptions should be limited to a penny each, in order that as large a number as possible may have a share in the project. He also suggests that the Editor of "The Ringing World" should act as treasurer of the fund. Needless to say, if this meets with the general approval of those who wish to subscribe, we shall be only too happy to act in this capacity, and sums forwarded will be acknowledged through these columns. We feel sure it only needs this intimation that the fund has been started, to secure a prompt and widespread response. The ultimate style of tablet depends, of course, entirely upon the amount available, and we propose to request one or two representative men of the Exercise to act in conjunction with the committee of the Ladies' Guild, when appointed, to settle details.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
Vicar of Broomfield.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM HEWITT 7
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	EDWARD EVANS 9
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	JAMES E. DAVIS 10
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 5	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 11
WILLIAM MOTTS 6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The peal was especially arranged and rung to oblige Alfred W. Grimes, J. E. Davis and W. Hewitt, who hail from London, and were having a week-end in Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5400 CHANCES ;**

*HARRY DEWEY Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 6
ARTHUR HOLMAN 2	GEORGE H. CROUCHER ... 7
HENRY F. EWINS 3	THOMAS SPARKS 8
*OSCAR GILBEY 4	HENRY A. HOAD 9
ALBERT HARMAN 5	GEORGE F. HOAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal by the Southern Branch of the above Association.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 20 cwt., in F.

*WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
†ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	*CHARLES TRIBE 7
†EDWIN F. PIKE 3	*HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 8
†ISAAC EMERY 4	†WILLIAM SPICE 9
ROBERT J. DAWE 5	*PHILLIP HODGKIN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. It was R. J. Dawe's 300th peal and the 100th by C. Tribe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	JOHN SNELLING 6
GEORGE SNELLING 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 7
BERTIE TURNER 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN Treble	ROBERT W. JENNION ... 5
JOHN EDMONDSON 2	SAM BATEMAN 6
EDDIE GREEN 3	JOHN HALL 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	SMITH MURGATROYD ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late William Bastow.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	THOMAS STEERS 6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT ... 3	*ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

*HERBERT LONG Treble	†GEORGE BROOKS 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	JOHN MONK 6
ERNEST BROWN 3	JESSE BROOKS 7
THOMAS BULL 4	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

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

RAWTENSTALL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS ROLLERSON ... Treble	†GEORGE HY. HARGREAVES 5
THOMAS COLLINGE 2	*WILLIAM GRAHAM 6
*FRED. WALLWORK 3	*WILLIAM RIDEOUGH ... 7
JAMES ROLLERSON 4	ALEX. RIDEOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. HARGREAVES.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. H. B. Worswick.

RYDE, ISLE-OF-WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;**

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES J. HAINER Treble	WILLIAM E. WARD 5
*REV. J. C. CANTLOW ... 2	EDWARD HATCHER 6
GEORGE H. COONBES ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
PERCY LONG 4	T. WILLIAM KEMP ... Tenor

Conducted by A. RICHARD WARD.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. C. Cantlow, who was returning to his duties at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, and in celebration of his former association with the Ryde band. He was re-elected member of the Guild previous to starting.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM DELLAR Treble	WILLIAM WHEELER... .. 5
HARRY BOTTRILL 2	HARRY SMALE 6
GEORGE DENT 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
HENRY F. COOPER 4	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG... .. 5
GEORGE DAVIES 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
*FREDERICK E. SMITH... .. 3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 7
FRANK JACOBS 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method by the local band.

LONDON. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*MERRICK R. WARNETT ... Treble	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 5
WILLIAM W. FOX 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... 6
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	HARRY WARNETT, Senr... 7
JOSEPH LAW 4	*HENRY J. NORGATE... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, Senr.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. R. Warnett, son of the conductor.

MAGGLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON ... Treble	JOHN M. DAVENPORT ... 5
WILLIAM WALMSLEY 2	*ARTHUR BURGESS 6
WILFRED MATTHEWS... .. 3	ALFRED MOTTERSHEAD ... 7
THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD ... 4	JOSEPH NORBURY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal. Rung, half-muffled, as a mark of respect for the memory of Colonel J. W. H. Thorpe, of Macclesfield, and Mr. William H. Ingham, of Sutton, recently deceased, both of whom were long associated with the Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

*ARTHUR HAGUE Treble	JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... 5
*WILLIAM E. UNSTEAD ... 2	*FRANCIS GREEN 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 3	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WILLIAM HURST Tenor

Conducted by R. WILFRED COLLIER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the second anniversary of the dedication of the tower, spire and bells, the exact date (October 3rd) not being convenient on account of a service.

STAND, MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22 cwt.

J. R. CHAPMAN Treble	R. LEVER 5
H. FITTON 2	FRANCIS BRADSHAW... .. 6
MARK MORRIS 3	W. CHAMBERS 7
SAMUEL MORRIS 4	J. NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL MORRIS.

First peal on the bells by local men for over 25 years, and rung at the first attempt. Rung to commemorate the dedication of the bells after being recast and rehung in new steel frames by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

*WILLIAM BASHFORD ... Treble	OSCAR GILBEY 5
*FREDERICK BASHFORD ... 2	*WILLIAM CHEESMAN ... 6
HENRY F. EWINS 3	HENRY A. HOAD 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lbs., in E.

*JOSEPH HANLEY Treble	*JAMES L. YORK 5
JOHN OVERTON 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
*HERBERT BAILEY 3	†WILLIAM SAUNDERS... .. 7
CHARLES H. WATTS... .. 4	†ARTHUR GARBETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method away from the tenor. The conductor is now on his annual tour through the Hereford Diocese as instructor to the above Guild.

THORNABY-ON-TEES. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

NORMAN KIDD Treble	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER... 5
JOHN APPLETON 2	WILLIAM RUDD 6
*JOHN T. GRAVES, Junr. ... 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ... 7
JOHN H. JONES 4	EDMUND MILBURN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN H. BLAKISTON.

* First peal in the method.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES

Tenor 8¾ cwt., in A flat.

*JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
SAMUEL WESLEY 2	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 6
*ARTHUR HAGUE 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
TOM O'HARA 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

RUGBY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	WALTER MALINS 5
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 2	CHARLES W. WHEELER... 6
HARRY O. WHITE 3	JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 7
ERNEST J. OLIVER 4	JAMES GEORGE... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by J. B. FENTON.

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Rugby (Rev. Claude Martin Blagden), late of Christ Church College, Oxford.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN DALE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., in A.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	EDWIN J. HARDING... 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the 4th, who received the hearty congratulations of the band on its completion. E. J. Harding's 50th peal.

WRAXHALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs.

WILLIAM G. NIPPER Treble	WILLIAM J. PERRY ... 5
FRED G. MAY 2	EDWIN J. ANDOW ... 6
FRANCIS W. NIPPER 3	GEORGE H. COLLINS ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	ANTHONY LANE Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

All the above, except the conductor, belong to Wrington, and it was the first peal on eight bells by all except the ringers of 2nd and 4th.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER WHITE Treble	WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... 5
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 6
J. JAMES JACKSON 3	*THOMAS SQUIRES ... 7
ALBERT P. WAKLEY 4	*WILLIAM ALLISON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

HERBERT COCKINGS Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	ROBERT J. DAVE ... 6
JOHN J. MANKTELOW 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH AND ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY TUCKER Treble	*ERNEST G. FRANKUM ... 5
ERNEST W. MENDAY 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 6
HUBERT HATTO 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7
ALBERT D. CULLUM 4	WALTER WEBB Tenor

Conducted by T. HIBBERT.

* First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN... 5
T. ROLAND FLINT 2	ALBERT COPPOCK ... 6
WILLIAM E. WHITE... .. 3	SAMUEL WESLEY ... 7
*ALFRED BARRATT 4	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

JOHN T. BOTTRILL Treble	HARRY SHUKER 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 2	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 6
GEORGE E. TURNER 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Arranged for W. Davies, of Liverpool, and was his first peal in a Surprise method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD KEMP Treble	JAMES SPALDING 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS CRANE 5
*E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	WALTER KERRISON... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. The treble ringer is only 15 years of age. Rung as a farewell peal to Captain and Mrs. P. Balfour, who are leaving Wissett Hall for an extended period, and who have taken great interest in the church choir and ringers.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wednesday, October 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs.

HORACE W. FOULGER ... Treble	FREDERICK DEWELL ... 4
FRANK J. LEVITT ... 2	ROBERT WILDING ... 5
OLIVER BULLMAN ... 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH H. WALDOCK ... Treble	ALFRED SOUTH ... 4
W. GEORGE MANSFIELD ... 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
HAROLD FINCH ... 3	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Arranged for Joseph H. Waldo, who was made a member previous to starting, and who was instructor to the Burnham company until taking up his residence at Maldon. First peal on the bells which were augmented to a peal of six in June, 1911, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have made them a nice musical peal, which go splendidly.

WHIRTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

† WILLIAM JACQUES ... Treble	† HENRY W. GAYNTON ... 3
* ARTHUR MINNEY ... 2	* ALBERT MINNEY ... 4
HARRY FOWLER ... Tenor	

Conducted by H. FOWLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Albert Minney was elected a member before starting.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

WILLIAM LAW ... Treble	THOMAS LAW ... 3
HARRY CLARKE ... 2	* ALFRED J. RICHARDSON ... 4
FRANK ROLLINGS ... Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK ROLLINGS.

* First peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD, AND
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of London Surprise, one of Chester, two of Beverley, and two of Cambridge Surprise, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Warwickshire Guild, by all the band, and on the bells; also first by the Midland Counties Association.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTER.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lbs. in E flat.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN CLARK ... 4
W. J. ROBERTS ... 2	CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5
EDWARD SUMMERS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by ringers of treble and 2nd, who were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clements, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 2	JIM BEACH ... 5
FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal in seven methods by J. A. Lambert, who hails from Merton, Surrey.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

* ERNEST E. BARBER ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
GORDON W. CHECKETTS ... 2	* JAMES W. EDGINGTON ... 5
WILLIAM PAGE ... 3	† ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor. This is the quarterly peal for the above branch.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

ARTHUR HAGUE ... 1-2	JOHN THORPE ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)
On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire: W. W. KEMP.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)
On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

HORACE F. MOORE... .. 1—2	FREDERICK G. DEWELL 5—6
ARTHUR E. MOORE... .. 3—4	HARRY A. TURNER ... 7—8
FRANK J. LEVITT 9—10	

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.
Umpire: W. W. KEMP.

First peal of Kent Royal in hand by all; also by the above Association by a band resident in the diocese.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. PYE, 8, SANSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ERNEST PYE 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE 5—6
WILLIAM PYE 3—4	JAMES GEORGE 7—8

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires: R. SANDERS and E. T. WIGG.

This was the conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JOHN R. BARTON 1—2	HARRY GIBSON 5—6
ALBERT COATES 3—4	JAMES DIXEY 7—8

Conducted by J. DIXEY.

Umpire: J. FRYERS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 1—2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	MAURICE SMITHER 7—8
*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 9—10	

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

Umpires: S. RADFORD, T. W. RADFORD and W. E. MAULDEN.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells. This composition is No. 12 on the Broadsheet. This peal was the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's 50th peal "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1—2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: W. E. MAULDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4	JAMES HUNT 7—8
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 9—10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4	JAMES HUNT 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair. This was Mr. Hunt's 50th peal on handbells since ringing one on tower bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and One Minute,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

A CLEVELAND MEETING.

The September meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Skelton, in Cleveland, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, the towers of Saltburn, Guisbrough and Maske being also open. Ringers attended from Guisbrough, Hemingbrough, Leeds, Maske, Ormesby, Redcar, Ripon, Saltburn, Shildon, Stockton, Skelton, Sharow, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Wather. Good use was made of the bells throughout the day, several good touches being brought round in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.—Tea was provided at the Duke William Hotel, Skelton, when 40 members sat down, presided over by the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), supported by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Saltburn, vice-president; Mr. G. F. Alexander, Robin Hood's Bay; and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).—The usual toasts were honoured.—The President proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rector of Skelton, the Rector of Guisbrough, and the Vicars of Saltburn and Maske for the use of their bells, and the vote was acknowledged by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver.—Several new members were elected, including three performing members, one honorary and performing member (the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Saltburn), one honorary member (the Rev. H. M. Drake, Rector of Skelton), one life member (Mr. B. G. S. Webb, Leeds).

An appeal made on behalf of Mr. J. Barnett, Northallerton, who is seriously ill, and is unfortunately almost penniless, met with a ready response, the sum of 15s. being subscribed by those present.

The President reminded the members that the next meeting would be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, 1913, and he hoped there would be a record attendance.—This concluded one of the best September meetings that the society has held for some time.

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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.— HEREFORD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The tower contains a peal of ten bells, tenor about 40 cwt. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

CAST BY MEARS & STAINBANK, WHITE-
CHAPEL FOUNDRY, LONDON 1892. OLD IN-
SCRIPTION WE WAS MADE TEN IN THE YEARE
1697. A.R.

Second.



A.R.   1698. GOD PROSPER THIS
CHVRCH & ALL THE MEMBERS.



Photo by]

[F. E. Dawe

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL FROM THE NORTH EAST.

Third.

T:WOTTON:T. ROGERS:W. V. WATTS:
A. OATLEY:Ri BVLKLEY CANONS 1698

Fourth.

 A.R.  1697. GOD PROSPER THE CHVRCH
OF ENGLAND

Fifth.



+Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata (3 shields,
each charged with a chevron between 3 lave pots) This
bell recast by Mears & Stainbank London and the peal
rehung by White & Sons by Subscription. A.D. 1865.

Sixth.

STEPHANVS:BANASTRE:ME:FECIT.

Seventh.

LET VS RING PROSPERITY TO ENGLAND.

 A:R  ANNO DO. 1697.

Eighth.

††††† GEORGI GRETTON DECANO HERE-
FORDENSI ANNO DOMINI 1810. G.R. III.
THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Ninth.

†. IN SANCTE . TRINITATIS . HONORE . WIL-
HELMVS . WARWIKE . CONSTRVXIT . ME

Tenor.

+ SANCTE (crown) CUTHBERTE (crown) ORA
(crown) PRO (crown) NOBIS

The last two inscriptions are in Lombardic letters.

The points between the words on the ninth are com-
posed of four fleur de lys. The E's on the tenor are all
reversed.

The noisiness and awkward arrangements of the ring-
ing chamber were fully described in the "Ringing World"
some weeks ago.

I am not quite sure whether William Warwike, whose
name appears on the ninth bell, was the donor or the
founder. The word "construxit" may be used instead of
"fieri fecit."

ODD CHANGES.

There is a talk in some quarters of the need for an easily
understood manual of instruction for beginners in the Art.
Haven't these folk ever heard of Snowdon's "Rope-
sight," which begins with the management of a bell and
devotes long chapters to the rudiments of the Art, explain-
ing the whole thing in the most simple language, or of
"Troyte's Change-Ringing," which also, so to speak,
begins at the beginning and gives a lucid explanation of
the elements of the Art? One is published at 1s. 6d., and
the other (with instructions up to six-bells) at 1s. It is
because the whole ground is so admirably covered by such
publications as these that even the Central Council have
not found it necessary to include any elementary treatise
upon ringing in their publications.

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The wonderful family of Baileys, of Leiston, have
quickly replied to the inquiry last week as to when they
would ring the next peal. They did it on the evening the
query appeared in print, when they rang a peal of Treble
Bob on handbells. What we are really waiting for, how-
ever, is the next peal by the eight brothers on tower bells.

* * *

A slight error occurred in the account of Gloucester
Cathedral bells, which appeared in our issue of September
27th. The words "This is in Black letter" at the end of
the tenor inscription should have been omitted. The in-
scription is in the large Roman capitals used by Abel Rud-
hall at that date.

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Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford, has just rung 50 consecutive
peals on handbells. It must surely be an easy record to
ring all this number without a single tower bell peal in
between.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT.

A concert is to be held in aid of the fund for the restoration of Shore-
ditch bells in the Churchroom on Saturday, October 19th. There will
be tune ringing by the Stoke Newington handbell ringers (Messrs. F.
Blaber, T. Scarlett and Stubbs), a course of Bob Major and Bob Royal
will be "tapped off" by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and songs, re-
citations, etc., by the famous operatic company, "The Carltons." The
fund has recently progressed most favourably, and if this concert is a
success, the work will be put in hand. Tickets may be obtained from
Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30.
Tickets, 6d., 1s., 2s.

THE LADIES' PEAL. A SUGGESTION.

The peal rung by ladies at Cubitt Town has excited general admiration among ringers throughout the country, and a suggestion is now put forward that the members of the Exercise should mark their appreciation of the fine performance, by erecting a suitable tablet in the tower.

Mr. H. O. White, of Rugby, writes: With regard to the ladies' splendid achievement at Cubitt Town, may I suggest that we, as true Englishmen, show our appreciation of the ladies' performance, by placing one of the finest peal tablets it is possible to obtain, in the belfry, to record the peal. I would like also to suggest that you, sir, as Editor of "The Ringing World," should act as treasurer for this fund, and that the secretaries and captains of the local bands should collect one penny from each member and forward the amount to you.

Why I say one penny per member, is to give every ringer in the country an opportunity of showing his appreciation of this grand performance. I for one would gladly collect for the Rugby district.

I am not in favour of votes for women, but I do feel we ought to do something as a body to encourage our ladies in the art of change ringing. I may say I have had the honour and pleasure of ringing the tenor behind five ladies ringing Doubles, and I am sure it is the treat of a life-time to hear the sweet voice calling "Bob."

We think the idea of a commemoration tablet being erected by subscription is a very nice one, and, should the scheme meet with general approval, as we believe it will, we shall be very glad to act in the capacity suggested by Mr. White. We feel sure there will be a spontaneous response to this proposal, and any subscriptions forwarded will be acknowledged through these columns.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S YEAR'S WORK.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday week, at St. George's, Gravesend, but owing to serious illness in close proximity to the tower, no ringing could be done at the church. Milton-next-Gravesend was, however, opened in the afternoon instead, as well as after the meeting. The service was held at St. George's, about 40 members being present.—The Rector, Canon Gedge (assisted by his father, who is 75 years of age) conducted the service, the District Secretary (Mr. E. A. G. Allen) presiding at the organ. The Rector took his text from the special lesson given in the Kent County Association service book, which was used on this occasion.

Tea was served in the Church House (kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Church House Committee), 56 sitting down, including the Rector, who also presided at the subsequent meeting. He spoke of the cause which had debarred them from having the use of the bells, and himself of the pleasure of hearing them.—The short report of the doings of the district was presented, and showed the lapse of one tower and 28 members, and the addition of 29 members; 28 peals had been rung in the district since the last annual meeting, against 13 in the previous year; 14 members having rung their first peal, two their first as conductors. Mr. Hyland, of Upchurch, rang his 50th peal, and Mr. Wilkins, of Sheerness, his 150th peal.—The District Representative and District Secretary were again unanimously re-elected.—The next meeting will be held at Chatham, in December.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for presiding, and for his address in church, and to the other clergy for the use of their bells.—Ringing was afterwards indulged in at Milton-next-Gravesend, and at Swanscombe.

PRESENTATION AT ASTON.

On Sept. 27th, the ringers of Aston Parish Church, together with a few friends from Handsworth and St. Martin's Guild, met to bid farewell to Mr. F. Bennett, a member of the Aston society, who sailed for Australia on the 1st inst.—Mr. Faux (Handsworth) presided, and in a short and pithy speech wished Mr. Bennett God-speed and good luck in his new venture, and presented him, on behalf of his fellow ringers at Aston, with a handsome Meerscham pipe.—Mr. J. Jones paid a tribute to Mr. Bennett's services, his regular attendance, both at service ringing and on practice nights, and to the progress he had made as a conductor.—Mr. Bennett suitably acknowledged the gift in a very feeling manner, thanking everyone for their good wishes and the kindly manner in which they had thought of him.—A few remarks from Mr. P. Laffin concluded the speeches, the rest of the evening being spent in a very harmonious manner.—Some good songs were rendered by Messrs. Faux, T. Verry, and others: and, of course, the inevitable "Sweet Bob Major," by Mr. W. Ellis, was rendered.

Mr. Bennett, who was held in the highest regard, left with the best wishes of all with whom he had come in contact during his ringing career. He will be greatly missed by his ringing friends at Aston Parish Church.

REDEDICATION OF BELLS AT BATH.

MAYOR ASSISTS IN CHIMING.

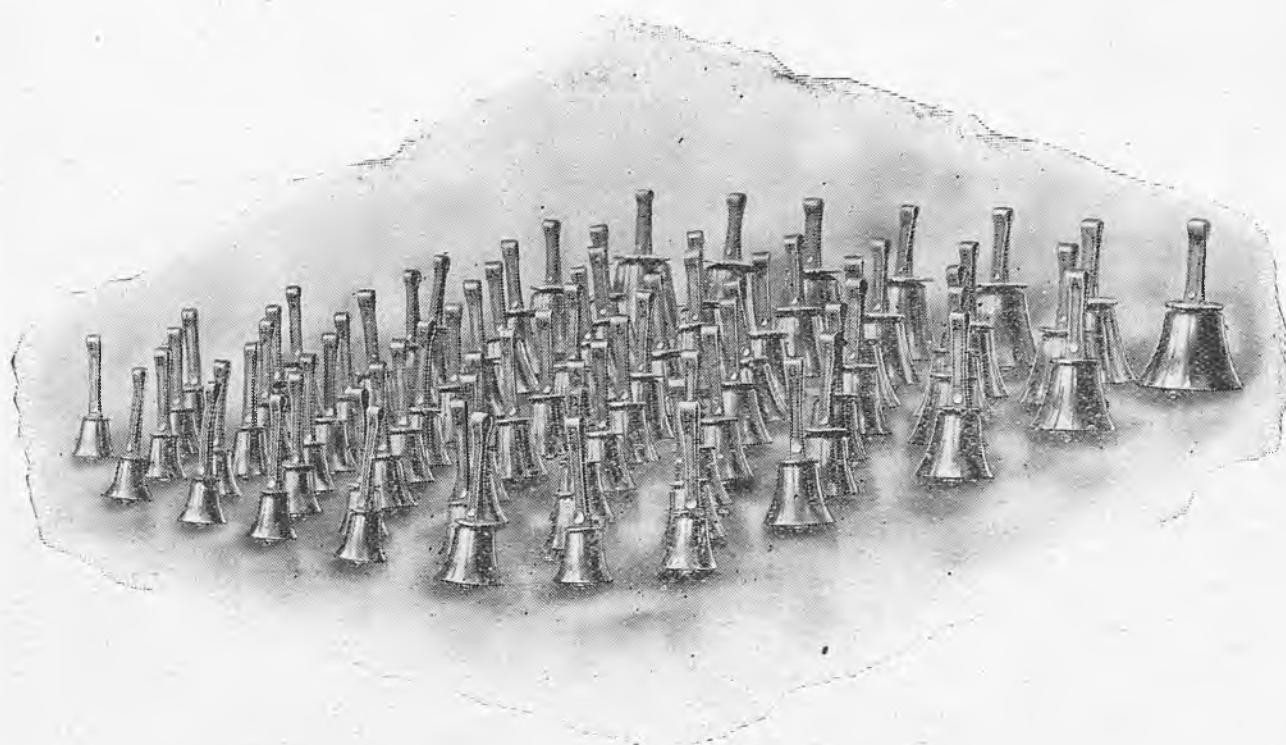
St. Michael's Day was chosen at St. Michael's, Bath, for the annual thanksgiving for the in-gathering of the harvest, and at the morning service, when the Mayor and Corporation attended the church in state, the bells were re-dedicated. The bells have been rehung in a steel frame of special design, and all retuned, the corrosion having been taken off by sand-blasting. They have been fitted with cast iron headstocks with special renewable steel gudgeons, so that the bells can be rehung in years to come at much less expense. The seventh and second bells have been recast, and the old inscription reproduced with a new addition. A chiming apparatus has been fixed, consisting of the Ellacombe chiming hammers in an oak chiming case. Each bell bears an interesting inscription. The tenor, which weighs 16 cwt., is inscribed: "I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all," the seventh, "Peal rehung and 7th recast, June, 1912, in memory of Ellen Taunton Little. H. J. Heard, M.A., Rector. D. Leslie Beath and Robert Best, churchwardens." Sixth, "We were all cast at Gloucester by Abell Rudhall, 1757." Fifth, "Prosperity to our benefactors." Fourth, "Peace and good neighbourhood." Third, "Fear God, Honour the King." Second, "Hark to our Melody"; and treble, "When you us ring, we'll sweetly sing." The work has been carried out, under the supervision of Mr. Mowbray A. Green, F.R.I.B.A., by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who hold the Royal Warrants of the present King, King Edward and Queen Victoria. Mr. Robert Warner represented the firm at the service. The cost of the work has been defrayed out of the legacy left by the late Miss Little, and the work has been executed as the inscription on the seventh bell indicates, to her memory.

The church was very tastefully decorated. Special music was sung by the choir, the anthem being Maunder's "While the earth remaineth," and the Te Deum, Simper in C, while the National Anthem was played as the civic procession entered the church. Prior to the sermon, the clergy, choir and churchwardens, followed by the sword bearer and the mace bearers, the Mayor and the town clerk proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Heard). Then the bells were chimed, the Rector taking the tenor bell, the Rev. D. Ballard (curate) the seventh, Dr. Leslie Beath (churchwarden) the sixth, Mr. R. J. Best (churchwarden) the fifth, Alderman Rubie the fourth, the Mayor the third (selected because of its fitting inscription: "Fear God, Honour the King"), the Town Clerk the second, and Mr. Mowbray Green (the architect) the treble.

The sermon was preached by the Rector, who remarked that the bells had been sanctified to Christian use for a great many years. In the Parish of St. Michael's they had records of chimes of bells more than 500 years ago, and throughout all those years not long had the bells been silent. The present peal was first hung in the church preceding the existing building. In 1757 they were brought from Gloucester, of course, by road, and hung with rejoicings in the tower of the last church, where they remained until 1835. Though 1757 was an age very far short of the present one, an age of insincerity, deep scepticism and brutal indifference to higher things, nevertheless it had both in State and Church the seeds and commencement of high and better things. It was the year when Clive went out to India, and General Wolfe went from that parish and city and won imperishable glory on the Heights of Abraham. There were also seeds of higher things—Wesley and Whitfield were preaching to thousands. Things in the past were not all wrong, and a good many things had been handed down from the past which were not altogether unworthy of preservation. People might say why should the clanging of bells be added to the hoot of the motor horn and the shriek of the railway whistle? It was not his province to discuss the question of the street noises, and he did not advocate indiscriminate bell ringing, but he pointed out that the bell represented to some of them Christianity. They rang out a public proclamation of the full and free Redemption in Christ. However much bounded and narrowed their religion might sometimes have been by merely human doctrines, however much fenced in by officialism and formalism, nevertheless there was the Bible, the Psalms and the Canticles, and the beautiful prayers handed down to them from their forefathers, and all might go in. However much they might make excuses, the feast was spread, and the bells rang out a reminder, "Lest we forget." The tolling of the bell reminded them that their time of opportunity, too, was passing, and that the bells reminded them of a day of rest. Perhaps a little noise out of the ordinary might be good. They had to endure secular noises all the week, and perhaps they might for one day endure a little noise that was not altogether disagreeable to their sensitive ears.

The members of the Bath and Wells Association, who were present for the opening, were delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells. After the service, 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung, and after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., by: W. H. Seers 1, R. J. Cousins 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Goodenough 4, H. E. Lewis 5, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 6, C. Densley 7, G. Crisp 8. During the ringing, the Rector, accompanied by the Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd), the Rev. D. Ballard (curate), and the newly-appointed tower master (Mr. G. Alford), visited the tower, and in conversation with the ringers, invited the non-members to join the C.E.M.S., reminding them of their important part as Church workers.

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THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS RING ON STEEL BELLS.

A well-attended and most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held on Saturday last at Bassaleg, Monmouthshire. The fact that the bells, a ring of six, are of cast steel probably had something to do with so many putting in an appearance, for many who were present had never heard cast steel bells before, and, from the unanimous opinion expressed, cast steel is a failure, so far as bells are concerned. Fortunately this is the only ring of steel bells in the diocese, and many present were of the opinion that if the matter were brought to the notice of Viscount Tredegar, this ring also would soon be non-existent.

The meeting was held in the Parish Rooms, which, by-the-way, are a magnificent suite, being built and presented to the parish only a short time ago by Viscount Tredegar. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Bowen).

Instructors' reports having been presented, the place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to visit Marshfield.—Several new members were then elected, including Miss E. Pacey, of Rumney tower.—It was decided to hold a committee meeting in Cardiff to discuss the question of issuing annual reports, the meeting to be held and the report to be submitted at the annual meeting, on December 26th.

The Vicar kindly invited every one present to tea, an excellent repast being served in the adjoining room.—Afterwards, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. D. Bowen for his kindness, and also to the ladies who had so kindly helped.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was grateful for the vote of thanks, and welcomed heartily the Association to his parish. At present, he said, he had no band of ringers, but he was about to call a meeting to start a company, as several in the parish were willing to learn. He would then call upon the Association to come to his assistance and help them in change ringing.

During the evening, touches in the four Standard methods were rung, bringing to a close a very enjoyable meeting, and one which is likely to do good.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF THE WIMBORNE BRANCH.

On Saturday, September 28th, a quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch was held at Fontmell Magna, a new centre (three miles from Shaftesbury), where a good ring of six has just been put into order by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd. One party arrived soon after 2 p.m., and the bells were kept going till 4.30, when a hearty little service was held, and an address appropriate to Michaelmas Eve given by the Rev. Canon Mansel Pleydell. Tea followed in the school, at which 35 sat down from Bournemouth, Buckhorn, Weston, Childre Okeford, Colehill, Fontmell, Twerne Minster, Mere, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Shillingstone, and Wimborne.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth was voted to the chair, and a short discussion was held on the persistent question of dividing the branch, this time into two divisions, North and East, instead of three—such division having led to a very remarkable development of the Guild's work in the western half of the county. The feeling of the meeting was that there was not enough change ringing in the North for such a division to be successful, but the opinion of some members is evidently yet unformed, as not half of those present voted.

The company then scattered to Twerne Minster, Shroton and Childre Okeford, where the bells were kept at work till eight or nine o'clock.

DEVIZES BRANCH TO HAVE A SET OF HANDBELLS.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Market Lavington, on Saturday last, at which were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), supported by the secretary (Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), the Rev. P. H. Dale (Rector of Fittleton), and ringing members from Edlington, Beechingstoke, Devizes, Potterne, Southbroom, Fittleton, Urchfont, Market Lavington, and Bishops Cannings. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and kept going in various methods till 8.0 p.m. Tea was served in the Parish Room, 30 ringers sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the places for the next meetings were decided upon as follows: Nov. 2nd, Chirton and Marden; Dec. 7th, Edlington and Bratton; Jan. 4th, Devizes and Southbroom. The question was raised by the chairman as to the desirability of having a set of handbells for the use of the Devizes branch, to be kept in charge of the secretary, and brought to the various meetings for the use of the members when not engaged with the ropes. It was decided to purchase a second-hand set which the secretary knew of, and had brought over with him for inspection.—A proposal was put forward by Mr. Heginbotham, and seconded by Mr. Bealing, that the annual reports of the Guild, since the formation of the Devizes branch, should be bound in a volume, containing a convenient number of years, and retained by the secretary as a book of reference.—Mr. West promised to see this duly carried out.—Mr. A. Ellis, of Market Lavington, was elected as a member of the Guild.—Mr. West proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of West Lavington for the use of his bells, several of the ringers having visited the church during the afternoon; also a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Market Lavington for the use of his bells and the Parish Room.

"THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was one of the band that attempted the peal at Acton a week or two ago, and I can assure Mr. Mackman that there was no thought of interfering with any of the local ringers' rights. One did hear remarks dropped about some dispute between Mr. Mackman and Mr. Harding, who got the tower, but the wise man doesn't pay much attention to such disputes. Roughly speaking, the same band, although belonging to several towers, had rung one or two peals a year at Acton for a long time past, so it was hardly a case of intrusion, and as the Rector had given permission, our consciences were clear. If Mr. Mackman has a grievance, surely it is with the Rector, not with us.

As to the larger question, whether too many peals are rung, that depends on entirely local circumstances; and whether the church is surrounded with houses or in the open is not always the most important. In some places, the three Ealing towers, for instance, one peal a year is too many; at St. John's, Waterloo Road, one peal attempt a fortnight, with a long practice in the alternate week, doesn't cause opposition. You could ring at St. Clement Danes once a week without causing annoyance; higher up the street, St. Bride's may not be rung even on a Sunday for fear of disturbing someone or other.

In this matter ringers must use such sense as they possess, remembering that too many peals have shut up towers in the past, and will do so again in the future. Two other points—bands wishing to ring a peal in a strange tower should always consult the convenience of the local men; and the local men should not act the part of the dog in the manger. You can't expect to have one without the other.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Sir,—May I ask Mr. Mackman a question? Was the Rector of Acton "absent-minded" when he gave permission to the College Youths to ring a peal there on Wednesday, 10th April, 1912, and why did not Mr. Mackman write a letter of protest then, seeing that the local band were deprived of their practice on that day? I may mention that our peal attempt on Sept. 8th did not deprive the locals of their practice that week, as they knew we were coming, and met on the Monday previous.—I am, etc.,

BERTRAM PREWETT.

A DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

The ring of six bells of North Bovey, South Devon, which were cast by Bilbie, of Cullompton, in 1814, have been silent for some time, owing to their bad condition. The treble, which was found to be badly cracked, was sent to London to be recast by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and the work of rehanging the bells was carried out by Messrs. Aggett and Son, the well-known bell-hangers, of Chagford, Devon. Ringers from Moretonhampstead, Widdicombe-in-the-Moor, Manaton, Stoke, Chagford and Dunsford, rang several touches upon the bells on the occasion of the re-opening, and everyone was of the opinion that the tone and "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT CONDEMNED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Midsomer Norton, on Saturday week, when members were present from Batheaston, Bathford, Bridgewater, Burnham, Leigh-on-Mendip, Midsomer Norton, Nunney, Shepton Mallet, St. Saviour's, Bath, Twerton-on-Avon, and St. James', Taunton. A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. W. E. Newling, Vicar of Midsomer Norton, officiating and giving the address, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and President of the Midsomer Norton branch, assisting.

Service over, tea was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, after which the business meeting was held. In the absence of the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, through illness, the Rev. Honnywill presided.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had sent the resolution re Welsh Disestablishment to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Somerset Members of Parliament, each of whom had acknowledged receipt of the same.

Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (Nunney) then moved the following resolution: "That this meeting, comprised of men who are Churchmen and honest men who view with abhorrence the misappropriation of funds which are held on trust for a religious purpose, confirms and emphasises the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Association on June 29th last at Yeovil, re Welsh Disestablishment."—This was seconded by the Rev. A. Dewing, Rector of Camerton, and carried unanimously, the secretary being instructed to send it to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and members of Parliament for Somerset.—Ten new members were elected, and Wrington selected as the place for the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Newling for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells.—This was carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. Honnywill for presiding at the meeting.—A move was made to the tower, where touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandioso Triples, were rung.

WOKING.—On Sept. 7th, at the Parish Church, 723 of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: D. Ugle 1, C. Cobbett 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Petter 4, L. Brackley 5, T. Studwick (conductor) 6.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

One more was added to the list of successful meetings of the above society, when on Saturday upwards of 50 members met at Wombourn. Some journeyed thither on cycles, some by waggonette, and others by "Shanks' ponies," for the weather provided a glorious autumn day.

The committee meeting was held in the Institute, Mr. W. R. Small being voted to the chair.—Six new members were enrolled, and the next meeting fixed for January 18th (or thereabouts), at Perry Barr.—Letters of apology were received from Messrs. S. Reeves (Central Council representative), G. Hughes (Ringing Master), J. Taylor, T. J. Elton, and J. E. Groves.

A short service was held in the beautiful church, brightened by the help of the choir boys, and a helpful address was given by the Rev. Preb. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar), who took for his text the society's motto: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

A splendid meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc.; the organist and choir boys for their services; to the ladies who were so attentive at the tea table; and last, but by no means least (not even in stature) to Mr. Rowland Cartwright for his untiring help.—A little handbell ringing was indulged in, to the special delight of the uninitiated; after which the tower was re-visited, when the bells were set going in various methods. During the afternoon a group was formed in the churchyard, and a "snap" taken by a budding photographer.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

For the first time in its history, the Worcestershire Association held, on Saturday last, a meeting in the old-world town of Belbroughton, famous for its scythes, and it was in every way a most enjoyable and successful gathering. The service in the church was well attended, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. M. Cooke), who, in his address, which was very much appreciated by those who were privileged to hear it, spoke of ringers' love for their work. It was a work, he said, which brought out their manliness and usefulness as Church workers. Ringers sacrificed a great deal of their spare time in practising and making themselves efficient, and in helping others to become so, in order to carry out the highest duties in life as Churchmen.

After the service, a splendid repast, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, was partaken of in the schools, over 70 sitting down, and the following parishes were represented: Kidderminster, Oldhill, Oldswinford, Wolverley, Clent, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Rowley, Wordsley, Halesowen, Wolverhampton, Smethwick, Brierley Hill, Selby Oak, and the local band.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector presiding, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldbury, on Jan. 18th, while the quarterly peal is to be attempted at Belbroughton, conductor, Mr. H. Martin.—Two hon. members (the Rector of Belbroughton and the Vicar of Clent), one life performing member, and nine performing members, including the Belbroughton company, were elected.—The secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the widow of the late Mr. W. T. Whitehouse, for many years a ringer and tower keeper at Oldswinford Church.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. R. Matthews as Master; Mr. J. Pigott, as member of the committee; and Mr. E. J. Dowler, secretary, Mr. H. Mason spoke of the success of the society since its division into three branches. Considerably larger attendances were very noticeable at the services and business meetings, and they had secured a larger number of new members. He also alluded to the reforms that had taken place in the belfry during the past 25 years, and to the very sincere way in which ringers as a whole performed their duties as Church workers.—Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address, to the organist for presiding at the organ, to the Rector and churchwardens for the splendid repast which had been provided, and to the ladies for their excellent services during the tea.—The Rector, in responding, welcomed the Association, and trusted it would not be long before the first peal of 5,000 changes would be rung on his bells. He also hoped that that would not be the last time the Association would visit his parish.

The bells, a peal of six, with tenor about 15 cwt., were kept going until nine o'clock in various methods in which Miss K. Thatcher took part. The meeting proved one of the most successful which the Association has held.

E. J. HARDING'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 9, conducted, 2; Stedman Triples, 14; Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Double Norwich Major, 7; Superlative (on the treble), 1; total, 50. Rung in 12 towers in Hants.

SHOREHAM.

The St. Mary's, New Shoreham Society, visited Horsham, Warnham and Billingshurst for their annual outing, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman being rung, and a most enjoyable day spent. The visitors desire to thank all those who helped to make the day such a successful one.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**A STAFFORDSHIRE OUTING.**

On Saturday, September 14th, a party of ten ringers from Bilston, Darlaston and Willenhall, Staffs, visited Shreshill and Cannock. At Shreshill they found a pretty little ring of six bells by Taylor, the "go" of which is excellent. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung, and after about an hour's ringing the bells were lowered. The visitors' best thanks were tendered to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Russ) for his kindness, and then they journeyed to Cannock, where Mr. T. Benton and Mr. W. Till, members of the local band, met them, and conducted them to the chutch. The peal of six were raised after a struggle, and two or three 120's of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung, but the bells require the attention of a bell hanger, and the sooner they are put in proper order the better. As the result of a chat with the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Price), no doubt he will do his best to get the bells rehung. After a convivial hour with the local ringers and the handbells, the return journey was made, and home was reached after spending one of the most enjoyable afternoons possible.

NEWCHURCH.

The ringers of Newchurch, near Warrington, had their second half-yearly trip to Frodsham, on September 21st. The visitors enjoyed a cycle run through some beautiful scenery, but on reaching Frodsham met with disappointment, as owing to illness near the church, the bells could not be rung. Handbells were, however, procurable, and four of the party brought round a course of Grandsire Triples. The visitors also enjoyed the magnificent view of the surrounding country from the summit of the tower. After tea, the return journey was commenced, and home was reached about 10 p.m., after a most pleasant excursion.

SCUNTHORPE (LINGS).

The Scunthorpe Parish Church ringers visited Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Sept. 19th, at the invitation of Mr. J. E. Smith, of Hatfield, who is an honorary member of the Scunthorpe Guild. An attempt was made at a peal of Grandsire Triples, by: W. A. Miller 1, N. Short 2, H. P. Hocknell 3, J. E. Smith 4, C. Bird 5, R. Oliver 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8. After ringing just short of 2,500 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins., however, the attempt unfortunately came to grief.—Afterwards tea was served at the Blue Bell Hotel, kindly provided by Mr. J. E. Smith. Subsequently a splendid quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., the following taking part: H. T. Turner (longest touch) 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, R. Oliver 3, S. E. Smith 4, C. Bird 5, D. England (Hatfield) 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8. After this, touches of Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and brought an enjoyable outing to a close.—The ringers wish to thank Mr. Smith for his kindness, both in providing the tea and the conveyance between the village and railway station. They also desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells for the afternoon, and the Hatfield ringers for having same in readiness.

CORRECTING A MISAPPREHENSION.

Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, writes: In reporting the account of the outing of the ringers of St. Edmund's, Northampton, to Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry, Loughborough, on Sept. 7th, your informant has evidently made some mistake about the bells he saw cast there, and must have confused these with the Burton tenor he saw in the tuning shop. The seven small bells of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, were cast on Thursday, Sept. 12th, and the operation was witnessed by a very interested party from Burton. I am informed that of the three bells the St. Edmund's Society saw cast, one was for Canada, another for Flintshire, and the other for a church in Lincolnshire.

[Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.]

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

A meeting was held on Saturday week, at Stanford-le-Hope, reached by brake from Brentwood. A party of 15 members raided the brake at 3 p.m., and duly arrived just in time for one short ring before the service, which was held at 5 o'clock, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Russell). It was attended by about 30 members.—Afterwards, all adjourned to the Rectory, and were the guests of the Rector to a plentiful repast.

The Master of the District presided at the business meeting, at which Messrs. W. Halls and W. Hawkins (Stanford-le-Hope), Messrs. H. Joslin and H. Chinnery (Orsett) were elected members. The election of Mr. H. W. Clark, of Cubitt Town, as a non-resident life member was confirmed.—Great Waltham found no opposition as the place for the annual meeting in December, and was duly selected.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the service and his kind hospitality, and gave a short description of the bells of Stanford-le-Hope.—Mr. C. H. Howard seconded the proposition, and urged the members of the towers in the neighbourhood to combine for united practices.—The Rector replied, and then those who had gone by brake had to make a hurried retreat. It had been intended to visit Orsett, but this was found to be impossible. Ringers taking part in this little trip were from the towers of Barking, Braintree, Boreham, Widford, Chelmsford, Shenfield, Fryerning, Little Bentley (South Weald), and Orsett).

NOTICES.

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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.—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.—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. 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. Defford Station $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

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. Tea at Carter's Restaurant, Guildhall Road, at 4.30.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at Christ Church, Dore. 8 bells, tenor 11 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—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; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 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.

ST. LUKE'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.—Practice will be held on Wednesday, October 16th, and every succeeding Wednesday in future, instead of Friday.—A. Fallon, Hon. Sec.

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.

GRAND CONCERT in aid of Shoreditch Bells Fund, Saturday, October 19th, in the Church Room, tickets 6d., 1s., 2s., from H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Prayers 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. All change ringers welcome. Visitors intending to have tea kindly communicate with the honorary secretary two or three days before.—D. G. Taylor, Honorary Local Secretary, Ilminster.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 1912, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Arthur D. Barker, Honorary Secretary pro. tem., 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Etwall on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Through the generosity of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending the meeting who send their names before Wednesday, October 16th, to Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley St. Chad's, on October 19th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W., at 3.30 p.m. Further particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, October 26th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, at usual charge, will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th, 1912. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The tenth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held Saturday, October 26th, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Ladies specially invited. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the association, or from F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send me their names not later than Tuesday, the 22nd? Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting?—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Billingham and Falkingham on Saturday, October 26th. Service at Billingham at 4 p.m. Tea at Fortescue Arms at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Members are requested to send notice of attendance by October 21st. All friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A South and West District meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. All are welcome. Members are reminded that outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walpole, St. Andrew's (6 bells), on Saturday, October 26th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Plough Inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2/6 each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulk-

ner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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OLD RINGERS' DEATHS.

At the advanced age of 88 years Mr. Robert Smith, through whose energy the old East Berks and South Bucks Society, which is now the Oxford Guild, was started, and who, while in the Metropolitan Police at Devonport Dockyard rang in the first peal of Grandsire in the western counties at the Dockyard Chapel in 1867, has passed away at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

Mr. W. H. Ingham, of Sutton, near Macclesfield, who has been leader of the St. James' ringers since 1879, has died at the age of 61 years.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Alexander 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3, N. E. Lewis 4, A. E. Seers 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, G. Frost 8. Messrs. Groombridge and Frost hail from London.

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