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MESSRS. GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1913.
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.

A WORD TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are rapidly approaching the completion of our second year, and, without being egotistical, we believe we may say we have more than justified our existence. We have endeavoured to supply the needs of the Exercise, and if we have succeeded we are well satisfied. That our efforts have met with appreciation we have many evidences to prove, and one of the strongest is the large amount of matter sent us every week for publication. There can be no better proof of the popularity of this journal, we think, than the enormous quantity of reports of various kinds which we receive, and we desire gratefully to acknowledge the help thus accorded us by a host of correspondents all over the country. But this large batch of material which comes into our office every week—enough sometimes to fill our available space twice over—presents the most serious problem with which we are confronted. In our desire to do justice to everyone we do our best to crowd in whatever we receive each week, but it is not always possible to find room for everything. The columns of a newspaper are not elastic, and although we frequently, at considerable cost, increase the number of our pages in order to meet the demands upon our space, there are still a few of our readers who are disappointed at some delay in the appearance of what they forward for insertion. With a view, therefore, to facilitating matters in this direction we would make a special appeal to correspondents to send in all reports as early as possible. Unfortunately a great many leave their communications to the very last minute. Our large circulation and the fact that every issue has to be distributed over the whole area of the kingdom, make it impossible for us to take ordinary matter after Tuesday morning, but though this is made clear in a notice which appears in our columns every week, a great many things which might arrive much earlier swell our mail bag as we are on the point of going to press. We gladly welcome communications upon every subject relating to ringing and the welfare of the Exercise, but it would save us much soreness of heart and vexation of mind if all our correspondents would follow the excellent example to which some adhere of sending in their contributions as soon as the peal has been rung or the meeting held, as the case may be. If early matter were only sent in early much trouble and disappointment might be saved. As an example of what sometimes happens, we may mention that we received on Tuesday the report of an event which happened in December, with the request that it should appear this week. And while dealing with this subject may we request correspondents not to send communications to our publishers, it only causes inconvenience and delay. Correspondence on all matters should be sent to the Editorial Office.

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**OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.**

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford.

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.

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

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

*GEORGE ALDER Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 6
*WILLIAM HENLEY 2	EDGAR HANCOX 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER 9
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

* First peal of Caters.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLET 3	JOHN AUSTIN 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 9
CHARLES L. SADLER 5	THOMAS J. WHITING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER).

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5160 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	RICHARD H. BARTRAM ... 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8
*HAROLD G. JENNEY, P.C. 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
ARTHUR S. PETTIT 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor, and first peal on ten bells.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January, 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

GILBERT GUEST Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
JOHN A. BROWN 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
WILLIAM FISHER 5	CHARLES FAULKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

Rung on the occasion of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. J. A. Brown belongs to Bilston Parish Church, W. Fisher and B. Gough to Coseley Parish Church, and the remainder to Dudley Parish Church.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDGAR MARLOW Treble	*CHARLES TYLER 6
CHRISTOPHER HICK 2	*THOMAS HILL 7
JAMES TYLER 3	† WILLIAM T. POWELL 8
EDWIN J. TYLER 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	EDGAR T. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
HORACE HOWELL 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 5
JOHN LEE 2	CALEB DANIEL 6
JOHN S. DANIELS 3	LOUIS ATTWATER 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 4	HENRY J. RUMBLE Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS ATTWATER.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Heneage Horsley Jebb, M.A., Rector of Streatham, who was interred at Streatham Cemetery on the above date.

BIRLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(St. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT FOSDIKE Treble	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 5
*FREDERICK S. BACON 2	JOSEPH LAW 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
*WILLIAM H. DAYNES 4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells, which were augmented from six to eight, 1891. These bells are hung backward. This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the death of Canon Money, first Vicar of St. John's, Deptford, who was Vicar of Birling at the time of his death, and is buried in Birling churchyard. All the ringers are members of St. John's band.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE BOROUGH OF GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BUCKLEY Treble	ELI GARSIDE 5
*WILLIAM HOLBROOK 2	JOHN LAWTON 6
HERBERT BRADLEY 3	RICHARD NEWTON 7
THOMAS JACKSON 4	*ROBERT DAVIS Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIS.

* Proposed members previous to starting. Messrs. Newton, Holbrook and Davis hail from the Manchester district.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WHARTON Treble	JOSEPH L. HAMMOND 5
CHARLES W. POWELL 2	THOMAS MURRAY 6
JAMES HALE 3	WILLIAM WILCOX 7
JOSEPH RUTTER 4	EDWARD HAMPSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

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

On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	JOHN CARTER 5
JAMES PAGETT 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	ALF PADDON SMITH 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was arranged for J. Pagett, of Derby, and J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK DARRALL Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 5
HARRY FARLOW 2	BENJAMIN CLARK 6
THOMAS O'CONNOR 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
DANIEL JONES 4	EDWARD MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal and first attempt.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE Treble	BART MITCHELL 5
GEORGE WARD 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
CHARLES E. HART 4	WALTER WALLACE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band and the first rung in Derby.

RYE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Friday, January 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

*PERCIVAL F. GILES Treble	VIVIAN D. LAURENCE 5
HAROLD F. COBON 2	JOSEPH B. BENNETT 6
ALFRED JOHNSON 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
CHARLES PRICE 4	GILBERT J. YOUNGS Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member of the Association previous to starting. A. Johnson comes from Appledore and the rest are Rye ringers. P. F. Giles is 16 years of age. Rung on the Vigil of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, and on the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the Sussex Association. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to C. Price, the esteemed verger.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the first peal of Superlative on the bells, and by the above Society.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt. o qr. 14 lbs.

CHARLES J. TRICKER ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
*HENRY R. STEVENS ... 2	*ALBERT E. GRAY ... 6
FERRIS SHEPHERD ... 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 4	*WILLIAM CHARGE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	JOHN GARDNER ... 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH ... 6
WILLIAM RIMMER ... 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

This was the conductor's rooth peal. E. Caunce hails from Grassendale, Liverpool; the rest are local ringers.

COLERNE, WILTS.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBERTS ... Treble	HORACE D. TAYLOR ... 5
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... 6
†GEORGE JAMES ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 4	LUTHER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN AUSTIN ... 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JESSE GILLET ... 3	JOHN W. DAVIS ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM COOPER ... 5
FREDERICK BENDALL ... 2	ELIJAH PAGETT ... 6
GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... 3	ALBERT MILLS ... 7
WILLIAM PEART ... 4	*WALTER REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Lord and Lady Lewisham, and a grandson to Lord Dartmouth, patron of the living at the above church.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Camberwell,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. NAPPER (a) ... Treble	F. JAMES ... 5
T. EAST ... 2	R. JAMES ... 6
W. NAPPER (b) ... 3	J. S. NAPPER ... 7
J. BOWER ... 4	T. BUSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bower, of Goring.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALLAN R. HICKTON ... Treble	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 5
JOHN CHARLES DICKEN ... 2	*RICHARD DRAGE ... 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. ... 3	PERCY PRICE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	ALBERT H. WARD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 7 cwt. o qr. 17 lb.

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

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by S. EVANS.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JESSE ELDRIDGE 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 4	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's in fourteen methods:—i, Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley; ii, London and Wells; iii, York and Durham; iv, Hexham and Berwick; v, Annable's London and Hull; vi, Bourne and Nether-seale; vii, Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

First peal in fourteen Surprise methods by all the band and by the Association.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT STEWARD Treble	THOMAS T. HUMBERSTONE 4
CHRISTOPHER WARD 2	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 5
WALTER H. WOOD 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

WARRINGTON.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, January 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES J. WILSON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1840. Rung on the Eve of St. Paul's Day.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being forty-two Six-Scores of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY LITCH Treble	ARTHUR BRADLEY 3
GEORGE CAMP 2	EDWARD LITCH 4
WILLIAM GREEN Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM GREEN.

First peal ever rung on the bells and the first peal by all the band, with the exception of A. Bradley, this being his first peal of Doubles. It was also rung as a farewell to Percy Litch, who is leaving for Canada early next month. It was rung by the local band, who, less than a year ago, joined the Essex Association, and have been ably instructed by Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle.

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

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London College Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

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

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. C. Edwards. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. W. J. Harkness) for the use of the bells and Mr. T. Nicholls, the steeple-keeper for having everything ready.

FULBECK.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's each of College Single and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM JARVIS Treble	GEORGE SCOTT 4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK 2	CHARLES W. BAINES ... 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	CHARLES W. ELSE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ELSE.

* First peal.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONS Treble	*ARTHUR HAYWARD ... 4
ERNEST WILKINS 2	WILLIAM FUDGE 5
ERNEST BULL 3	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal of Minor.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

*WALTER C. STARMER ... Treble	WILFRED SHARP 3
FRED HOPPER 2	*ARTHUR T. STARMER ... 4
THOMAS LAW Tenor	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ERNEST STONE Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 4
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
WALTER J. HORNTON ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This peal was rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. It was the first peal in five Surprise methods by all the band, and by the Association.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM STEELE Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS 4
†ALLEN GWYNNE 2	JOHN CLARK 5
JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

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

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: CHARLES SAMPSON.

* First peal on handbells by Allen Bailey, who is only 16 years of age.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. BROYD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.:—Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, was tapped by

OLAVE E. BROYD.

Umpires: H. W. CATTERWELL and G. PANNELL.

Witnesses: A. CATTERWELL and W. NICE.

This peal is believed to be the first tapped by one person in seven methods.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-one Minutes,
IN THE SECRETARY'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES 3—4
FREDERICK BARKER... .. 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire: F. P. CHEETHAM.

[The following peal has not hitherto been published.]

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER C. MEDLER... .. Treble	WALTER ALLEN 4
GEORGE FARROW 2	JAMES CUSHION... .. 5
JOHN COOPER 3	ROBERT COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

The peal of Minor at Royston, Herts, on Jan. 18th, included 720 of Oxford Bob, which was omitted from the report.

LATE PEAL.

SHOREHAM SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HOWSE... .. Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
JOHN CAPP 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
*ERNEST GOWER... .. 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Superlative. This was the 500th peal the conductor has rung for the Sussex County Association.

THE LEGITIMATE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On December 6th last, Mr. F. Blood asked the Whitley Bay ringers, through the columns of "The Ringing World," to inform the Exercise of the methods they had rung and the names and dates since "Legitimate Methods" was published. Mr. Blood also says he has the name and date of every method it has been possible to get, so I ask him through your columns if No. 13 in the Delight class is among his collection. This method I composed myself, and it was rung by our band eight or nine years ago under the name of Oswald Treble Bob. In the Surprise class, No. 24 is one I composed and named Lancashire Surprise; we rang it first time on May 27th, 1906. Another of our band, Mr. Isaac Whalley, composed No. 22 and named it Immanuel. This also was rung on May 27th, 1906.—Yours faithfully,

C. SHARPLES.

[No. 13 of the 4th's place Delights is now officially known as Willesden, and No. 13 of the 3rd's place Delights as Kent. No. 24 in the Surprise class is known at Stamford. The name of Lancashire has been given to No. 22.—Ed.]

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At Cardington, a village still fragrant with the memory of that great prison-reformer, John Howard, a meeting of the Bedford district was held on Saturday. The weather was not of the best, but, notwithstanding, there attended ringers representing eleven towers, and the beautiful ring of eight bells was kept going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. It was a very instructive meeting, and a number who attended derived great advantage.

A tea, arranged at one of the local inns, was partaken of in the most fraternal and jovial spirit, after which followed a short meeting. —The District Secretary, Mr. J. W. Barker, read a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Bedford, also an invitation from the Sharnbrook ringers.—Following a discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sharnbrook, and, at the wish of the district secretary, it was decided to make it the general business meeting for the ensuing year.

It having come to the knowledge of the members that the President (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker) had recently celebrated his silver wedding, the secretary was requested to convey the hearty congratulations of the meeting to the President.

Considering that the ringers present so thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it need hardly be recorded that a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. C. Secombe) for giving facilities for the meeting, and for granting the use of the bells.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake addressed the meeting on a scheme of his, for the recognition of those companies who make the best average of attendance and progress during the year, and was promised hearty support from all present.

To antiquarians who visit the district, it may be interesting to add that there is in the wall of the tower the face of a very old sun dial. It was discovered when the church was rebuilt in 1898, and, though the writer has been unable to verify the statement, he was told by a local authority that it is the only known specimen of a Saxon sun-dial with a whole face.

ST. BOTOLPH'S RINGERS' TRIBUTE.

On Wednesday, January 15th, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half muffled, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, London, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Horner. The deceased, whose death occurred with appalling suddenness, was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and was for many years a regular worshipper at St. Botolph's. The ringers, who are members of the local band, were: W. Arnold 1, H. Laver 2, F. Andrews 3, J. Cornford 4, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 5, W. Edwards 6, T. Walker 7, A. Pettett 8. Afterwards 336 Grandsire Triples were rung by: W. Arnold 1, F. Andrews 2, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, T. Walker 4, J. Cornford (conductor) 5, R. W. Green 6, A. Turner 7, W. J. Nelder 8. 168 each of Grandsire and Stedman followed, conducted by T. H. Taffender.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO LEWISHAM DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday. This peal of ten was available during the afternoon, and about 80 members assembled in the Parish Room for tea and business, among those present being Miss Christabel Airey, and the Revs. F. J. O. Helmore and T. W. Sturgess, the last-named occupying the chair. The secretary's report again proved highly satisfactory, while the report of the district representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) on the proceedings of the Central Committee was followed with interest.—Several new members were elected, and the meeting then decided on Chislehurst as the place of the next quarterly meeting.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the hon. general secretary of the Association, then said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. It was to ask Mr. Thos. Groombridge, the district secretary, to accept a little acknowledgment and appreciation of his ten years' work, in the shape of an address and a purse, adding, "I've no doubt there is something in it." Mr. Helmore then went back to the time when he first took office, before there was a Lewisham District branch of the Association. He spoke of the first secretaries, who each held office for a year or two, and the gradual success of the district, but he felt sure that all present were of the opinion that the present high position which the district held was largely due to the energy of their present secretary, Mr. Groombridge. Mr. Helmore added that it gave him great pleasure to come up from East Kent to perform such a pleasant office, and asked Mr. Groombridge to accept the address and purse.

THE ADDRESS.

The address, which was handsomely illuminated and framed, bore a picture of St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, and was worded as follows:—"The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

"To Thomas John Groombridge, Hon. Secretary Lewisham District.—On behalf of the Lewisham District of the above Association, we, the undersigned, desire to express our sincere thanks for the unflinching energy and enthusiasm you have shown in the execution of your duties as hon. secretary of the district during the past ten years. During that period the number of members has been almost doubled, the standard of the ringing has been raised, the spirit of association has ripened, and we gladly recognise the fact that this conspicuous improvement has been effected to a very great extent through your untiring efforts. We know that it has been with you a labour of love; and we hope and trust that the Association may continue to enjoy the benefit of your help and guidance for many years to come.—E. Barnett, H. Warnett, I. Emery, J. Wheadon, C. H. Walker, S. H. Keech, G. H. Daynes, Committee; W. J. Jeffries, Hon. District Representative; F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. General Secretary.

Mr. Groombridge, who was most enthusiastically received, said the members had completely taken the wind out of his sails. He went on to say that it had always been a labour of love to him to do what he could for the district. He thanked all for their kindness.—Mr. Hoskins moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Jeffries, who had been the prime mover in the object, and Mr. Jeffries replied thanking the district for the ready way they had supported him.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The members then attended evensong, at which the Rev. T. W. Sturgess gave the address. At the close, the belfry was again visited, and much good practice was had during the day. Afterwards some of the members assembled at the Globe Hotel, and a pleasant hour was spent. Mr. F. W. Richardson presided at the piano, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Jeffries, J. E. Davis, D. Wright, F. W. Thornton, C. Walker, W. Smith and F. W. Richardson, and the proceedings terminated another of the always successful and enjoyable meetings of the Lewisham District.

Mr. Groombridge requests us to insert the following letter to the members of the Lewisham District: "Being so taken by surprise at the very kind remarks of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore at our meeting on Saturday last, and the handsome present I received from his hands through your kind generosity, I found it impossible to thank you in a way I should like to have done, and desire, therefore, to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking you all for the handsome appreciation you have shown me for the services I have rendered you as your district secretary. The reverend gentleman's account of the doings and growth of the district was a great recompense to me for what I have done, but the handsome address will keep in my mind as long as I live the many happy hours we have spent together. Again I most sincerely thank you all, particularly those gentlemen whose names appear on the address, for their exertions, and also the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who made the journey from Canterbury especially for the occasion, thus conferring another great honour on me. I trust this district and the Association may continue to prosper."

MEETING AT SELLING.

A very representative meeting was held at Selling on Saturday week, attended by 53 members. Ringers appeared early and rang various methods before 5.15 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford) conducted a very impressive service, following the form prepared for the Association. Afterwards the members adjourned to the White Lion for tea, very kindly provided by Mr. S. Neame, who was also present.

Subsequently, with the Vicar in the chair, the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford, the Rev. T. Harrison and Mr. S. Neame, hon. members and 18 new practising members were duly elected, and Chilham and Littlebourne towers were accepted into union. Mr. E. G. Buesden was appointed instructor to Chilham.

Mr. C. H. Drake proposed, and Mr. E. E. Foreman seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells, and Mr. W. E. Pitman proposed, and Mr. A. H. Saxby seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Neame for the tea.—Both gentlemen suitably responded.

At the conclusion of the business Grandsire and Stedman were rung on handbells. Further touches on the tower bells were rung, and refreshments afterwards brought a very successful meeting to a close.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North and East district was held on Saturday last at Southgate, and was attended by 50 members, the following towers being represented: Barnet, Edmonton, Finchley, Hadley, Hornsey, Southgate, Tottenham, Clapton, Clerkenwell, and Walthamstow (St. Saviour's). A short service was held, and an instructive address given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peploe). Tea was served at the Cherry Tree, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave a short report of the work of the district during 1912, and submitted the balance sheet, which, in spite of an increase in several items of expenditure, showed a balance to the good of nearly £3 on the year's working.

On the proposition of Mr. James Parker, seconded by Mr. H. Reeves, the whole of the officers were re-elected, this in itself being sufficient proof that the members were satisfied with their work.—Seventeen new members were elected, including the recently-formed band at St. James', Clerkenwell, who were present, and took part in various touches during the day. Instructors were appointed, by request, to coach the ringers at Barnet and Hadley.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at Hornsey.—The Hon. Secretary spoke of the importance of attending the annual general meeting, which is to be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on the Saturday after Easter. This being the only occasion during the year when the two districts of the Association meet in an official way, he hoped that the members would make every effort to attend.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his interesting address at the service, and to the local ringers for their kind welcome, concluded the business. The bells were utilised during afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise. It was one of the most successful district meetings in the annals of the Association.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Saturday. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the institute, over 40 being present, including representatives from Titchfield, Portsea, Fareham, Swanmore, Curdridge, Havant, Bishop's Waltham, Brading, Ryde, and Gosport, and visitors from Lee-on-Solent, Twyford and North Stoneham.—At the business meeting, which followed, the report and balance sheet were adopted, and the officers re-elected as follows: The Rev. C. E. Matthews, chairman; Mr. J. Whiting, secretary; Messrs G. Chappell and E. J. Harding, representatives; and Mr. J. Symonds, auditor. One honorary and two performing members and nine probationers were elected, together with the whole of the Gosport band, numbering 18 members. Much satisfaction was expressed at the Gosport band again becoming affiliated to the Guild.—Votes of thanks were accorded the officers for so successfully transacting the business of the district, and to the Rev. C. Garbett for the use of the bells and institute.

The bells of St. Thomas' were available, and this tower was, therefore, also visited. Evensong was attended at St. Mary's, and a part of the ringers' service was used.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Southern branch was held at Grantham, on Saturday, about 29 members being present from Barkston, Bourne, Stamford, Edenham, Ingoldsby, and Grantham. The Rev. Law James (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, Notts, and several friends from Peterborough were also present. A special service was held at the Parish Church, and an excellent address was given by the Vicar. After tea, the balance sheet was presented and adopted, and the officers elected.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was prevented from being present, owing to indisposition, was re-elected President; Mr. Sidney Proctor, the conductor of the Grantham company, was elected secretary, Mr. A. Markwell being obliged to resign owing to pressure of business. The other officers were re-elected, with a slight alteration of committee.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his excellent address.—A vote of thanks was given to Mr. A. Markwell for his services as secretary for the past year. During the day, touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. We are asked to state that any correspondence relating to the Southern branch should be sent to Mr. Sidney Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

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Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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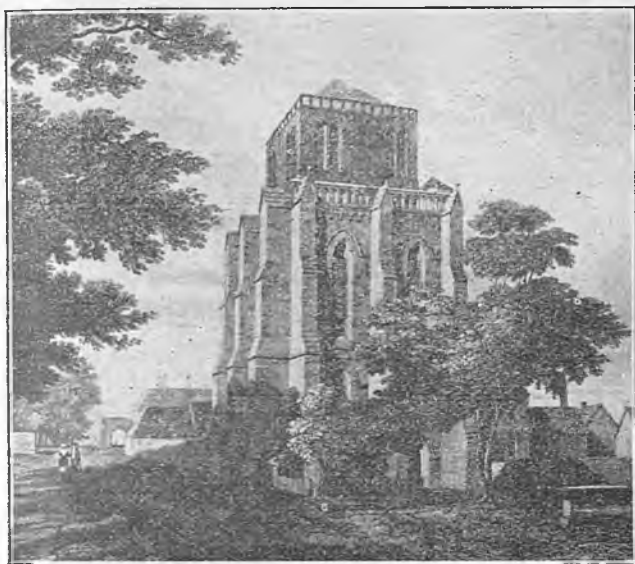
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— SALISBURY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The old bell tower, which stood on the north side of the cathedral, about 60 yards therefrom, contained a peal of eight bells, tenor 38 cwt. I have been unable to find out the dates or founders of the front five; but the seventh and tenor were recast in 1680 by Clement Tosier, in conjunction with Elizabeth Flower, widow of Robert Flower, bell founder, and the sixth (the only one now in existence) was cast by William Purdue in 1661.

The history of the destruction of the tower and bells is as follows:—On October 10th, 1746, several of the bells being cracked, and the fittings out of order, it was ordered that they be rung no more after November 5th till the cracked ones be recast. This, however, was never



THE ANCIENT CAMPANILE OF SALISBURY,
in which the Cathedral bells were originally hung. This picture
is reproduced from an old print.

done; but in 1762 a faculty was applied for to Bishop Thomas to sell the second, third, fifth, seventh and tenor, all of which were cracked. This was refused; but in 1777 Bishop Hume granted a faculty for their sale, and we find this entry in the records of the Dean and Chapter: "March 14th, 1777. Ordered that Mr. Lush (then clerk of the works) do sell the five bells that are down in the belfry, the Lord Bishop of Sarum having consented to their sale for the benefit of the fabric." Robert Wells, the Aldbourne founder, then gave £4 4s. per cwt. for them, the total weight being computed at 7 tons 14 cwt. 1 qr.

In March, 1790, the old clock and the sixth bell were removed to the central steeple of the Cathedral, where they still remain; though the clock has been replaced by a new one, given by the Wilts Regiment in 1883, which chimes the Cambridge quarters on four bells.

In January, 1793, the two remaining bells (treble and fourth) were sold to Robert Wells for £105. The bell tower was then pulled down, the upper part above the bells, which was of timber covered with lead, having been

demolished in 1769, on account of its dangerous condition. At that date the bell chamber was covered by a slated roof.

At the present time the central steeple contains the large service bell (the sixth of the original peal), weighing 24½ cwt., and the four clock bells. In the gable of the south transept hangs the Bishop's bell. The inscriptions and diameters are as follows:—

Service bell.

WILLIAM PVRDYE FVSA ANNO REGIS
CAROLI 2^{DI} XIII^O A^{OE} DNI 1661 +++ IMPENSIS
ECCLESIAE R.T. † H.H.

[Diameter 51¾ inches].

The four clock bells (on each bell).

J: TAYLOR AND CO. BELLFOUNDERS, LOUGH-
BOROUGH, 1884.

[Diameters 26½ in., 28½ in., 31¼ in. and 39¾ in.].

Bishop's bell.

C. & G. MEARS, FOUNDERS, LONDON, 1854.

[Diameter 26 in.].

Before being recast the Bishop's bell was inscribed " +
Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum " in black letter alphabet.

A short description of the old bell tower may be of interest. It was a massive building, 33 feet square inside the walls, which were nearly eight feet thick. It was 80 feet high to the top of the parapet, over which was the bell chamber, built of timber covered with lead; above this was an octagonal turret surmounted by a spire, also formed of timber covered with lead. The total height was about 200 feet. The ringing floor was 37 feet from the ground.

ODD CHANGES.

We have had unavoidably to hold over until next issue, further correspondence on the peal at Wallasey; a lengthy letter from Mr. Dains in reply to Mr. Lindoff, and some other reports.

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Another "tapping" performance is recorded this week, and is even more wonderful than the two peals recently scored by Mr. J. Segar, junr., of Retford, inasmuch as the peal consisted of seven methods. To Mr. Olave Broyd, of Gestingthorpe, Essex, belongs the honour of this latest achievement, which included, in addition to 720 of Plain Bob, two 720's in double methods, three 720's in Treble Bob methods, and 720 of Cambridge Surprise.

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We learn that Mr. H. W. Catterwell was invited to be present at the performance as an independent witness and one not belonging to the Gestingthorpe company. Being curious about the possibility of such a peal, Mr. Catterwell arranged with the other umpire, Mr. G. Pannell, that each should hunt a bell through the seven methods. Mr. Catterwell took the fourth and Mr. Pannell the tenor.

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The former, in describing the performance, says: We found the bells which we were following to be correctly struck at an average of 36 rounds a minute. We asked Mr. Broyd to call out the bobs and singles, which were ticked down, and found to be exactly as arranged beforehand. The handbells used were of rather more than average size. The six of them took up nearly three feet, so that readers can imagine what a difficult thing it was when the treble and tenor were together either in front or behind, and hence the much longer time occupied than in the peals tapped by Mr. Segar. While congratulating Mr.

Segar, I hope we are the first in the field with seven different methods. I can fully sympathise with the performer in the physical strain involved, because my eyes were almost dazzled before the finish.

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Five hundred peals for one association is a record of wonderful service rendered, and this valuable service has been given by Mr. Keith Hart, who, with a peal at Shoreham on Monday completed his fifth century for the Sussex Association. Speaking without any means, at the moment, of checking the absolute accuracy of the statement, we believe that only three other ringers can claim such a record. Mr. William Pye and Mr. Bert Prewett have each scored 500 for the Middlesex Association we believe, and probably the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, to whose memory a screen is to be dedicated in Drayton Church, on Saturday, February 8th, rang 500 for the Oxford Guild.

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From inquiries made, Mr. J. McMillan believes that the St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, can claim to be the first Welsh speaking band to ring a peal. Their performance was one of Grandsire Triples at Portmadoc on Boxing Day, and was recorded in our issue of the 3rd inst. We presume that the bobs and singles were called in English, despite the fact that all the band spoke Welsh. Our knowledge of the Celtic tongue is nil, but while we understand it is a very musical language, the "calls" in a peal of Grandsire would have to be somewhat shorter than the name of that little village in Anglesea, which is spelt with some 69 letters, or else the conductor would have to start his bobs about a lead before they had to be made.

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That peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bristol on Saturday week was a really great performance. An attempt was made for it on December 28th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Vicar, when the band rang 2 hrs. 36 mins. It was then arranged for the New Year, but fell through owing to a misunderstanding on the part of two of the band, who failed to turn up. But the home coming of the Vicar and his bride gave the company another opportunity, which they used well. The band owe a debt of gratitude to many for being allowed to realise the height of their ambition on the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe. In the first place to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells for practice, and again to the clergy, who have on several occasions allowed them to ring through a service, and, lastly, to the steeplekeeper (Mr. P. W. H. Came) for his assistance on all occasions.

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The Fulbeck company have rung 720 of No. 5 of the Legitimate Plain Hunt methods, and desire to know if they can name it. The method, however, has already been named "Hereward." So far as we are aware the only methods that remain unnamed in that section are Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 27.

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The performance of Allen Bailey, of Leiston, who is now only 16 years of age, is worthy of the famous band of brothers. In this issue we record a peal of Bob Major rung on handbells in which this young man took part, and also his first peal of Superlative inside. This latter was rung after only one practice—on the preceding Tuesday, when he rang two courses. This is extremely creditable progress.

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A large clock has been erected in Rackenford Church, Devonshire. It is fitted with all the latest improvements,

and generally made to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clocks in the neighbouring churches of Huntsham, Southmolton and others in Devonshire.

DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Since the publication of the above, it has been pointed out by Mr. Carter that this method is given in one of the old books (Hubbard's, I think) as Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major, and in his opinion, possessing musical qualities superior to Double Norwich. I have not this book by me for reference, but have compared the method with Yorkshire Court, as given in Standard Methods, and find that if the latter is doubled, this is without the least doubt what "Double Worcester" is. It is, therefore, only fair to withdraw any claim to the design, so I am publishing the peal under what I think will be admitted to be its proper title.

Turning to Mr. Law James' letter in last week's issue, I have not "Rules and Decisions" of the C.C., 1904, by me, so cannot refer to what he intimates. However, I have the C.C. "Glossary" of same date, which I find gives the following interesting information on page 8:—

'Lead—(b) The series of rows or changes beginning from and ending with a whole pull right by the Treble in its natural position at the commencement of the row or change, this bell having meanwhile occupied every place in the rows or changes the full number of times required by any given mode of producing permutations," etc., and this ends with: "The whole series is usually called a Treble Lead." Would this term have met Mr. James' requirements? If so, and we turn to page 13, we find "Plain—devoid of calls, unaltered by a call, etc."

Again on page 14: "Plain Lead—(a) A lead introduced without a call. (b) The first Treble lead of the Plain Course," etc. Now as to the method as a whole, if we proceed to page 20 we find the term: "Double—(a) A descriptive adjective attached to the name of a method in which half the plain course work of the bells in one direction is exactly repeated in the opposite direction to form the other half." Surely the other C.C. publication does not contradict this! If so, which may we take as correct?

Finally, I do not propose to enter into any argument on this subject, but just give the facts as they appear to me. It is one thing to have "ideas," and another to get other people to accept them. The Stedman argument of some little time ago was convincing proof of this. I feel I can leave this to the judgment of the ringing fraternity in general, and can only add that "The result is the thing!" and whether this method is legitimate or not, it is generally agreed by the band who rang it; that it is far superior, both from a musical and a ringing point of view, to many of the so-called legitimate methods.—Yours, etc.,

Smethwick.

JOSEPH PIGOTT.

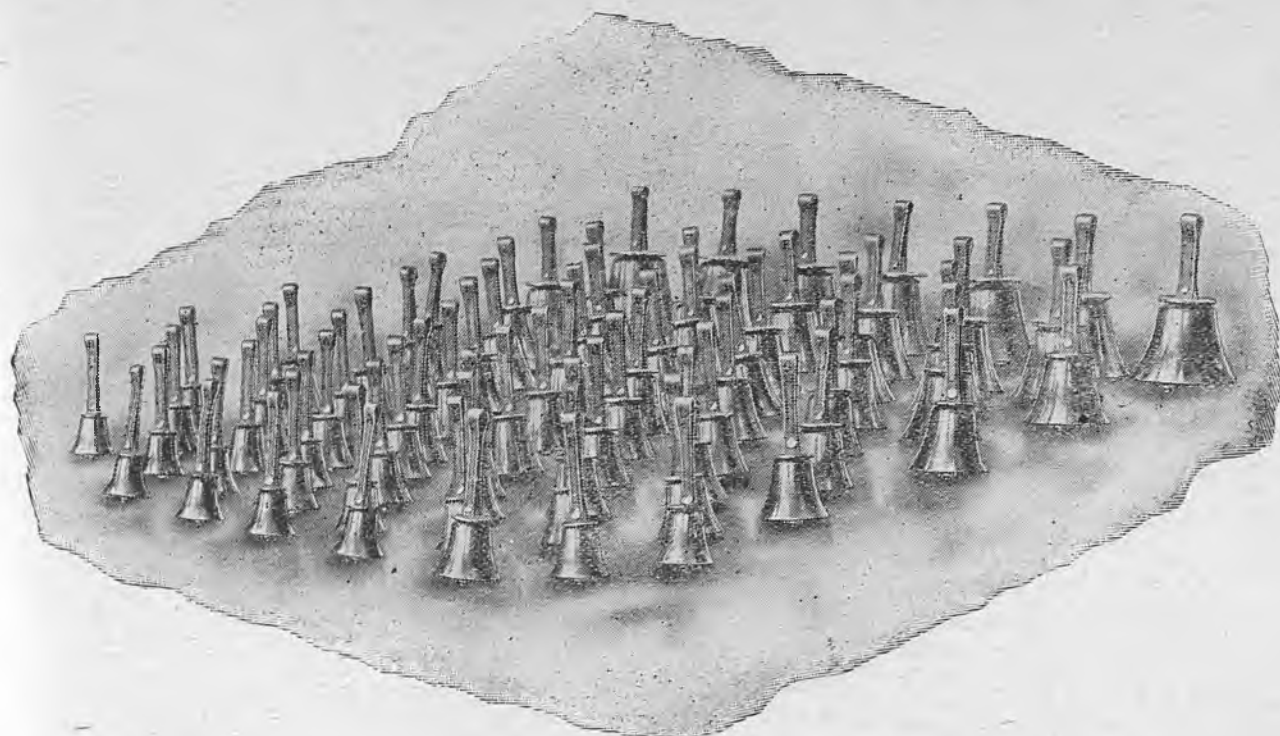
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

For the first time in its history, a quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held in Birmingham last Saturday, Bishop Ryder's Church being the tower selected. Although so central, the number of members attending was not up to the average; indeed, it was rather disappointing. Albeit, a pleasant meeting resulted. The places represented were Coventry, Birmingham, Tamworth, Polesworth, Rugby, Penny Compton, King's Norton and Stratford-on-Avon. Tea was partaken of at Treadwell's Restaurant in Corporation Street, and the business meeting followed, Mr. James George (Master) presiding, supported by the hon. treasurer, hon. secretary, and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon. The places proposed for the April meeting were Sutton Coldfield, Solihull and Erdington, but eventually the two first-named were withdrawn in favour of Erdington. Three new members were elected, including Mr. C. F. Johnston as a life member, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's for the use of the tower. The bells—a light ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt.—were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. By the kindness of Mr. W. Frank Webb, steeplekeeper of St. John's, Deritend, that tower was also placed at the disposal of members after tea, and Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were the methods rung on the bells there.

BEDFORDSHIRE PRESIDENT'S SILVER WEDDING.

On January 11th, the occasion of the silver wedding of the highly esteemed Rector of Dunstable, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who is an ardent campanologist and President of the Beds Association, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1312 changes) was rung in 51 mins., by: W. Payne 1, G. Healey 2, G. Baldock 3, J. Simms 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, S. Dobbie 7, A. King (conductor) 8. It was the first quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2, 3 and 4. The ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 8 belong to Luton, and 2, 3, 4 and 7 to the Dunstable band.—After tea, at the Marchant Restaurant, the health of the Rev. and Mrs. Baker was drunk with musical honours.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SACRED WORK IN THE BELFRY.**

A district meeting of Ely Archdeaconry branch was held at Fulbourn on Saturday. During the afternoon, touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, and a course of Cambridge Surprise was rung for the service, which was fully choral, and for which the Association's special form was used for the first time.—The Rector (the Rev. J. V. Durell) gave a very encouraging address.

An excellent tea was provided in the Assembly Room, through the generosity of the Rector, who was present, as was also Mrs. Durell. There were also present Mr. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), Mr. P. Webb (district secretary), Messrs. J. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, F. Kempton, A. Wilkerson (Cambridge), A. E. Austin (Stapleford), F. Hurry (Lawston), F. Handicombe (Melbourn), A. Starr (Ickleton), and the local company.—At the business meeting, which followed, several new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Longstanton.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also for his kindness in providing tea and for presiding.—The Rector, in reply, extended a hearty welcome to the Association. He added that if the people generally knew of the difficulties of the art of ringing they would respect and encourage change ringing a great deal more than they had done in the past. He was pleased to say all his ringers were highly respected by the parishioners, and he intended to speak in his sermons the next day about the bells, and to ask all to patronise ringers, as the work done in the belfry was as sacred as the work done in the chancel.

The tower was again visited, and various methods rung, including a good 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by: W. B. Kempton 1, T. R. Dennis 2, P. Webb 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Kempton 6.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held on Saturday at Cheshunt, when the ring of eight bells were at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening. Twenty-two members attended. At tea, at the Green Dragon, the business meeting was held, the Rev. T. W. Barker presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

A district meeting was also held at Aldenham, on Saturday, when 24 members assembled. Touches in various methods were rung, including Stedman, Superlative and Bristol. It is pleasant to record the affiliation of the Tring ringers with the Association, and the addition thereby of 12 new members. Change ringing has lately been established at Tring, and if enthusiasm can do anything towards a change ringing band being successful, we shall soon hear of the latest recruits scoring a peal. It was noticeable that youth was greatly in evidence, a fact which was pointed out to the writer by one who brought his son (5ft. 11in., age 16) to bear him company.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A good number of members attended the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch, at Malvern Link, on Saturday. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Day) gave a very practical and interesting address. Tea followed, at which 42 members sat down.—The Vicar presided at the subsequent meeting, and gave consent for the quarterly peal to be attempted at Malvern Link, after Easter, R. G. Knowles being chosen as conductor.—Ombersley was selected for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on June 21st.—The Vicar was proposed, and unanimously elected as an hon. member.—The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

Members were present from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester, Powick, Leigh, Ombersley, Sackley, Hallow, Upton, Madresfield and Malvern Link companies, and during the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

DEATH OF A GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER.

The death of Edwin Ross Todd, which occurred recently, after a short illness, at his residence, Mill Road, Southtown, at the age of 64 years, has robbed the Great Yarmouth band of a valued member. The funeral service, which took place at Gorleston-on-Sea, was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Cole, curate-in-charge of St. Luke's, while many of the deceased's brother ringers were present, having previously forwarded a wreath in the shape of a bell as a token of respect and sympathy. Muffled peals were rung at both Gorleston and Yarmouth, before and after the service, and his age also was fired on the bells.

The deceased came to Yarmouth in 1900, and it was not long before he was admitted a member of St. Nicholas' belfry. He was one of the earliest members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and for a time he was Master of the Pettistree company, while a good deal of his peal ringing was done at Wickham Market, Ufford, Harwich, Kelsale and Pettistree. He has taken part in 28 peals, and his first peal on ten bells was one of Grandsire Caters, at Great Yarmouth in March, 1912, conducted by D. Hayward. The deceased took a great interest in change ringing, and will be greatly missed by the Yarmouth company.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**PROGRESS IN THE UXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Congressbury on Saturday week, 25 members being present from Burnham, Congressbury, Cheddar, Winscombe, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, and others. Service was held in the church, and a very able address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Maunsell Eyre. After tea, in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. Maunsell Eyre, in the absence of the chairman.—Two hon. and twenty-nine performing members were elected. Berrow was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Banwell for the intermediate meeting. The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of 4s. 8d., was adopted.—In the Secretary's report it was shown that the branch had made steady progress during the year. Three new towers had been added, and five hon. members and twenty-six performing members elected.—The Rev. G. H. Lewis was re-elected chairman for the year; and Mr. G. H. Pruett, vice-chairman, while Mr. J. Harris was re-elected secretary. Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected on the general committee.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for use of the bells, arranging the service, giving the address, and presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in responding, gave the Association a very hearty welcome.—The choir and organist were also thanked for attending.—During the afternoon and evening some capital touches were rung on the fine peal of bells.

ILCHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester branch was held at East Coker on Saturday week, when, although the roads were in a bad state, and the weather very unsettled, ringers attended from Ilminster, Odombe, Kingsdon, Matlock, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Norton-sub-Ham, and Yeovil. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. Monck, and Miss Powell presided at the organ.—The business meeting followed tea at the New Inn.—The Rev. G. G. Monck was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. G. H. Head, of Kingsdon, was re-elected hon. secretary.

Practice was obtained in Grandsire Triples, Minor and Doubles, in which some of the younger members took part. The bells are a light ring and "go" splendidly. It is hoped in time to get the local men, and also those of West Coker, to join the Association. A local man, late of Norton, called a touch of 360 Minor, although he had not touched it for some time.

BRIDGWATER BRANCH.

On Saturday week, the annual meeting of the Bridgwater branch was held at Bridgwater, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzoy, Enmore, Wembdon, and Taunton. The service, which was choral, was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Langham), who based a practical address upon the words, "We are labourers together with God."

Tea was provided at the Parish Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. O. Major, of Bridgwater, presided.—The Secretary presented an encouraging report of the year's work, and a satisfactory balance sheet. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Samuel (curate of St. Mary's), branch chairman; Mr. A. E. Coles as representative upon the Central Council; and Mr. W. G. Sellick, junr., branch secretary.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. J. Langham, who was unable to attend the meeting, for his excellent address and the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for their services.

After the meeting, the belfry was again visited, when various methods kept the bells rolling for the remainder of the evening.

GILLINGHAM BELLS RESTORED.

After being silent for nearly two years, the bells of the Old Parish Church have recently been restored and rededicated. A special service was held, which was attended by the Mayor and Corporation in state, accompanied by the members of the Ancient Court Leet, Education Committee, Corporation Officials, Firemen, Policemen, and the Old Brompton Church Lads' Brigade. The church was filled to overflowing, and a most beautiful service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. Robins, D.D.), and his curates, the Revs. H. K. Woodward and F. H. Heyworth. After the processional hymn, "Now thank we all our God," the senior curate read the dedicatory prayers at the belfry door, and this was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.—Canon Denham, of Rochester Cathedral, preached a most eloquent sermon on the message of bells, taking for his text: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (St. Luke xiv, 35).

The bells were rung before and after the service. They are a peal of eight, the two trebles and the seventh having been recast, and the others quarter-turned and retuned, with new bearings and fittings throughout. They have been rehung in a new iron frame, in place of the old wooden one. The work has been most ably carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and the ringing and tone of the bells speaks volumes for the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties entrusted to him.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, E. J. Ridler (conductor) 2, W. Phillips 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman 7, W. E. Holloway 8. First quarter-peal by entirely local band. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. E. Holloway, who leaves for Canada in a few days.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

ANOTHER PROSPEROUS YEAR.

The annual festival of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday week, and the proceedings added another triumph in the guild's history, for the gathering was absolutely successful. There, however, was not much ringing, because the programme was arranged to conclude with an evening of harmony. Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Mr. Wright), and the appropriate hymns, "Ye servants of the Lord" and "Fight the good fight," were lustily sung, Miss Avery kindly presiding at the organ.

At six o'clock the members adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent meat tea was served by Host Grant.—The President (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) presided, and the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) occupied the vice-chair. After tea several more members arrived, and the company numbered twenty-five. The churches represented were: Ashford, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £1 15s. 3d., and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) remarked that the membership had been steadily increasing during recent years.

The Master presented the annual report, which stated that the work of the past year in the zone of the guild could be looked back upon with a great amount of satisfaction, and gave encouragement to all the members to enter into the present year with even more vigour and enthusiasm than they had hitherto displayed in matters appertaining to campanology. Their members showed an increase on the previous year, the total membership being forty-two, and there seemed to be every prospect of that figure being maintained. Twelve meetings and an outing had been held during the year. Never in the annals of the guild had there been so many meetings held in one year before. The attendance had somewhat varied, but on the whole, had come up to the expectations of the officials, and useful and instructive practices had attended the labours of the members. Peal ringing showed a very appreciable advance. Six peals had been accomplished, and now that they had an improvement in that direction, it augured well for the future. It rested with the members to endeavour not only to keep up the reputation they had established, but to still further increase the number of peals during the ensuing year. As regards the restoration of rings of bells, although the bellhangers had not been at work in the guild's district, it was very gratifying to know that contracts had been accepted for the rehanging of Warehorne and Sandhurst, while at Northiam the restoration fund was gradually increasing. Last year the guild started with £2 8s. 4d. in hand, and the amount in hand at the commencement of this year was £1 15s. 3d. Their expenses had been greater, and if they had not spent more than they did in 1911, their balance would have totalled about £3 5s. Cordial thanks were due to the clergy who had kindly granted them permission to assemble at their respective churches, and their hope to receive a continuation of that kindness during the current year.

Mr. C. Tribe, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet and report, said he was pleased to see such a satisfactory balance in hand. He hoped in the coming year the membership would still further increase, and that in the summer another outing would take place.—Mr. G. Johnson seconded, and the balance sheet and report were unanimously adopted, with applause.

The Master proposed that the Rev. A. O. Scutt be asked to again consent to accept the presidency.

Mr. A. Johnson seconded, and the reverend gentleman was reappointed amid vociferous applause.

In response, the Chairman said a society like the Romney Marsh and District Guild was not only benefiting its members, but serving a useful purpose in the various parishes within its radius. He expressed the satisfaction of the Appledore ringers that the annual meeting of the Guild was held there, and added that he regretted he knew nothing of change ringing, and but little of the archæology of bells. He had been given to understand that the bells at St. Mary's, Oxford, had rhymes, set to music, engraved on them, and one of those rhymes referred to the frequent perspirations of bell ringers (laughter).

Mr. C. Tribe, in moving the re-election of Mr. Billenness as Master, considered that during recent years the business of the guild had been conducted in a proper businesslike manner, and it was, therefore, in the interests of the society that the offices should remain in the same hands.—Mr. H. S. Humphery seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.—Mr. Billenness, in responding, spoke of the pleasant term of office he had enjoyed, and of the excellent work done by the hon. secretary.—In proposing the re-election of Mr. Youngs, Mr. C. W. Player said it was through his efforts that the guild was in such a flourishing condition.—Mr. Burden seconded the motion, which was carried amid applause, and duly acknowledged.

The following committee were elected, on the motion of Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. G. Johnson: Messrs. C. Tribe (Tenterden), G. B. Anderson (New Romney), A. C. Kay (Ashford), R. Dunster (Ashford), A. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), and G. Kenward (Iden).

Mr. Arthur Meller (Stone-in-Oxney) was elected a member of the guild.

The February meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on the fourth Saturday in the month.

The question of attempting peals was discussed.—On the recommendation of Mr. A. Johnson, which was supported by Mr. H. S. Humphery, it was decided to attempt two peals of Grandsire Triples, one at New Romney, and the other at Appledore.

Mr. C. Tribe moved a vote of thanks to the president for presiding; for the use of the bells, and for the service. He referred to the great courtesy and consideration received from the Vicar, and, continuing, said that their guild had been the subject of conversation at a committee meeting of the Kent Association held at Maidstone. At that meeting the Hon. Secretary of the Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) said according to reports the Romney Marsh Guild was doing good work. He advised the same kind of thing for other parts of the Association. It was open to any members to amalgamate as they were in Romney Marsh and District, and a guild like the Romney Marsh must do good. It was a great help to the Association in that part of their territory. Those were the Rev. Helmore's words, and he thought the members would like to know what the reverend gentleman had said of their society.

Mr. A. Allen seconded the motion, which was carried with hearty applause.

The President, in acknowledgment, again said how pleased he was to assist the guild in any possible way.

This concluded the business, and the president vacated the chair in favour of the Master. A musical programme followed, songs being rendered by Messrs. R. H. Phillips, C. Tribe, B. Pilcher, H. Hyder, G. J. Youngs, D. Johnson, C. Grant, and R. Kennett; recitation by Mr. H. Balcombe, and courses of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Tribe, H. S. Humphery, C. W. Player, G. Johnson and G. Billenness. Mr. R. Kennett accompanied the vocalists, and thanks were accorded him for his services.

FRESSINGFIELD ANNIVERSARY.

A SUFFOLK CELEBRATION.

Fressingfield, a large and scattered parish and village in the centre of a correspondingly large agricultural district of Suffolk, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the nearest railway station on a branch line, and containing about 1,000 souls, celebrated its ringing anniversary recently. It is impossible adequately to give town-bred readers anything but a bare idea of what an "anniversary" of this kind means, but its principal feature is a time-honoured annual meal partaken of by the ringers of Fressingfield, as early in the new year as convenient, and at which the Vicar takes the chair, and one of the wardens the vice. Friends and neighbours are invited, neighbouring bands of ringers are welcomed, individual ringers from important local centres are to be found there—thus north and south meet at the Fressingfield anniversary in January, bidding defiance to the usual inclement weather at this period. And then the ringing; well, it is an interesting mixture of good and indifferent. A peal may be attempted early in the day, according to circumstances, and miscellaneous touches then intervene till the dinner, at 2 p.m. This all-important function is held at the ancient and interesting inn, the Fox and Goose, abutting on to the churchyard, and generally supposed to have been built in the early part of the 17th century, and the income of which is claimed for ecclesiastical and charitable purposes. A short adjournment is afterwards made for further ringing, and then all meet again for the "social." The exigencies of travelling made it impossible for me to stay to this, but the reverend chairman explained it to me as consisting of "speeches, interspersed with music and refreshment." Your readers, as well as myself, can without much difficulty picture the scene. A large upper room with low ceiling, some 40 ringers and friends assembled intent upon one purpose and that only, namely, to fully enjoy themselves for the remainder of the day.

Now for a few dry facts connected with the day. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted by a band, each member of which has probably called several peals, but as is so often the case, it came to grief just past the half-way, the conductor (a native of Fressingfield, and now residing at Ipswich) being caught napping at 12—13. He, however, being one who has endeared himself to the Exercise by his many good qualities and abilities, was freely forgiven, particularly when later in the day he offered his explanation. Our conductor's birth-place was none other than the noted "Fox and Goose," and during the progress of the peal, as he related, the weird sensations he experienced when spending the night there alone, as a youth, came back to his mind, and by the time his mental balance had been recovered, the 7th had been in and out quick.

At the dinner the chair was taken by the Rev. H. Raven-Hart, Vicar (who succeeded his father, Canon Raven, the author), one of the most genial of parsons, proud of his church and its bells and ringers. On his right was Miss R. Stanford, a most promising lady ringer, of Halesworth, who had braved the elements for the occasion. To my mind, it is a pleasing feature that gatherings of this kind are now frequently graced by at least one lady member of the Exercise, and is a good augury for the cause generally. Others present included Messrs. J. Motts (Ipswich), J. Souter (Diss), E. F. Poppy, G. Day (Eye), J. Nevard (Great Bentley), P. Lambert, J. O'Neill, J. Howard and A. H. Took (Halesworth), and many others.—H.B.

NOTICES.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at King's Head 5.30, 8d. each. Kindly send notice for tea not later than Wednesday, the 29th inst. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. to 9. Retford Station seven minutes' walk from church. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30, St. Peter's (10) at 3.30. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 1st. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, before January 30th?—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Gedney on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Dinner will be provided in the Church End Schoolroom at one o'clock, tickets 2s. 3d. Short service in the church at 3.30. Miss Banks has kindly invited the members to tea.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bishopwearmouth on Saturday, February 1st, 4 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford and Bishop Sutton on Saturday, February 1st. Bells of both towers available from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Old Alresford bells not available. Winchester Cathedral tower will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 1st. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—W. Farley, Honorary Secretary, Mill Street, Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, by kind permission of the Vicar on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Gentlemen are cordially invited. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants, before January 29th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, on Saturday, February 1st. Service, with sermon, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at 4.15; tea in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock; business meeting at 6. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for any member who sends in his name before January 29th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 4th and 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 4th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Walton on Saturday, February 8th, commencing at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at the King of Denmark, 7d. per head, business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 8th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—G. Pincoff, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting (nomination) will be held at Armley on February 8th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, February 8th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—V. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by February 10th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

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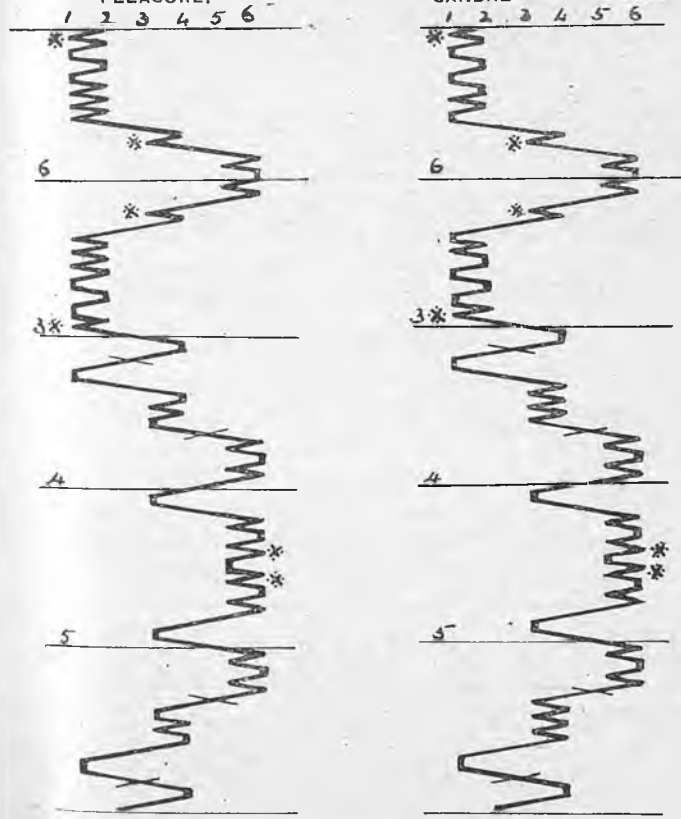
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