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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
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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.

PEALS AND POINTS.

Our article last week has drawn a letter from Mr. C. E. Borrett, the secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, which we feel sure will be read with interest. It raises the whole subject of the points for peals—a matter upon which the Exercise has ever been divided, and probably ever will be—not merely as to the number of points that should be allotted for this or that method, but on the broader question of whether the point system is advantageous or not. First of all, however, let us say at once that we did not intend last week to convey any idea that there is deadly rivalry between the Norwich and the Middlesex Associations in regard to peal points. Their relationship, as Mr. Borrett points out, is of the most cordial nature, and is, we hope, only typical of that which exists between all other Associations. There is, however, no harm that we can see, in the existence of a spirit of friendly competition between the different societies; indeed the outcome of such a spirit—enthusiasm, enterprise and effort—has raised the standard of our Art to its present high level.

Whether in principle points for peals are right or wrong, they are the accepted means adopted of comparing the relative merit of peals, and it cannot be disputed, we think, that the question of points does enter into the consideration of some ringers, much as others may desire to ignore the system. The Central Council have established the competitive basis, and we do not see any unworthy motive in a society or association seeking, upon that basis, to do better than its neighbour. The whole system, as Mr. Borrett points out, may be unsatisfactory, and the Central Council have acknowledged the impossibility of gauging the relative merits of a performance, by taking account of only two of the factors—the assumed difficulty of a method and the number of changes rung.

All other considerations have perforce to be ignored, but there is many a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung perhaps by local bands after months of perseverance and disappointment, that is more creditable and required far greater effort than a peal of London Surprise rung by an expert company. That is but one point among many of the difficulties of accurately fixing the real merit of a peal. Again, Mr. Borrett points out that the Association at the head of the Analysis may not be collectively the premier society of the country, as the position may be due simply to the efforts of a few individuals. Equally one might suggest that it does not follow that the Association that rings the greatest number of peals by the greatest number of bands is doing the best service to the Church, for it would not necessarily indicate the fulfilment of those duties which should be the ringers' chief concern. The whole question is an extremely debatable one, and one which is never likely to be settled with anything like unanimity.

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**OPINION OF OUR
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Broomfield Vicarage,
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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 PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM MOTTS 7
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 8
EDWARD EVANS 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 9
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 4	PETER LAFLIN 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 11
HARRY BARTON 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Arranged and rung especially to oblige R. H. Hayward, of Marlesford, H. Barton, of Southwold, and Peter Laflin, of Debenham, Suffolk.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	FREDERICK DENCH 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 9
THOMAS FAULKNER 4	JOHN W. GOLDING 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
HENRY R. NEWTON 6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5141 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*GEORGE HOLMES Treble	ARTHUR S. PETTIT 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	T. LEONARD ALLEN... .. 7
*GEORGE PILMORE 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 8
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal, and proposed members before starting.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. WERRETT ... Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6
FRED G. MAY 2	*HENRY B. BURT 7
HENRY T. HOWELL... .. 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... 8
CHARLES PERRY 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 8
WILLIAM HEWETT 4	THOMAS JAKEMAN 9
I. GEORGE SHADE 5	WILLIAM BERRY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHIMMANS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

GILBERT GUEST Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
WILLIAM MILLS 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 8
JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor

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

The above peal was arranged and rung in honour of the birthdays of Messrs. John Goodman, Senr., Harry Goodman and Charles Faulks.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

HARRY STALHAM Treble	JAMES HART 6
JOHN CAPP 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 7
WILLIAM PALMER 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
HERBERT RANN 4	KEITH HART 9
GEORGE ADES 5	*FREDERICK J. CHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS, and
Conducted by H. RANN.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HORACE TULETT Treble	EDMUND H. LINDUP 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
HARRY EVANS 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
JOHN H. PAICE 4	ARTHUR SWETMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 6
GEORGE DENT 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS HASTINGS Treble	WILLIAM IRELAND 5
WILLIAM HASTINGS 2	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
STANLEY COLE 3	FRANK COLE 7
WILLIAM HALE 4	HUBERT HANKS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr., in D.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	EDWIN J. HARDING 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal on the bells since being recast and rehung in new frame and fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. It is also the first peal of Double Norwich in the Borough of Portsmouth.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	*ROBERT WILDING 5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	*WILLIAM FAYERS 6
*WALTER RADLEY 3	*W. R. JOHN POULSON 7
*FREDERICK DEWELL 4	*THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	E. HOBART SMITH 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM FLORY Tenor

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
JOHN BASS 2	GORDON CHECKITTS 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	CHARLES F. WHITE 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT Treble	*CHARLES E. PERKINS 5
*VICTOR WHITE 2	*CHARLES F. WHITE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	GORDON CHECKITTS 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal of Oxford.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE KIBWORTH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIN-PART.

*H. CUTTLER Treble	D. ILIFFE 5
J. WATERFIELD 2	W. N. ADKINSON 6
J. TAYLOR 3	F. STANFORTH 7
J. BOLTON 4	E. LEECH Tenor

Conducted by F. STANFORTH.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells by a local band.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. Treble	GORDON CHECKITTS... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM PAGE... .. 6
JOHN BASS 3	JOHN BARBER 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE Treble	HARRY PEET 5
ROBERT F. TURNER 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 4	THOMAS YORK Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by H. Peet and T. York, who belong to the local company.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR ARNELL... .. Treble	HORACE TULETT 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	BENJAMIN BASSETT 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY... .. Treble	GEORGE BULL 5
EDWARD I. STONE 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 6
HARRY WAKLEY 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4	ALGERNON P. G. STONE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This is the first peal on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER H. WOOD Treble	CHRISTOPHER WARD... .. 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN T. HOLMES 6
HARRY THORPE... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
*ARTHUR ANDREWS 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

†ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5
*ARTHUR KEEBLE 2	*THOMAS REED 6
*FREDERICK A. POULSON 3	*THOMAS W. GARRARD 7
W. R. JOHN POULSON 4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE PENFOLD Treble	GEORGE J. NORRIS 5
HORACE TULETT 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

This was Horace Tulett's 4th peal of Stedman and 4th attempt. Previously he had only rung a 300 in the method.

ECCLES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES BARRATT... .. Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 5
*EDWARD OLDFIELD 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7
JOSEPH LOWE 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Oates and Miss E. Smith, daughter of the late secretary of the Pendleton company.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs.

ALBERT TURNER Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This was the 100th peal rung by the conductor during 1912.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
JOHN CAPP 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WORSLEY Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	JOHN POTTER 6
*WILLIAM TEBAY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	WILLIAM MORT Tenor

Conducted by T. BARLOW.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
JOSEPH H. WHITE 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4	*WILLIAM MAUND Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the memory
of William Gilbert.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HENRY W. COWLEY Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER 5
CHARLES I. EDWARDS 2	SYDNEY CARTER 6
THOMAS J. BARKER 3	ERNEST R. GLADMAN 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	*HENRY W. G. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Becker,
of Sutton Hall, Heston.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS MAUD PIGOTT Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	*REUBEN HALL 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	*FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	*JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal in the method and first peal in the method on the bells.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HARRY MEETENS Treble	JOHN H. PAICE 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6
ARTHUR ARNELL 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble	GEORGE J. NORISS 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6
HARRY EVANS 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BEN CHORLEY Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 6
*BERNARD CLARK 3	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. C. Hazelden's 50th peal. This was the
first peal on the bells since the rehanging. Rung with the bells half-
muffled for Watchnight Service.

SAFFRON WALDEN.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble	NATHAN J. PITSTOW 5
*FREDERICK HOUSDEN 2	GEORGE SPARROW 6
*HAROLD PITSTOW 3	ARTHUR JAMES 7
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 4	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

* First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*HUGH GREGORY Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
ALBERT MARKS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble	PERCY GRIDLEY ... 5
WALTER P. GRIDLEY ... 2	ARTHUR MAXIM ... 6
FREDERICK INCH 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR ... 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELKINS Treble	FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... 5
*ERNEST J. KING 2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW ... 6
ALFRED J. LECLEERCQ ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
†ALFRED R. ELKINS 4	WALTER SHERFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell to the Rector and Mrs. Lovett who are leaving Farnham for St. Mary's, Southampton.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

T. H. PARKIN Treble	T. P. HOCKNELL ... 5
N. SHORT 2	H. OLIVER ... 6
W. A. MILLER 3	G. VAMPLEW ... 7
J. E. SMITH 4	H. STRICKLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by N. SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Coudrey, one of the first churchwardens of the church. First muffled peal on the bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN Treble	ERNEST LEIGH ... 5
ALBERT BELTON 2	GEORGE MALYAN ... 6
RICHARD JENNER 3	JOHN W. STEDDY ... 7
WILLIAM LEIGH 4	EDWARD LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

First peal of Stedman by the ringers of 4th and tenor. This is the first peal in the method on the new bells and was rung by members of the local band.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE Treble	GEORGE WOODHALL ... 5
HENRY FYLES 2	*THOMAS MURRAY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWIN BREESE ... 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	†EDWARD W. DUTTON ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the front eight. This peal was rung on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells at Liscard St Mary's, at which tower it was proposed to be rung, but illness intervened. It is twenty-nine years since an eight-bell peal was rung in this tower, Mr. W. Davies then ringing his first peal.

EASTBOURNE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.

JOHN CAPP Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY ... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ... 6
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ARTHUR GOWER 4	JOSEPH SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the quickest peal of Stedman on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

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

* First peal in the Oxford Variation.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE Treble	WILLIAM BURGAR ... 5
FRANK JACOBS 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 3	WILFRED R. COLLIER ... 7
JAMES EVINSON 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, as a compliment to the composer, it being the 50th anniversary of his first peal, one of Stedman Caters, which was rung on these bells, Dec. 31st, 1862. Mr. Hattersley is the sole survivor of the band. Not being well enough to ring, he was an interested listener of the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

JOHN M. BUTTON Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... 5
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
CHARLES SAMPSON ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Button, of King's Road, Leiston.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	HARRY ARGYLE ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. ... 6
WALTER MARTIN ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to Miss Nowill, who passed away a few days previously. She was for many years Superintendent of St. Nicholas' Girls' Sunday School.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE A. CARD ... Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
GEORGE PAICE ... 3	JOHN THOMAS ... 7
JAMES PARKER ... 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CHILHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
PERCY J. PAINE ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 3	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 7
EDWARD TRENDILL ... 4	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Warner & Son. The "go" of the bells is excellent.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.

CYRIL WENHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
ALFRED JOHNSON ... 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	CHARLES TRIBE ... 7
ALFRED DAW ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

*CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	GEORGE GARRISON ... 5
THOMAS RUSSAM ... 2	JOHN SANDERS ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
†JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	*JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor. Rung on the nearest Saturday to the Epiphany.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD A. SMITH ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
ALBERT J. GREEN ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES ... 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Broad) for the use of the bells. The peal was rung on the 39th anniversary of the Ordination of the Rector, who, with his daughters, congratulated the band on the striking. The ladies are members of the local company.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

PERCY J. SPICE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... 4
GEORGE H. SPICE ... 2	THOMAS JULL ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

This peal came round at 8.15 a.m.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BARROW ... Treble	†ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 4
CHARLES BRETT ... 2	†WILLIAM H. WICKER ... 5
OLIVER COLLINS ... 3	ARTHUR R. MILES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal and first attempt.

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT HILLS ... Treble	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr. 4
JOHN AKEHURST ... 2	*HORACE EDWARDS ... 5
PERCY F. WELLER ... 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY BADCOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER ... 4
LOUIS G. MALLION ... 2	JOSEPH PAGE ... 5
JOHN STALLEY ... 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the treble and 5th, and believed to be the first on the bells.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SLARKE Treble	*GEORGE W. BEESLEY ... 4
CECIL H. SLARKE 2	J. WILFRED SHARP ... 5
CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... 3	THOMAS DENNY Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Collins), for the use of the bells.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DAVID BURTON Treble	†THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... 4
WALTER WHITE 2	WILLIAM E. WHITE ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM ... Treble	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted CECIL A. VALENTINE.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three 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.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Treble	JOHN BASS 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	GORDON CHECKITTS ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.

*CECIL H. SLARKE Treble	J. WILFRED SHARP ... 4
FRED WILFORD 2	*GEORGE BASFORD ... 5
*CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Minor. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. G. Gibson), for the use of the bells.

WALTHAM ST. LAURENCE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*G. STRICKLAND Treble	*F. ROBINSON 4
†J. COOPER 2	*R. DARVILL 5
*V. DARVILL 3	*W. MORTIMORE Tenor

Conducted by W. MORTIMORE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY WATTS Treble	*FRANK CALLOWAY ... 3
*WILLIAM CALLOWAY ... 2	*ARTHUR SNELL ... 4
WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

* First peal.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Consisting of two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lbs.

ALBERT G. PAYNE Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE ... 4
CHARLES W. BAINES ... 2	GEORGE SCOTT 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

The band are all residents of Fulbeck.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being one 720 of College Single, two each of Canterbury, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	ALFRED CROUCHER ... 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	GEORGE FISHER ... 5
ALFRED CHUTER 3	WALTER MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

W. Marshall hails from Lamberhurst and was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... Treble	ANDREW LAYTON ... 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	WILLIAM J. TURNER ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

Rung with the bells half muffled, for Holy Innocents' Day.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

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 13 cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Treble	JOHN BASS 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JOHN BARBER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR BAILEY Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

† FREDK. SEAGER Treble	FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... 4
ALBERT BROWN 2	GEORGE SNELLING 5
* CLARENCE GOOCH 3	BERTIE TURNER Tenor

Conducted by F. SEAGER.

* First peal of Minor with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Cambridge, Norwich, and Netherseale.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	FREDERICK MANSER 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 3	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SNELLING.

First peal as conductor.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

* WILLIAM SABAN Treble	HARRY HALL 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	JOHN HALL 5
† BERTIE R. BUCKLE 3	GEORGE BALLS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung in honour of the wedding of Capt. Farrier and Miss N. Russell, of The Elms, Earl Soham. This was the conductor's 100th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Islington, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Exercise.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HAROLD HALLWORTH ... Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4
† WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
HARRY LANGLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. The above methods are all broken leads, and are taken from the C.C. collection.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 20 Six-Scores of Grandsire, 10 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HORACE W. ALLEN Treble	EDGAR HUNT 3
WILFRED ALLEN 2	* FRED SHINGFIELD 4
HERBERT H. MASON Tenor	

Conducted by H. H. MASON.

* First peal with an inside bell. Rung with ten different callings of Grandsire, four of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob. First peal by an entirely local company, all of whom with the exception of the conductor are natives of Shropham. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. William Smythe Thorpe, who was for upwards of 60 years a supporter of the Shropham ringers.

CRONDALL, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 College Single and two each of Canterbury, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE FISHER Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
GEORGE UPSHALL 2	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
* ALFRED CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.—London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the Festival of the Circumcision, and on the eve of the Epiphany.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* FRANK WITTS Treble	* HARVEY STREETS 4
† THOMAS MIDDLETON ... 2	† WILLIAM GISBORNE 5
† JOHN HAMPTON 3	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

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

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, called in 15 different ways. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HURDMAN... .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
HARRY WAKLEY 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
*CHARLES SANDERS 3	*PHILIP SUDALE Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all, on the bells, and by the Association.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Wragby, Islington, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Sandal Exercise.
Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	ALLEN S. GORDON 5
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HARTLEY.

The above methods are all broken leads and are taken from the C.C. collection.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GUEST 4
THOMAS JERVIS 2	REGINALD LOVEDAY 5
LEONARD WYMAN 3	RICHARD DUNKLEY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD DUNKLEY.

* First peal. First peal in five methods by L. Wyman and J. Guest. Messrs. H. and J. Guest were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 29, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

JOHN W. LAKE 1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4
JAMES OSBORN 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness: MRS. J. OSBORN.

LONDON.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FULHAM, S.W.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor, size 11 in G sharp.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
JAMES W. DRIVER 9-10.	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: W. J. S. KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve times right.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT "YORK VILLA," WISBECH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR W. WENLOCK 1	*THOMAS HAINES 3-4
HORACE BANHAM 2	STANLEY ANDREWS 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH 6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First double-handed peal, and the first ever rung in Wisbech with two bells rung by one man.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7-8
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4	HUBERT EDEN 9-10
WILLIAM HODGETTS 5-6	CHARLES N. LEMON ... 11-12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

This composition has the 6th 24 courses in 6th's place, with the bells in the titlums position throughout.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 2, 1913, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS 1-2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3-4	TOWER TAYLOR 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

The peal rung at Ickleton, Cambs., on Dec. 21st., was under the auspices of the Ely Diocesan Association.

THE BELLS OF WHITCHURCH.

The gladson: sound of the Church bells of Whitchurch, Oxon, was heard once again on the evening of Monday, December 23rd. They have not been rung for some time owing to the unsafe condition of the old wood frame, and it was decided by the Rector (Canon Trotter) and churchwardens to entrust the work of making a new steel frame to the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. At first it was intended to have the bells retuned, but they having been supplemented at different times with a result not pleasing, the wiser course was adopted of having the whole peal recast.

At the service, when the bells were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford, a selected band rang rounds after the prayer of dedication, and at the close of the service a first rate 360 of Bob Minor. After this touch other ringers tried the bells with varying success, as the easy going—a result of the excellent workmanship of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston—puzzled some of them, who in the ordinary course are used to bells that require more exertion to ring them. The band selected to ring the opening touch was: J. Nicholls (Pangbourne), W. Lawrence (West Ealing), J. Abery (Theale), A. C. West (Pangbourne), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), J. Bower (Goring). Later in the evening, the band was entertained to supper by the kind invitation of the Rector. The first 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the recast bells on Saturday, Dec. 28th, by: J. Nicholls 1, W. Lawrence 2, Miss Mary Chillingworth (Bradfield) 3, G. Parsons (Theale) 4, J. Abery 5, J. Bower 6. Several other methods were rung, the conducting being shared by: J. Abery, W. Lawrence and J. Bower. The local band, who are to receive instruction from the last-named ringers, will be in good hands.

ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

Dalton-in-Furness, famed for its intimate associations with Furness Abbey, which ranks next to Fountains Abbey as the most beautiful relic of Mediæval England, is soon to have a new ring of ten bells, based upon a tenor to weigh 22 cwt., in the key of E flat. Instructions have been given to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, to erect one of their special steel frames, constructed for ten bells, and to cast the back eight bells. Efforts are now being made to collect the necessary funds for the two treble bells, and it is fully expected that the complete ring of ten will be available in time for the dedication.

Owing to pressure on our space we have unavoidably to hold over several interesting articles including the continuation of Mr. Trollope's article

DESFORD'S NEW PEAL OF SIX.

The three bells which for nearly 300 years have been used in the service of the Church at Desford, Leicestershire, have been recast and augmented to a peal of six, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., has been executed in the very best style, and is typical of the thoroughness with which things are done by the famous Loughborough firm. The peal is the gift of the Goodacre family, who for over 100 years have resided at Desford Mill, and are erected to the memory of Mr. Joseph Halford Goodacre. The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—"Ring in the true. In memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre, 1912."

2nd—"God save the King, 1675. Recast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

3rd—"Jesus bee ovr speed, 1658. Recast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

4th—"Newcombe of Leicester made mee, 1609. Recast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

5th—"God bless His Church. In memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre, 1912."

Tenor—"Guard and bless our Fatherland. In memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre, 1912."

The dedication service, which took place on Monday week, was largely attended, and the ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Leicester. Following the dedicatory prayers, the bells pealed out merrily for a few minutes, and then followed the hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple." The Bishop's appropriate address dealt with the part which the beautiful parish churches of England play in the lives of the people.—The ringing was carried out by the ringers of St. John's Church, Leicester, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Willson.

NEW BELLS FOR PERRANWELL.

The pretty little Church of St. Piran, in Cornwall, is now in possession of a ring of beautifully-toned bells, which were cast in the Loughborough foundry, and which have been dedicated by Canon Hassard, Sub-Dean of Truro Cathedral. The weights of the bells are: Treble, 4 cwt.; 2nd, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; 3rd, 6 cwt.; 4th, 6 cwt. 3 qrs.; 5th, 9 cwt.; tenor, 12 cwt., in G. The tenor was given by Mrs. Yose (Mellingey), and the others by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Paull, Mrs. Hearle-Cock and Mrs. W. H. Edwards; Mr. T. P. Edwards gave the chiming apparatus; and Mrs. J. C. Williams a donation of £100. The opening touch (60 Grandsire Doubles) was well struck by members of the Kea band, who were invited over to open the bells. The ringers were as follows: H. Chegwiddden 1, W. Greet 2, Miss E. Fisher 3, H. Harris 4, J. Thomas 5, Rev. R. H. Sowell 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very well-attended meeting of the Manchester branch was held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday last. Representatives were present from Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Worsley, Eccles, Pendleton, Reddish, Stockport, Middleton, Hyde, Miles Platting, Prestwich, Whitefield, Birch, etc. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Barratt (vice-president of the Association), who gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and urged all members to comply with the rules of the Association, especially in regard to the subscriptions, as peals could not be entered in the report unless rung by bona-fide members.—Mr. Amos Simpson, of St. John's, Miles Platting, was elected a performing member, and the Rev. H. A. Hudson an honorary life member of the Association.—Mr. W. H. Idle expressed pleasure in seeing at the meeting Miss Edith R. Barnes, who took part in a course of Grandsire Caters, and he hoped other ladies would take interest in the beautiful art of change ringing.—Mr. J. Ridyard urged members to take a keener interest in the higher methods.—The Cathedral was chosen as the next place of meeting, and a vote of thanks was accorded the authorities for the use of the bells, etc.—Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

DEATH OF AN OLD COVENTRY RINGER.

The death of William Gilbert, which occurred on Christmas Eve, after a short illness, takes away the only survivor of the old St. Michael's company of change ringers, Coventry, and thus one of the few connections of this fine peal of bells with change ringing is severed. He was 72 years of age, and was a member of the St. Michael's company from an early age to the time the tower was declared unsafe, now some 27 years ago. Since then he had been steeplekeeper at Trinity Church, and, assisted by his sons, used to chime the eight bells which are erected in a wooden campanile and unsafe for ringing.

He only took part in one peal, that being when he rang the tenor of St. Michael's, on Easter Monday, April 7th, 1877, to a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters, conducted by the late Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, but he took a keen interest in change ringing, and about seven years ago rang the tenor at Stoke Church to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

His funeral took place on Monday, December 30th, and in the evening the Stoke band rang a peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for his memory.

SALISBURY GUILD.**PROGRESS IN THE DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Southbroom, on Saturday afternoon last, when among those present were the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), Vicar of Market Lavington; the Rev. Canon Gardiner, Vicar of Southbroom; the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul, Rector of Devizes; Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Rector of Beechingstoke; Rev. Evelyn Smith, Curate of Southbroom; Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), and ringers from Westbury, Chilton, Beechingstoke, Southbroom, St. Mary's and St. John's, Devizes; Market Lavington, and Great Cheverell. An excellent tea, kindly given by Canon Gardiner, in the Southbroom Parish Room, was enjoyed by a company numbering 39.

At the business meeting which followed, the annual report of the branch was read, and upon the proposal of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, seconded by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, was unanimously adopted and confirmed.—The balance sheet for the year was also unanimously adopted.—On the proposition of Mr. H. B. West, seconded by Mr. R. Haslehurst, the Rev. J. A. Sturton was unanimously elected as chairman for 1913, the resolution being carried with great applause.

The Secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, was again asked to continue in office for another year, and upon the proposal of the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, seconded by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, he was elected with hearty applause. Both gentlemen made suitable replies, thanking the ringers for their kind expressions of gratitude for their past services, assuring them of the pleasure it gave them to continue in their respective offices, and that they would do their utmost to promote the further progress of the Guild.

The annual report showed that twelve meetings had been held during 1912, at all of which the attendance had been very good, and showing an average attendance of 28. During the year, five additional towers had joined the Guild, viz.: Bradford, Edington, Fittleton, Market Lavington, and Bishops Cannings, while Marden, Enford, and Bratton have promised to join for 1913. The past year has been an important one, inasmuch as the bells at four towers had been restored and rehung, viz.: Trowbridge, Seend, Enford, and Bishops Cannings. The tenor at Seend was recast, and at Enford a new treble was added to make a ring of six.

The next three meetings were decided upon as follows: February 1st, Westbury; April 5th, Erchfont; May 3rd, Trowbridge.

Upon the proposition of Mr. West, and seconded by Mr. Heginbotham, a threefold vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Gardiner for his kindness in providing the tea, allowing the use of his parish room, and also the use of the church bells.—A vote of thanks was also given to the Rector of Devizes, for the use of St. John's bells, which, with those at Southbroom, were kept going from 3.0 p.m. until 8 o'clock.—Short touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Triples were also rung on the handbells, by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. West, Mr. Hart, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Edwards.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chalford on Saturday week. All day there was heavy rain, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the members that 32 ringers attended from Painswick, Stroud, Minchinhampton, Avening, Bisley, Horsley, Stonehouse and Chalford. The novel and interesting peal of six steel bells were raised in peal at 4 p.m., and some good touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung until 6 p.m. Service was then held in the church, and besides the ringers several parishioners attended. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Addenbrooke) took the service, at which special prayers and hymns from the Association's form of service were used. The singing was quite a feature of the service, the men's voices, led by the choir, uniting finely in the splendid ringers' hymns, set to the tunes of St. Oswald and Deerhurst. This prepared the way for a most practical and helpful address by the Rev. H. P. Barchard, from the words: "God so loved the world that He gave."

At the mission room an excellent tea was provided by the kind friends at Chalford, the Vicar and churchwardens and the Rev. H. P. Barchard being present. A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. The hon. secretary (Mr. William Hale) gave his report on the year's work, in which he stated that eleven meetings had been held, twenty new members elected, and one tower added to the branch. He also made the financial statement for the year.—The report and accounts were considered most satisfactory, and cordial thanks were accorded to the branch committee and officers, who were re-elected en bloc.—Hearty votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens, and to the Rev. H. P. Barchard and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful.—The Vicar and churchwardens responded, and heartily welcomed the visitors to Chalford. The hope was expressed that the gathering would be the means of stimulating the ringing at Chalford, and that the bells would be rung regularly for the festivals and services of the church. Eight new members were elected, including all the local society, and Minchinhampton was unanimously selected as the place for the quarterly meeting in March, and Woodchester and Leonard Stanley for the monthly meetings. The handbells were brought into use, and there was afterwards more ringing on the tower bells, which brought a most successful meeting to a close.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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The Anston Company of Change Ringers have just achieved the distinction of ringing one hundred different Treble Bob Minor methods, including all the known Surprises, and have never missed ringing for two services each Sunday for years. They have had the good fortune to keep the same members together, with one exception,

for 20 years, and their last addition has been with them ten years. This is a proof of what can be done by constant practice with the same company. The band would like to know if this is a record. They have also broken their own record by ringing in 1912 over 80 complete 720's in 54 different methods.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The long peal attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday came to an unfortunate ending. After 2 hrs. 50 mins. ringing the conductor missed a bob, and the bells were stopped. Better luck next time.

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We are asked to state that the dedication of the screen in Drayton Church, in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, is fixed to take place on Saturday, February 1st.

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Leonard Pye, although he rang his first peal of Stedman at the age of 13, is not quite the youngest ringer to score a peal in that method. On October 23rd, 1905, at Arklow, Ireland, the following were in a band that rang a peal of Stedman: Treble, W. R. Washbrook, aged 11 years; 2, A. F. Shepherd, aged 14; 4, J. W. Washbrook, junr., aged 13.

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Mr. J. Thomas, the captain of the Kea band, has been presented with a handsome pocket letter case by the Truro Cathedral ringers and by the younger members of the Kea band. Mr. Thomas takes the keenest interest in ringing, and has been spending regularly one and sometimes two evenings a week for the past year in instructing the newly-formed Cathedral company.

One or two of those whose names we gave last week as having taken part in over 40 peals during 1912 added one more to their total on the last evening of the year. Mr. K. Hart raised his number rung to 55 and conducted to 33; Mr. G. Williams his total to 41 rung and 34 conducted. Mr. I. G. Shade was another who during the 12 months rang over the half century, his score being 58. Mr. J. H. B. Hesse rang 42. Mr. J. Hunt's 55 included one tower bell peal, all the rest being on handbells. He rang no fewer than 65 handbell peals in succession, owing to the bells in the Guildford towers being unpealable. Mr. J. Motts conducted 25 peals, out of 26 rung during 1912.

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Southwark Cathedral must be among the "lucky" towers. Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques and now Cambridge Maximus have been rung there within a month. The tenor, as is well known, is over 50 cwt., and it speaks volumes for the excellent work of the bellhangers (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) that the bells go so extremely well.

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Lancashire, which is to possess another peal of ten, is not well off for rings of this number, considering the large number of bells it possesses, and the Dalton-in-Furness peal will be a welcome addition. There are peals of twelve at St. Nicholas, Liverpool; Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham. The peals of ten are at Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Cathedral, St. Peter's, Liverpool; Blackburn, and Kendal.

A PEAL OF TEN IN MASSACHUSETTS.

DEDICATION OF HINGHAM BELLS.

On Monday, November 25th, was dedicated a new ring of ten bells raised in a detached campanile by popular subscription, both being a memorial to the immigrant settlers and founders of Hingham, many of whom are known to have sprung from the best families of Hingham, Norfolk. Their descendants have always maintained an affection for the "old home," as it was for many years termed, and when it came to a choice of bells, the happy proposal to reproduce with original inscriptions the peal of St. Andrew's (augmented by two trebles) met with hearty approval. Hingham is a picturesque town situated on the sea coast seventeen miles from Boston. Its church, or meeting-house, as it was called, by reason of its forming the general place of assembly, for secular as well as for religious purposes, was erected in 1681, forty-six years after the settlement of the town, and this quaint structure with central turret is the oldest religious edifice in the country, which stands upon its original site, and continues in use for religious purposes. The church and adjacent campanile occupy an elevation within a close, constituting an ideal environment for change ringing.

Mr. Daniel F. Gibbons, a member of the College Youths, came over to supervise the work of instalment; and it is safe to assert that no more difficult job was ever presented to a bell hanger. The trouble arose from a blunder of the brick masons, who had altered the dimensions of the belfry from the architect's design, and hence the steel cage proved a misfit, to be corrected only after chiselling out the cemented brick work of the walls. To the casual observer, this brick tower with their walls might appear too fragile to withstand the thrust of swinging bells, but American engineers have evolved a novel process of solid concrete construction reinforced by steel rods, which ensures stability of structure with economy of cost—a discovery which should be more generally recognised. Attached to the inner wall of the floor chamber is the well worn stepping-stone that for centuries stood sentry on the village green of old Hingham, a highly prized gift of the local authorities.

Mr. Gibbons was present at the dedication, and other ringers who attended were Mr. Frank Burgar, formerly of Sheffield, who has taken part in twenty-seven peals; Mr. Henry Aston, who long ago rang in a peal at Coventry; Mr. William Shipp, junr., whose father was once known in Oxfordshire as a sure striker and instructor; Mr. Samuel Hodgdon, of the band which rang at St. John's and St. Peter's, Bradford; Dr. A. H. Nichols, and the following connected now or formerly with the ringers of Groton School: Messrs. J. Warren Sturgis, Guy Ayrault, Mather A. Abbot, Charles A. Crolidge, Hamilton Hadley, S. E. M. Crocker, and Norman R. Sturgis.

It is noteworthy that this is the first ring of ten bells installed in the United States, and it will rank unquestionably among the most meritorious productions of its founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank). The tenor is in E flat, weighing 19 cwt. 2 qrs. English bells are being imported in increased numbers into the United States and Canada, and this preference is due in part to their superior hangings and appurtenances, but more especially to the larger volume of sound and carrying power of their trebles, which are not overpowered, as in American chimes, by the heavier back bells of the octave.

After an impressive service within the church, and the chiming of a few hymn tunes, the bells were sounded in rounds and Grandsire Doubles, some of which ran smoothly. From the Rev. Louis C. Cornish, pastor, to whose irrepressible appeals the town is chiefly indebted for this double memorial, the ringers met with a cordial reception.

While with the installation of still another new ring in the Perkins Institution for the Blind, five belfries at or near Boston will be available for unlimited half-pull practice, there is deplorable dearth of ringers. English ringers contemplating a change of residence, will be likely to find no more congenial home than New England, where the demand for artisans is beyond the supply. This metropolis should constitute the headquarters of a guild qualified to impart instruction and a stimulus to beginners, by means of which the Exercise could be extended to the belfries of all our large cities. A.H.N.

THE PEAL AT ROLVENDEN, KENT.

The ringers in the peal at Rolvenden on Saturday represented six towers: Messrs. Burden and Blackman belong to Rolvenden; Daw and Wenham to Stone-in-Oxney; Tribe to Tenterden; Lambert to Benenden; Johnson to Appledore; and Billenness to Rye. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Burden and his veteran father, Edgar Burden, also a ringer. Their birthdays were on Christmas Day and Boxing Day respectively, and the peal was to have been attempted on the previous Saturday, but had to be postponed on account of bad weather. It was also a complimentary peal to C. Tribe, the hon. secretary of the Ashford Division, whose birthday was on the 3rd January.

DORCHESTER.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, January 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins.: T. Page 1, W. A. Painter 2, C. H. Jennings 3, F. Uphill 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, J. W. Bengier 8.

THE PEAL POINTS QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your permission, I should like to say a word or two about the subject of your editorial in the current issue of "The Ringing World." Particularly so at the present moment, when nobody knows what the final result of the analysis will be; so that one can write pretty freely without running the risk of being charged with jealousy. When you penned the sentence, "the Norwich and Middlesex, on points, are running neck and neck for top place," I do not suppose you wished to suggest there was any sort of rivalry between these two societies. But for those outside, your sentence might conjure up an idea that we were deadly rivals, each striving for mastery over the other, and engaged in a sort of fight to the death. This, of course, is as absurd as it is untrue.

The respective areas covered by the Norwich and Middlesex Associations are so absolutely unlike in situation, size, population, means of getting about, and in every other particular, that comparison between the two is impossible, and indeed would be bordering on the farcical. For instance, we have bands in small villages, miles from a railway station, who score seven 720's of Bob Minor, or a 5040 of Doubles. It often means persistent struggle and grit to achieve this, and when it is done and everything taken into consideration, it is a memorable performance, and is as worthy of a place in our annual report as a peal of Cinques or Maximus.

In the Middlesex Association, of course, you get no performances such as this—its position and conditions do not admit of it. There can, therefore, be no rivalry between us—we are, as a matter of fact, the best of friends. The ringing of peals for the sake of amassing points certainly never enters the heads of ringers in the Norwich diocese, and I expect it is equally true of the members of the Middlesex.

Then, too, I think you over-rate the interest taken by peal ringers in "points for peals." The whole system is so unsatisfactory that I think most men patiently endure "points for peals" rather than take any interest in them. It is, too, getting more unsatisfactory each year. I do not mean as to what points should be allotted to this, that, or the other peal, but rather to the question in its widest sense.

We speak sometimes of the Association at the top of the analysis as the "premier" one. But is it always the premier one when all things are considered? Often not. Take 1911 as an example. The Winchester Guild were at the top of the table solely through the efforts of the Guildford handbell band. They rang on handbells more than half the total number of peals scored by their Association, and a vast deal more than half in point value. Take away the results of the skill of these eight or ten brilliant exponents of what, after all, is a kind of "side-line," and where is the Winchester Guild? I yield to no one in my admiration of the extraordinary skill and patience of the Guildford men—I am only writing of the final result of their performances in the analysis.

Recently another element has come in—a peal tapped by one person. That also will have its points—and it deserves them, too. But give this performer a little more skill, and an abundance of energy, and we shall have the North Notts Association the champions! Which—with all respect of them—would be farcical indeed, and perhaps be the prelude to an "In Memoriam" notice announcing the decease of "points for peals."—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. E. BORRETT,

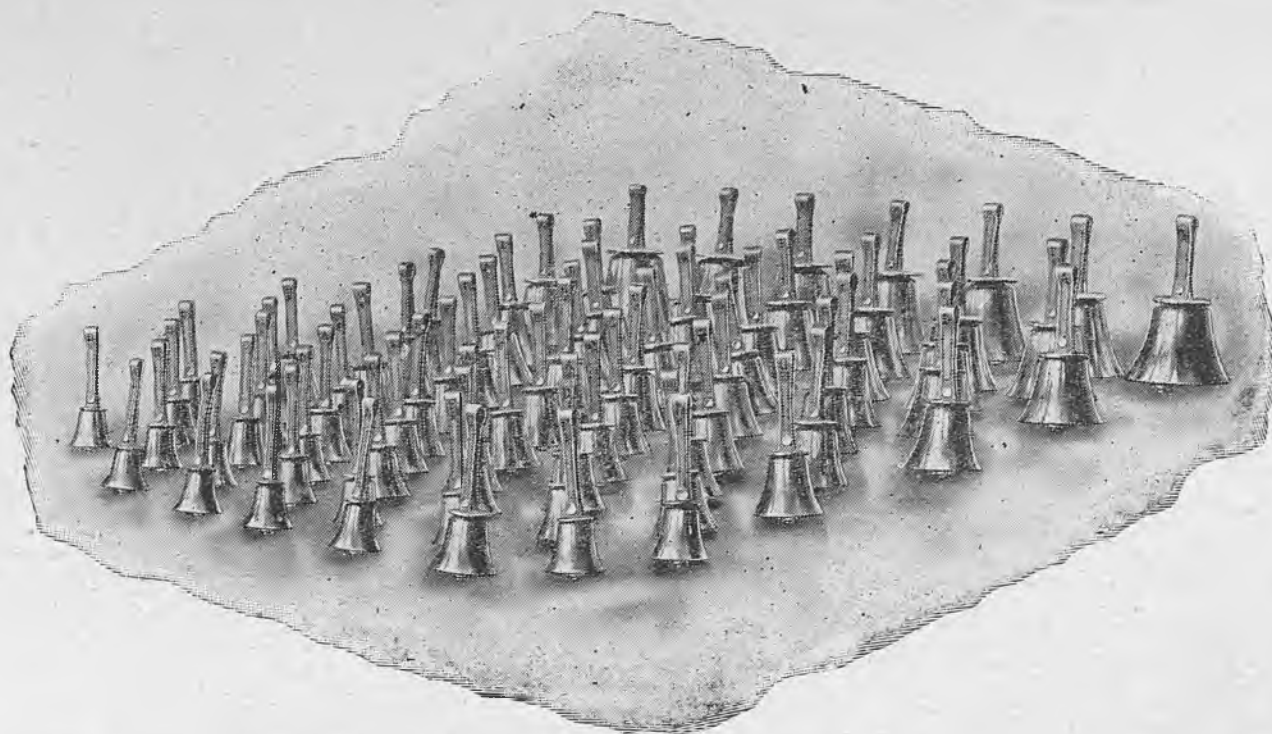
Secretary, Norwich Diocesan Association.

FARNHAM'S PEAL BOARD.

A handsome peal board has been unveiled in the belfry of Farnham, Surrey, the ceremony being performed on Monday week by Mrs. Lovett, wife of the Rector, who is leaving for a Southampton parish. The board records the following peals: February 27th, 1909, Grandsire Triples; Feb. 19th, 1910, Grandsire Triples; May 20th, 1910, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major for the late King Edward; June 22nd, 1911, Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the Coronation; Dec. 23rd, 1911, Stedman Triples; August 7th, Grandsire Triples, half-muffled for the late W. H. Lowman; Nov. 30th, 1912, Oxford Bob Triples.—Mrs. Lovett, in unveiling the board, referred to some of the historic occasions on which Farnham bells had been rung, including the celebration of the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo.—Mr. C. Edwards thanked Mrs. Lovett for unveiling the board, and the Rector referred in terms of high praise to the enthusiasm of the ringers in their work and their splendid achievements. He attributed their success largely to the efforts of Mr. Edwards, the conductor, and thanked them for the regularity, loyalty and enthusiasm which they had shown towards the bells, and through the bells to the parish.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Sharratt 1, B. Ridgway 2, J. Fansiey 3, A. Moore 4, S. White 5, F. Cotton (conductor) 6, G. Thompson 7, A. H. Gane 8. Arranged for ringer of tenor, who belongs to Doulling, Shepton Mallet, this being his first quarter-peal.

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MEETING AT STOKE POGES.

On Saturday, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, a meeting took place at Stoke Poges. Something like forty ringers were expected, but owing no doubt to the bad state of the weather only twenty-four were present, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have just carried out the work of restoration so successfully.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent were rung.—A short service was also held, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Stokes (curate), and afterwards the company sat down in the parish room to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Barnett (Vicar) and Mr. E. H. Parry (churchwarden). Mrs. Barnett was present to receive the visitors, and to say how sorry Canon Barnett was that, owing to illness, he could not be with them.—At the conclusion of tea, the company passed a vote of thanks to Canon Barnett and Mr. Parry for so kindly entertaining them.

Ringers were present from Burnham, Chalfont St. Peter, Ealing, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Heston, Hillingdon, Slough, Windsor, and the local company. All were delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

GEO. LEWIS' 100 PEALS.

On Tower Bells: Four Minor Methods, 1; seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 13, conducted, 3; Bob Major, 7, conducted, 3; College Single Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9 (a), conducted, 4; Oxford, 2, conducted, 1; Double Norwich, 2, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Caters, 4 (b); Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 9; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 19, conducted, 5; Little Bob Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 13; Bob Royal, 4, conducted, 1; total, 100, conducted, 18; (a) includes 6208 and 11,232 conducted; (b) includes 6591.

W. G. CRICKMER'S 100 PEALS FOR THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

Doubles, 4, conducted, 3; Minor, 24 (including the first Surprise peal in Suffolk), conducted, 13; Bob Triples, 6, conducted, 3; Grandsire, 4; Stedman, 2; Bob Major (including 4 on handbells), 13, conducted, 10; Royal (on handbells), 1, conducted, 1; Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 22 (including 10,176 and 16,608), conducted, 9; Kent, 13, conducted, 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Double Norwich Major, 3; Superlative, 3; Cambridge, 1; London, 1; total, 100, conducted, 45.

C. HAZELDEN'S 50 PEALS.

Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Caters, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 3; Stedman Triples, 18; Caters 3; Double Norwich Major 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge, 2; Norfolk, 1; Bristol, 3; London, 4; total, 50.

RINGERS ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

PRESENTATION AT EASTON NESTON.

The members of the Easton Neston (Northants) company and friends spent a very enjoyable evening on Friday week, when a dinner was held, and proved a great success. Those present included Mr. F. Causebrook (hon. secretary of the Towcester and District Association), Messrs. J. Slarke, E. Hunt, F. Wilford, and F. Hopper, of Northampton, and other friends. It was much to be regretted that the Rev. R. C. Collins (Vicar of Easton) was unable to be present owing to the very rough night, but he was represented by Mrs. and Miss Collins, who received a hearty welcome. Dinner over, Mr. F. Wilford was voted to the chair for the evening, and Mr. J. Slarke, in a short speech, said they had not only met together that evening for a little enjoyment, but also to do honour to a brother ringer, whom he had known for many years. There were others in the room who had been most helpful to them, but Mr. Hopper had done a great deal to forward the art of change ringing in the neighbourhood, and had been particularly helpful to the Easton Neston ringers, as they had been able to ring their first local peal the day before.—Mr. Hopper was then presented with a splendid pair of blankets by Mrs. Collins, who in a few well chosen words asked him to accept them as a token of thanks for what he had done for the Easton ringers.—Mr. Hopper, who was taken by surprise, thanked the ringers for their most kind gift. He said it was always a pleasure to him to help forward the art of change ringing, and it was very kind indeed of them to do what they had done that evening.

The Chairman said he felt it his duty to say just a few words with regard to this gift to Mr. Hopper. There was no man in the Central Northants Association who was so great a help to him as Mr. Hopper was, for he always endorsed his views, and was ever ready to go forward at every turn to help others in the way of change ringing. He was very pleased indeed to be there that evening, as those little

gatherings, which brought ringers together, enabled them to know each other better, and to help forward the good work they were doing for the Church.

The toast of "The Health of Mr. J. Slarke" was submitted by Miss Collins, who wished the veteran health and happiness in the coming year.—The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Slarke, in reply, thanked the company most sincerely. He had, he said, been looking forward to that meeting for some time, and would have been very pleased to have seen the Vicar with them. They had, however, excellent representatives in Mrs. and Miss Collins. Ringers always found it a great help to them when they saw the head of the church present at their gatherings. At the same time, he knew how deeply interested Mr. Collins was in his bell ringers and bell ringing, he being a member of the Association and a vice-president.

In conclusion, Mr. Slarke trusted that these gatherings would take place year after year, and added that he would always do whatever lay in his power to help forward his brother ringers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner. Songs were given by Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. Unwin, Mr. Beesley, Master P. Slarke, Miss V. Slarke, Mr. L. Worth, Mr. Basford and Mr. Bushall, together with selections on the handbells, thus bringing a pleasant evening to a close.

EAST HAGBOURNE (BERKS).

The annual suppers of the Hagbourne ringers were held at the Welcome Inn, as usual, on Christmas and New Year's Eves, and proved very successful. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Butler's catering was most thoroughly appreciated, and two very enjoyable evenings were spent by the ringers and their friends. After supper, on each occasion, a concert was held, at which it was the rule for each member present to sing a song. At 10 o'clock, an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where further songs were sung until just before midnight. Christmas Day was announced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, and the Old Year was rung out and the New Year in by touches in the same method, the last being a 672 by: W. Cox 1, E. Eutler 2, H. Bishop 3, W. Napper 4, J. Butler 5, T. East (conductor) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8. After ringing, a return was made to the school, and the proceedings were finished by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

MERTHYR TYDVIL.

On the evening of January 2nd, the members of the Merthyr Tydvil Parish Church Guild were entertained to supper by Miss A. E. Harrap, of Gwaunfarran, at the Commercial Hotel. After an excellent repast, Mr. A. E. Slatter, the captain, proposed "The health of Miss Harrap" which was seconded by Mr. E. Thomas.—Mr. F. Chave proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Trevanion for the very able manner in which she had catered for the company, and this was seconded by Mr. C. Paley.—The company then rang several selections on the handbells, after which whist was indulged in, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A party of 18 ringers from Handsworth paid another visit to Tattenhall, on Saturday week, when they spent a most enjoyable time. They were welcomed at the New Inn Hotel, which they made their headquarters, by the host and other friends, and, after touches of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, enjoyed a splendid feast. The evening was devoted to a musical programme, which opened with "Blue bells of Scotland," rung on handbells. Messrs E. Starkey, T. Verry, H. Herbert (comic), R. Roper, Faux, C. Starkey, F. Ward, E. Wood, and others, gave excellent songs, and the host's niece delighted the company with a rendering of "Killarney," in Welsh. Mr. F. Banks gave some capital concertina selections. The host was thanked for his excellent catering, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SCARBOROUGH.

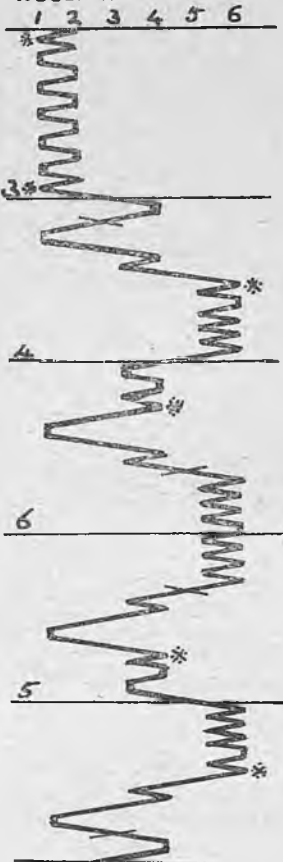
As is customary on New Year's Eve, the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, were rung, half-muffled, for the last half-hour of the old year; and open for an hour to welcome in the new. A pleasing event, quite unexpected, took place this year, when Mr. W. R. Lowson, the Vicar's warden, and Mrs. Lowson, assisted by Miss Coates, kindly entertained the ringers to refreshments in the belfry, hot coffee, sandwiches and mince pies being handed round. After partaking of the good things provided, Mr. Lowson, who is taking up ringing in earnest, took a rope in a few well-struck rounds and changes. The following ringers also took part: Messrs. Gibson, Cole, Fryers, Barton, Lowson, Raynor, Shannon, Priest, and Copley. Great credit is due to the four last-named members on the way in which they handled their bells, this being their first attempt at muffled ringing.—At the conclusion of the ringing cigars were handed round, kindly provided by Mr. Usher, sidesman.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 360 Grandsire was rung by: J. Fryers, H. Gibson, W. Raynor (first with a bob bell), T. Wardman, J. R. Barton, L. T. Cole.—On Boxing Day, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, came to grief after ringing 2100 changes: J. R. Barton (conductor) 1—2, O. Coates 3—4, H. Gibson 5—6, G. Alexander 7—8.

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

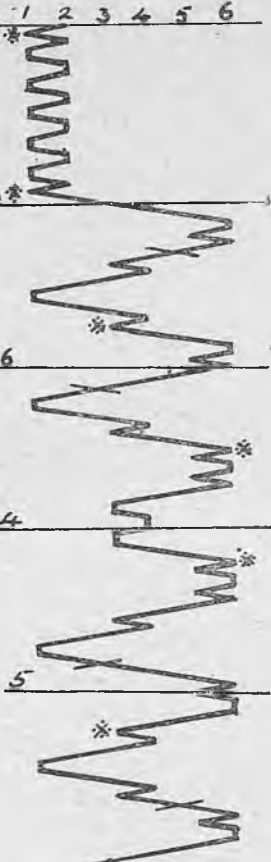
We give this week the diagrams of Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob. They are not among the legitimate methods, but are rung so much that we make no apology for their publication in this form.

The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell; the small lines intersecting the diagram mark the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell; and the asterisks the place where the working bell dodges with the treble.

WOODBINE TREBLE BOB.



VIOLET TREBLE BOB.



SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT CHESTERFIELD.

The January meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on Saturday at Chesterfield, and in spite of the wretched weather, was well attended. Upwards of 30 members were present from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Parish Church, and Staveley. The fine peal of ten bells (tenor 24½ cwt.) were raised about 3.30 p.m., and were kept going with short intervals till 7.30 p.m., some good ringing being accomplished, in a variety of methods, including Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, and New Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

A short business meeting was held in the tower during the evening, Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster) in the chair, at which a hearty vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse (who is so ever ready to grant the use of the bells) was carried with acclamation, as also was a vote of thanks to the local company. After lowering the bells, a move was made to the local company's meeting-room, where a pleasant evening was spent with the aid of a gramophone and some hand-bells.

Longborough, GLOS.—To ring in the New Year, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung: A. Purington 1, S. Green 2, T. Williams 3, T. Pethrick 4, A. Williams 5, E. Pardon (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. Reports of committees and notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 12th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. secretaries of the Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that affiliation fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles distant.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on January 11th, 1913. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Service in the church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramshot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; short service, with an address by the Vicar of St. Saviour's, at 5.30; tea in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions for 1913 were due on January 1st.—H. Rumens, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whitworth Parish Church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30; business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 11th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held on January 11th at Leighton Buzzard. Eight bells. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, District Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The general meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Weston Favel on Saturday, January 11th; Lowick on January 18th; Isham on January 25th; Irthlingborough on February 1st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at the Church Room, Dorking, on January 18th, 1913. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, followed by general meeting.—R. H. Freeman, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Lane, Shere.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Talbot Hotel at 5.30, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly let me know on or before January 15th.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Honorary Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, provided by S. Neame, Esq., will be taken at 5.30 p.m. Will all those members who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, January 14th. The annual subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penwortham on January 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. New reports given out at this meeting.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr, Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3. Service, with address, at 5.30. Tea at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than January 14th to H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, junr., Honorary Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Tea 9d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3.30. Divine service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at noon. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Grantham Dairy Co., Westgate, at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting after. Members and friends will be given a hearty welcome, and are requested to give notice of attendance not later than January 19th.—A. Markwell, District Secretary, Ingoldsby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Further particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 6, followed by business meeting. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Further particulars next week.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4; tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Pegg, Market Place, Whitwick, by the previous Thursday? The committee request that all subscriptions up to the end of 1912 be paid in at once. — W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

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