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WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
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.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The misfortune which has befallen the village of Long Stanton, in Cambridgeshire, can seldom, if ever, have been the lot of a rural parish. They have only just had their bells increased from three to eight, and now, while a very considerable sum is still outstanding on the restoration, the ancient tenor has cracked in such a way as to render it useless, and the new peal has been spoilt until the bell can be recast. Such a happening would be enough to dishearten the authorities of any church, but in Long Stanton the circumstances are specially unfortunate. The recent increase of the bells to an octave was only carried out in the face of all kinds of discouragement and opposition. But from all this opposition the Vicar of Long Stanton and his co-workers emerged triumphantly, and the scheme was carried through, although it remains encumbered with a debt of £130, and this in a small village where the sympathy of one or two who might help has, to all appearances, been permanently alienated. The Vicar, himself an enthusiastic ringer—no Vicar but a ringer would, we believe, have had the courage and temerity to go on with his scheme in the face of the opposition offered—has got together and taught a band of over a dozen young ringers, who were making excellent progress. And now, when the restoration, except for the payment, seemed complete, the tenor bell has cracked, and they are confronted with an additional outlay of £35 at a time when resources are completely drained. In view of the debt on the restoration they dare not recast the tenor without first getting the money to pay for the work.

Under these circumstances the Rev. H. B. Woolley, the Vicar, makes an urgent appeal to ringers for help, and surely no appeal was ever more deserving of support. An effort was being made at much sacrifice and in the face of much opposition to plant the Art in a new corner, and now comes an unfortunate set-back which, unless it can be surmounted, will not only put the bells out of action for an indefinite period, but probably leave the debt on the original restoration fund as an incubus for a long while to come, for it may prove difficult to raise subscriptions to pay for a dumb peal of bells. We commend the appeal therefore to our readers. The smallest donations, we are sure, will be thankfully received by Mr. Woolley, at Long Stanton Vicarage, and we hope to see a ready and substantial response. After all, £35 is not much to raise among the ringers of England. The passing of the hat round the belfries on a Sunday would mean but a small effort individually, but collectively it would have a big result. We ask ringers—and we feel sure we shall not ask in vain—to put their shoulders to the wheel and get their secretaries to send along their mites to the Vicar.

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CHAS. EDMUNDS,
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb., in B.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 8
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	*KEITH HART 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 10
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	ERNEST PYE 11
*CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred W. Grimes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

HENRY JOHN DEWEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM BASHFORD... .. 6
ARTHUR HOLMAN 2	HENRY F. EWINS 7
*FREDERICK BASHFORD 3	THOMAS SPARKS 8
ALBERT HARMAN 4	HENRY A. HOAD 9
OSCAR GILBEY 5	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	JOHN GRANSBURY 6
JOHN C. TRUSS 2	*JOHN EVANS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 8
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4	BENJAMIN PAGE 9
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5	RALPH COLES Tenor

Composed by FRED HAYES, and
Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss A. E. Evans, second daughter of the conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL ... Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS 6
WILLIAM TANNER 2	SAMUEL JOYCE 7
EDWIN GIBBS 3	THOMAS TAFFENDER 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and
Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Tanner, who attained his 64th year a few days previous. It is 23 years since W. Tanner rang a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**LEOMINSTER.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
J. R. NEWMAN 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
GORDON CHECKITTS 3	JOHN CLARK 7
J. H. JONES 4	W. H. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

G. Checkitts and J. H. Jones were elected members of the Hereford Guild previous to starting. This, the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, was rung as a compliment to Mr. George J. Abell, thrice Mayor of this Borough.

MANCHESTER.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	HARRY WASHBROOK... .. 5
WILLIAM WASHBROOK 2	WILLIAM COOPER 6
WALTER BROWN 3	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
JAS. W. WASHBROOK, Senr. 4	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.**THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TURNER Treble	WALTER R. WASHBROOK 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6
HARRY WASHBROOK... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr. 5
HARRY WASHBROOK 2	WALTER R. WASHBROOK ... 6
GEORGE A. SMITH 3	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	ALFRED GOODRUM 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FRED. J. HOWCHIN 6
ROBERT BLAKE 3	GEORGE MOORE 7
BEN. S. THOMPSON 4	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOHN HOWES 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM WARNE Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble	THOMAS FORD, Junr. 5
GEORGE ARCHER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
CLEMENT MORE 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
WILLIAM SALTER 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Stephen,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

GEORGE TOMKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
HARRY BROWNJOHN 2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

G. Tomkin's first peal of Major. G. Condick's first peal of London.
R. J. Wilkin's 150th peal. W. A. Cave's 100th peal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE,**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN KNIGHT Treble	LOUIE SPARROW 5
FRANK COOK 2	CHARLES KNIGHT 6
AUGUSTINE DORE 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ALLEN KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

NORTHAMPTON.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

HENRY BLUNDELL Treble	*JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
ALFRED P. HENSMAN 2	*JOSEPH S. WHITE 6
*ERNEST HARRIS 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
HERBERT RAINBOW 4	WILLIAM FAREY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Hensman.

STROUD, GLOUCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(C.E.M.S. PEAL.)

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
*ROBERT W. WATTS... ..	Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT	5
WILLIAM HALE... ..	2	HUBERT SCRIVENS	6
WILLIAM HASTINGS... ..	3	*EDWARD PAUL	7
HARRY SMITH	4	WILLIAM IRELAND	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and tenor are from Painswick, the rest from Stroud.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE... ..	Treble	THOS. HENRY HAWKINS... ..	5
THOMAS G. DEAL	2	JOSEPH LAW	6
ISAAC GEO. SHADE	3	GEORGE HENRY DAYNES	7
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON... ..	4	ALBERT JAMES FORD	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Rung, after meeting short for Stedman, as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Hart) on his completing eleven years' ministry in Deptford.

EASTBOURNE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.	
FREDERICK WAYMARK... ..	Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY	5
ERNEST GOWER	2	EDWARD J. MALLARD	6
BENJAMIN HOBBS... ..	3	JOSEPH SHARP	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE	4	HERBERT SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

This is E. Mallard's first peal with an inside bell, and was rung at the first attempt.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.	
WILLIE ROUGHTON	Treble
THOMAS L. SIMMONS... ..	2
FRANK T. MARTIN	3
GEORGE N. PRICE	4
*E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
WILLIAM HODGETTS... ..	6
HUBERT EDEN	7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. N. Leman (one of the local company), which took place at Stoke Poges on the above date.

BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
EDWIN KNIGHT	Treble
FRANK COOK... ..	2
AUGUSTINE DORE	3
WILLIAM SPARROW	4
LOUIE SPARROW	5
CHARLES KNIGHT	6
JAMES ADDIS	7
ALLEN KNIGHT... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

The band wish to thank the Rev. Canon Houghton for the use of the bells and for entertaining them at the Bell Inn after the peal. The ringer of the treble is in his 70th year. All the above are market gardeners.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ALBERT HILL	Treble	FRANK LUSH	5
*ALBERT PIERCE... ..	2	JOHN RANCE	6
SAMUEL PAICE	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
JOSEPH WHITE	4	GEORGE GREEN... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor; also as a birthday compliment to the Rector, whom the ringers wish to thank for the use of the bells and for kindly altering the hour of evensong.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.	
JOHN ASTLEY	Treble
THOMAS BEAVER	2
HERMON LANCASTER	3
ARNOLD A. BLACKWELL	4
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY... ..	5
ARTHUR HARTLEY	6
REGINALD L. INCE	7
EDWARD GENT	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and

Conducted by EDWARD GENT.

First peal for all the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 7th, and his first in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringer of the treble was elected a member previous to starting, and this was his first attempt.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK MOODY	Treble
ARTHUR WALKER	2
MARK TATE	3
HARRY WALTERS	4
HERBERT LUDKIN	5
ARTHUR GILL	6
THOMAS SMITH	7
THOMAS M. BARKER	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM FELTON	Treble	WILLIAM PAGE... ..	5
†ERNEST BAKER... ..	2	JOHN BRADNEY... ..	6
ERNEST HYDE	3	GEORGE PICKEN	7
CHARLES PICKEN	4	†MARTIN JARVIS	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S NO. 10.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
FRED DERBYSHIRE	Treble	JOHN POTTER	5
ARTHUR RIDYARD	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
GEORGE WAY	3	JAMES H. RIDYARD	7
*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, Junr.	4	WILLIAM GRUNWELL	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

* First peal on a bob bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Emma Hopwood to Mr. John T. Bilcliff, the band wishing them much happiness.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble	† JAMES W. BIRKIN 5
GEORGE THORNTON 2	WILLIAM D. CLOUGH 6
* JOHN B. JACKSON 3	JAMES HORNER 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* 50th peal. † First peal in a Major method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. D. Clough. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to a splendid repast by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birkin, and the ringers take this opportunity of again thanking them for their hospitality.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
WILFRID J. MOSS 2	* FRANK BRICKELL 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3	RICHARD NEWTON 7
THOMAS BOTTRILL 4	ROBERT DAVIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Ryder for having everything ready.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	HENRY PHILLIPS 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	GEORGE HARDY Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

The conductor has now called a peal on every bell in the above tower.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble	JOHN APPLETON 5
WILLIAM LETTY 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
* ALFRED LAING 3	* JOHN W. SMITH 7
THOMAS BECKWITH 4	* ROBERT GOWLAND Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 5th, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

* GEORGE ELLIS Treble	JOHN RICE 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	ALFRED D. MILLS 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	* ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALBERT MITCHELL 4	FREDERICK W. RICE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Composed by F. W. RICE.

* First peal in the method; also the conductor's 200th peal.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

* ERNEST BLOOM Treble	FREDERICK S. CASE 5
* ARTHUR JAMES 2	FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND 6
* CHARLES A. LINE 3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7
* HAROLD BAVERSTOCK ... 4	CHARLES W. FROUD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal. Quarterly peal of the Association. Rung on F. W. Townsend's birthday.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANDEFEILLOG-FACH, BRECON.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE GIBLIN Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 4
SAMUEL BROOKS 2	CHARLES POWELL 5
ALBERT MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM EVANS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung with new fittings by Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., Birmingham. The peal was rung as a compliment to F. D. Dickinson, Llandefeilog House, through whose energy and perseverance the bells have been restored.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* CHARLES WARRELL Treble	* FRED BREAKWELL 5
GEORGE POPNELL 3	JOHN BARBER, Senr. ... 6
* JOSEPH SHERRIFF 4	JOHN BARBER, Junr. ... 7

CHARLES SHERIFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BARBER, Senr.

* First peal.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 Six-Scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob and 10 of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RALPH ALLEN Treble	EDGAR HUNT 3
WILFRED ALLEN 2	FRED SHINGFIELD 4

HERBERT H. MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. MASON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Fairman J. Mann, of the Manor House, a former churchwarden, and for 48 years a supporter of the local company.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in A.

HARRY WRIGHT Treble	HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	OLAVE E. BROYD 5
GEORGE PANNELL 3	WALTER NICE Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

First peal and first attempt by Harry Wright, who was elected a member before starting. He rang his first 720 only three weeks previously. The peal was rung on the back six.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt., in D.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS ... Treble	MARK LANE 4
CYRIL HERBERT 2	ERNEST HERBERT 5
EDMUND HOBBS 3	HORACE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE SMITH.

Quickest peal on the bells.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... Treble	ALBERT MASON 4
EDWARD JACKSON 2	T. HENRY HARDY 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 3	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, and first attempt at seven methods by all except E. Vallance and the conductor. Rung as a wedding tribute to the Rector. (the Rev. D. Thomas) and his bride (née Mdlle. A. A. Franké).

HADLEY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE WEBB Treble	WILLIAM WEBB 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	BERTRAM TUBB 5
FREDERICK TUBB 3	FREDERICK BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

First peal of Minor since the bells have been overhauled by Messrs. John Warner & Sons. The ringers of the treble, third, fourth, fifth and tenor hail from Finchley; G. M. Kilby from Willesden. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for letting them have the use of the bells.

SADDINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER WALPOLE ... Treble	*ALBERT MARTIN 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FRED STANFORTH 4
*ALFRED BRYAN Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal, members of local band. First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by F. Staniforth who belongs to Kibworth. The conductor hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	WILLIAM B. REEVE ... 4
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	ROBERT MILES 5
GEORGE R. FINCH ... 3	ALFRED CLEMENTS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

This peal was rung for afternoon service, and is the first by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th, and their first attempt.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 10½ cwt.

†RALPH COOK ... Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
†HERBERT JORDAN ... 2	†FREDERICK JORDAN ... 5
*PERCY ENSTONE ... 3	*CHARLES JAMES Tenor

Conducted by RALPH COOK.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and College Single.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

Quickest peal on the bells. It was arranged for Messrs. Price and Marshall, who belong to Lamberhurst.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5688 CHANGES;

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.

Witness: MISS DAISY MILLER.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

HUBERT EDEN 1-2	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 3-4	*FRANK T. MARTIN ... 9-10
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 5-6	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. NORRIS,

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.

Umpire: W. BARWOOD. Witness: G. CLEMENTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

*SEPTIMUS RADFORD... .. 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3—4	†THOMAS W. RADFORD... .. 7—8

FRANK BLONDELL... .. 9—10
Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters away from 9—10. † First peal of Grandsire Caters in hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Smither and T. W. Radford.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

WILBY J. HAZELL... .. 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 3—4	*JAMES PARKER... .. 7—8

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Major in hand.

A "BLACK COUNTRY" RINGING WEEK.

The following peals were rung out of six attempts during a "Black Country" ringing week:—

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.
HORACE BELCHER... .. Treble THOMAS HUGHES... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 2 THOMAS HILL... .. 6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL... .. 3 WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
THOMAS J. ELTON... .. 4 *THOMAS JUSTICE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the annual Parochial Tea. C. Wallater's 50th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.
JESSE SCREEN... .. Treble ALBERT E. BLUNDELL... .. 5
ARTHUR BAKER... .. 2 *THOMAS HILL... .. 6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL... .. 3 BENJAMIN GOUGH... .. 7
THOMAS HUGHES... .. 4 JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the occasion of the Vicar's Bible Class Annual Social.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Wednesday, January, 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

GEORGE HUGHES... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH... .. 5
WALTER MASSEY... .. 2	JESSE SCREEN... .. 6
*EDGAR MARLOW... .. 3	JOSEPH FAULKNER... .. 7
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL... .. 4	ALFRED DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HICK... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 6
GEORGE PEATE... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 3	*BENJAMIN GOUGH... .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON... .. 9
JOHN C. ADAMS... .. 5	*THOMAS JUSTICE... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the Vigil of the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HASTINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday week. The weather being fine, there was a strong muster of members, the company numbering forty, representing Christ Church and All Saints', Eastbourne; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; St. Clement's, Hastings, Battle, Rye, Heathfield, Salehurst, Seaford, and the local tower. The members attended service, the curate (the Rev. E. Parslew) intoning the prayers, and the appropriate hymns, "O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace" and "Ye Servants of the Lord," being sung. The organist kindly gave his services, and the choir boys were in attendance.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Armstrong) read the lesson, and delivered an eloquent address, basing his remarks on Romans xi, 36, "For of Him and through Him are all things to Whom be glory for ever." The preacher spoke of the different purposes for which bells were used. All the glories and messages of the bells came from God. Surely then there was one thing due from those who were ringers. That was that they should dedicate themselves afresh to God, entering His house for His glory and praise. Let them make that a realising power in their hearts, and go out of that church with a resolve that something more of the beauty and the gladness of the bells should be set forth in their lives, coupled with more order and discipline of good ringing, without which the world would be out of tune.

A splendid tea was partaken of in the adjacent Schoolroom. The donor of the meal (the Rev. W. A. Armstrong) presided, and the business meeting followed.

Messrs. George Terrin, David Martin and David Arthur Craig, of Rye, and Edward Bristow, of Blacklands, were elected members, and on the proposition of Mr. B. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. W. White, it was decided to attempt a quarterly peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Eastbourne, the arrangements being left in the hands of the divisional secretary.

Mr. G. Watson, general secretary, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kind hospitality in providing such an excellent tea, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service.—Mr. W. Franks seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.—The Rev. Armstrong briefly replied.

A collection was made on behalf of the Association's Benevolent Fund, which already stands at £18, or thereabouts.

In the evening, the party divided into two sections, a portion remaining at Blacklands, while the other contingent went to St. Clement's, the Rector (the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster) having kindly granted permission for ringing there. The bells, which are composed of steel, have recently been rehung, but a tremendously long draught and new ropes made it necessary to handle them carefully, in order to strike in a satisfactory manner.

During the day, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Double Norwich was attempted, but without success.—Thanks to the admirable reception accorded them by the ringers of the cinque port town, the visitors spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

LETTER FROM BOSTON, U.S.A.

AN OPENING FOR RINGERS.

The recent enterprise displayed in Massachusetts in providing new peals adapted to scientific ringing is an encouraging indication of the expansion of interest in our church bells. In addition to the magnificent peal of ten installed last September in the Memorial Tower at Hingham, a heavier peal of eight now awaits opening in the lofty, massive tower of the Perkins' Institution for the Blind, at Watertown, a suburb of Boston.

To crown all, the well preserved, tuneful ring of Christ Church, cast in 1744 by Rudhall, at a period when Gloucester was turning out its best productions, is now being rehung. That the work in these three belfries has been entrusted to the Whitechapel foundry is an assurance that the "go" of the bells will satisfy the most fastidious ringers.

If the abolition of cannons, now pronounced as useless as a collar on a sheep, has impaired the appearance of the instrument, it has certainly facilitated its management. Indeed it is a distinct revelation to discover the ease imparted to the swing of even the heaviest bells by the modern steel headstock secured directly to the crown, an advance originating, by-the-way, in the United States. But, as an Irish barrister remarked, in his opening for the defence, "Its a mighty thin tile that doesn't have two sides to it," and it is a matter of disappointment that while our appeal to favour the Exercise has met with a sympathetic response on the part of a generous public, the bells to whose cost they have so liberally contributed remain virtually mute.

To paraphrase lines of Dr. Holmes:—

Though all unmatched the founder's skill,

Those brazen throats are dumb and still.

In the absence of competent instructors, it is useless to attempt to train a band of beginners, and we must look, therefore, to our English confreres to man these idle ropes. The steeple of Christ Church offers an ideal rendezvous for practice, for it is situated in a district now appropriated chiefly by Italians accustomed to welcome the sound of bells from the early Ave to the evening Angelus.

To ringers contemplating, then, for any reason a change of residence, the occasion is opportune for settlement in Boston, where the prospect of securing employment to those holding first-class recommendations was never more favourable. With any ringers moved to join our limited number, I shall be glad to communicate.

55, Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A.,

A. H. NICHOLS. M.D.

January 24th, 1913.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wraxall, where there is a fine peal of five bells, on Saturday week, and proved the most successful held in the history of this branch, about 50 members attending from Barrow, Gurney, Clapton, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Wraxall, Yatton, Congresbury and Cheddar. At a short service, held in the church, a most able address was given by the Rev. H. W. Humphreys. Subsequently the members adjourned to the Battle Axes, where a most excellent tea had been most generously provided by the Rev. Preb. Vaughan.—The business meeting was presided over by Preb. Vaughan, and one honorary and nine performing members were elected. Mr. T. Wyatt was re-elected chairman, and Mr. G. H. Gale and Mr. G. G. Court, vice-chairmen, whilst Mr. G. Yeo was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year.—Portishead was chosen for the place of the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Preb. Vaughan for presiding at the meeting, for his kind hospitality, and for the use of the bells, to which the rev. gentleman responded.—The bells were well used during the afternoon and evening.

GLASTONBURY DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held at Wells, on Saturday, when about 40 members were present from Meare, Glastonbury, Midsomer Norton, Shepton Mallett, Cheddar, Dinder, Baltonsborough, Wells, and two from Trowbridge, Wilts (Mr. S. Hector and Mr. A. Harrison). Service was held in St. Cuthbert's Church, a very able address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Beresford).—After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, chairman of the branch. All the officers were re-elected for the year. Three honorary and 21 performing members were elected. Baltonsborough was selected for the next place of meeting.

Good progress is being made in this branch of the Association, two new towers having been added, and it is hoped to add three more at the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Preb. Beresford for conducting the service, and for the use of the bells.—In responding, the Vicar said he was always very pleased to welcome the Association to Wells.—Grandsire Doubles and Triples were afterwards rung on St. Cuthbert's bells, and a well-struck 392 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight of the Cathedral bells, conducted by S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.

By a typographical error in our report last week we spoke of the Uxbridge Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. This, of course, should be the Axford Branch. The branch has a balance in hand of £4 8s.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

READING BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading, on Saturday week. Previous to service, at St. Giles' Church, the bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' were rung in touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, and London Surprise.—The Rev. R. P. Newhouse, R.D., gave a very appropriate address, taking as his text, St. Paul's words: "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

A capital supper, followed by a business meeting and smoker, was held at the White Hart Hotel, fifty members attending. Mr. W. P. Routh, the President of the branch, presided, and proposed the toast of "The Church and King."

The balance sheet, read by Mr. A. W. Osborne, showed a very satisfactory balance in hand, and was adopted.

Mr. W. P. Routh was re-elected president, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch.—Mr. Routh, responding, said he would much rather see some younger blood take his place, but as the members would not hear of it, he would do his best to serve them again as he had done before.—Mr. Osborne also wished them to make a change, but this assertion also would not be heard of. As the members placed so much confidence in him, he could, he said, only thank them for electing him again, and do his best to further the interests of the Reading branch.

Mr. Routh proposed the toast of "The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn," which was drunk with musical honours.—The Master, in reply, said how pleased he was to be among them that evening, but was sorry to know the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, their respected treasurer, who was ill, was unable to be present, and also that the Rev. G. F. Coleridge was absent. He was very pleased to welcome among them the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Vicar of St. Lawrence, also the Rev. R. Wickham Legge, Vicar of St. Mary's. He regretted very much the absence of the members from the outlying towers of the branch, and urged the members of the respective towers to have their belfries open much earlier on their practice nights, to give some of the younger ringers a chance of having a pull. When they met late in the evening, there was not time to get them all to take a rope. They were very fortunate, he added, in getting for their clergy in the four churches in Reading, men who took a great interest in their ringers.

THE PROGRESS OF THE GUILD.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, in the absence of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, gave some very interesting details on the work of the Guild. He was pleased to say three more towers had joined the Guild, namely, Simpson, Bechampton and Shinfield, while Cookham, with ten members, two of them ladies, were to join later. The number of peals showed a considerable rise, no less than 122 having been rung in the year 1912. The Reading branch were to be complimented on ringing all the high-class methods, mostly Surprise. There were 32 members who had rung their first peal, and 82 their first in new methods. There was a slight decrease shown in the balance sheet of the "Mother" Guild, of about £4; there being some branches where members were in arrears, including 24 in Reading branch.—The foreman of the towers gave their reports, which were all very encouraging, showing progress all round.

Mr. Wright proposed the toast of "The Reading Branch," coupling with it the names of their president and secretary and treasurer, Mr. Routh and Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Routh, responding, said he was pleased to see the branch was in a flourishing condition, but they must try and get the outside members to attend their annual meeting better, and thus show a little interest.

Some discussion took place regarding the combined practices, which were not the success one would like to see them. During the year 1912, scarcely one of the country members came in to Reading to take part in any of them, while when one was arranged at the outside towers their members did not turn up as wished. It was agreed to call a meeting to settle what should be done in the future.

At this point, the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor came into the room, followed by his Worship the Mayor of Reading (Mr. C. G. Field). The visit of the latter came quite as a surprise, it being the first time the branch has had the honour of receiving the chief citizen of Reading at one of their meetings.—Mr. Routh proposed a very hearty welcome to his Worship, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Mayor, responding, said how pleased he was to be able to make the acquaintance of the ringers, and he thanked them for their hearty welcome.

Mr. Routh proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse for his splendid address to them that evening at St. Giles' Church, also to the organist and choir for the musical part of the service.—Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. R. Dormer, L. Reeves, W. Dormer, W. Newell, C. Higgs, W. A. Webb, G. Goodship, J. Goodenough.

THE RECORD PEAL OF BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am not having a "dig" at the record peal of Bristol, but desire to correct what I consider a mis-statement. I was speaking to a friend at 6 o'clock, when a nasty trip was occurring: he said it quite upset him, and I cheered him up, by remarking they will soon be clear of that. I was told by one or two I met there had been a serious trip at 1 o'clock.

C. F. WINNEY.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.**AN APPEAL FOR HELP.**

Misfortune has overtaken the new peal at Long Stanton, Cambs. Since their dedication in November last, the bells of All Saints' Church have been in constant use. A numerous local company has been formed, and is making excellent progress, and in addition to this, experienced ringers have paid frequent visits to this Cambridgeshire village, and exercised their skill upon the new ring. Two peals of Stedman Triples have already been accomplished, another only just lost, after more than 3 hours' ringing, while a fourth attempt lasted for over two hours.

Under these circumstances, we greatly regret having to report a serious accident which occurred to this much-used peal on Septuagesima Sunday, Jan. 19th. The tenor, an old bell dating from 1655, was being "rung in" for evensong, when she suddenly cracked at the sound bow, and is now useless. As there is a large debt on the restoration of the tower and bells still to be paid off, there are no funds with which to defray the cost (£35) of recasting the tenor, and the Vicar and churchwardens, therefore, appeal to a kind public for help, as meanwhile the peal is quite crippled.

Donations may be sent to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, at the Vicarage, or to Mr. W. Doggett or Mr. H. Croot, churchwardens, Long Stanton Cambs.

SALISBURY GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH AT FORDINGTON.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch was held at Fordington St. George, on Thursday week. Representatives attended from Charminster, Dorchester, Milton Abbey, Puddletown, Wyke Regis, and a full muster of the local band. The bells (6) and also those at St. Peter's, Dorchester (8) were available, and the ringers attended the special service of the Guild, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Bartelott) officiated. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Moule Tavern, where they were kindly entertained to a high tea by the Vicar, who presided, and was supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. H. C. Cooté (the new Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester), Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), and Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater, late general hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association).—The Vicar welcomed the Guild to his parish, and said he hoped at some future time to restore the bells, and do his best to add two more to complete the octave. He dealt at length on the history of Fordington bells. The legend was that when King Henry VIII confiscated the Abbey of Bindon (a few miles from Fordington) the bells were sold, to be removed to the Continent. The Fordington parishioners, who were tenants of Bindon Abbey, on hearing of this went over by night and captured as many bells as they could, hiding some in the stream at Wool, and others in the well at Combe Keynes, eventually hanging them in Fordington tower. The following couplet spoke for itself: "Wool streams and Combe wells, Fordington Rogues stole Bindon Bells."

PROPOSED GUILD BADGE.

The Chairman of the Branch proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bartelott for his bountiful entertainment, and for the use of the bells, etc.—The business meeting was presided over by Mr. R. N. Dawes.—The Hon. Secretary stated the Upwey band (twelve in number) had become members of the Guild, and Mr. White was instructing the Fordington band, who were now able to ring Grandsire Doubles.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting (annual) at Dorchester.—The proposed badge for the Guild (which Mr. Hervey Beams had in hand) was next discussed. The design consists of four bells, in the shape of a cross. The finished design will be about the size of a half-penny, and the branch unanimously approved of it.—The Rev. H. C. Cooté thanked Mr. Bartelott for his kindness and the Guild for inviting him there. He assured them of a hearty welcome when they came to his parish for their next meeting.—Mr. A. E. Coles also thanked Mr. Bartelott and the branch for their kindness. He had been, he said, a member of the Salisbury Guild a number of years. He was for four years the general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association. When he took over the secretaryship it had 130 members, and at the completion of the four years it had over 1,300.

The ringers adjourned to the two towers available, and kept the bells going to the tune of Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, and although the weather was exceedingly stormy, 15 members attended. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room (kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar).—Owing to the absence of the Chairman, the Rev. W. H. M. Clarke (Vicar of Westbury) occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Brownlee West), and ringers from Bratton, Southbroom, Erchfont and Westbury.—Two new lady ringers from Erchfont were duly elected as members of the Guild.—Mr. West then proposed, and Mr. Hart seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Westbury for the use of the bells and also the Parish Room.—The Vicar responded, saying that it gave him great pleasure to meet the ringers at Westbury, and that he should be pleased to welcome them again upon a future occasion.—Both before and after the meeting, the bells of the fine old church were well used.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**CLERGY JOIN THE ACTIVE RANKS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Alresford last Saturday, and was well attended. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and several members visited Bishop Sutton, and rang touches on the six bells there.—The Rector (the Rev. A. A. Headley) presided at the tea in the Parish Room. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer of the Guild), the Rev. W. J. Cumpsty, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Cathedral band), and members from North Stoneham, Twyford, Winchester, Bishopstoke, Upham, Farnham, Aldershot, Bishop Sutton, and Alresford.—A letter was read from the President (Mr. J. P. Stillwell) acknowledging congratulations sent to him by the Guild on his 80th birthday, and another sent by him to the North Stoneham band, thanking them for having rung a peal in honour of the same event. The Rev. L. M. Haslope, Vicar of Owslebury, and the new Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. T. Salmon) have joined the Guild as performing members.—Sincere regret is felt in the district at the loss, through illness, of the late Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. E. K. Browne), who has always proved a true friend to ringers.

The Chairman, in replying to a vote of thanks which had been accorded him for presiding, and for the use of the room and bells, said he was glad to again welcome the Guild to his parish, and glad to see his old ringer, Mr. James Sait, sitting at the table, for he had been a ringer for many years, and for 57 years had not missed ringing out the old and ringing in the New Year on the Alresford bells.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the enterer (Mrs. Crook).

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Mr. G. Williams presided, several new members from Alton and Owslebury were admitted to the Guild, and Mr. Wilkes said he hoped soon to have several new ones at Southampton.—The district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) reported that the subscriptions were coming in better this year, and Mr. Williams said he had always felt that the Guild subscription should be a first charge on any fund a band might have.

The tower was again open during the evening, and the bells were kept going till nearly nine o'clock. The bells of Old Alresford could not be used, owing to the recent death of the Rector. Forty-two members were present at the meeting.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. R. S. STORY.**RE-OPENING AT BELLS AT WHITLEY BAY.**

On Saturday week (the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul) the new ring of eight bells at St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, were dedicated and opened in the presence of a numerous gathering. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Gough, of the Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, assisted by the Rev. E. Smith (Vicar), and local clergy.

The bells, which are the product of the Loughborough foundry, are as under:—

Treble.—Weight, 4 cwt. 4 qrs. 13 lbs. Inscription: Gift of T. T. Gofton and Alice his wife, 1912.

2nd.—Weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. Inscription: Gift of T. T. Gofton, 1912, in memory of his father who died 25th December, 1891.

3rd.—Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs. Inscription: Robertus F. Wheeler, M.A., Presbyter Hujus Ecclesiae. Recast 1912, in grateful memory of Robert Spencer Story, 22 years' President of the Newcastle and Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

4th.—Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Alfredi Molineux Palmer. Recast 1912 by the local ringers: T. T. Gofton, Master; J. A. Gofton, secretary; R. Gofton, T. R. Percival, R. A. Gofton, Arthur Payne, J. E. Gofton, T. M. Whitfield.

5th.—Weight, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Carolii Palmer. Recast 1912 by the local ringers.

6th.—Weight, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Georgii Robson Palmer. Recast 1912 by the local ringers.

7th.—Weight, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Johanna Palmer, 1865. Recast 1912 in memory of Hannah Relton Stobbs, daughter of Dodds Edward and Isabella Stobbs, who died April 8th, 1901, aged 8 years.

Tenor.—Weight, 17 cwt. 1 qr. Inscription: Donum. Caroli Marci Palmer. Recast 1912 in commemoration of King George V, 22nd June, 1911. Edward Smith, M.A., Vicar; Robert Mason, J.P., chairman; Augustus Whitehorn, clerk, Urban District Council.

Immediately at the conclusion of the service, the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47½ mins.: C. Todd 1, T. T. Gofton (conductor) 2, W. Story 3, Jas. Gofton 4, A. F. Hillier 5, R. A. Gofton 6, T. Metcalfe 7, J. A. Gofton 8. During the evening the bells were kept merrily going in Stedman, Kent, Bob Major, etc., great satisfaction being expressed at their tone and "go."

At 6 p.m., a special service for the ringers was held in the church by the Rev. E. Smith, M.A., during the course of which the tablet erected by members of the Association and friends in memory of the late Mr. R. S. Story—who was connected with this tower for 30 years—was unveiled.

ROYSTON.—Herts Association.—On Jan. 24th, 720 College Single: H. Bonnett 1, E. Bonnett 2, R. Wilkerson 3, W. Mansfield, Burley (first in the method) 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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ANOTHER "PEAL TAPPER."

The wonderful performance by Mr. Olave Broyd in tapping a peal in seven Minor methods is worthy of more than passing notice, and we are enabled to give our readers this week a photograph of this talented young ringer, for like Mr. Segar, whose peal in five methods he has outstripped, Mr. Broyd is still quite a young man. Mr. Broyd was born in the village of Gestingthorpe, Essex, in 1892, and he began ringing in 1909. He took to the Art as a duck to water, and his advance was very rapid. He rang his first 720 after three practices, and conducted a 720 of Bob Minor on February 2nd, 1910, and in the same month could ring Oxford Treble Bob. At this time also he rang 5-6 to a 720 of Bob Minor on handbells—indeed, he seems to be specially gifted as a handbell ringer. He has rung two handbells, and called short touches in ten methods without a break, and when his band are having



MR. OLAVE BROYD.

handbell practice he will ring any two, whether in the orthodox pairs or otherwise. In tapping his peal in seven methods he accomplished the feat by coursing the bells, and in this way his performance differed from Mr. Segar's, who transposed the changes row by row.

Mr. Broyd has not rung a large number of peals—only thirteen in all. His first was Bob Major at Lavenham, on June 11th, 1910, and following that he rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxearth. His first peal of Minor was at Gestingthorpe. This was in four methods, and was conducted by himself. His peals are:—

Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	
Minor in 7 Methods	4	Conducted 3
Minor in 4 Methods	2	Conducted 1
Bob Minor	1	Conducted 1
On Handbells	1	Conducted 1
Tapped in 7 Methods	1	

One who knows Mr. Broyd and has watched his progress with interest, says he has not seen his equal on six

bells; while he has a wonderful ear, and can prick down course-ends from outside the tower. Only recently, when listening to a peal, he was able to tell his friends not only the part-ends as they came up, but when every bob was made, and by which bells. This is a gift which but few possess. Mr. Broyd, we understand, will not attempt to tap another peal for some time, but he hopes eventually to tap one in seven Treble Bob Methods.

ODD CHANGES.

The dedication of the screen, erected in Drayton Church, to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, for many years Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, takes place tomorrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

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Only three men, so far as we are aware, have rung two tower bells to a peal—Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, J. E. Groves and W. H. Lawrence. Last Saturday Mr. John Thomas attempted a similar feat at St. Matthew's, Clapton, when he started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, ringing 2-3, and conducting. The attempt, unfortunately, came to grief after 1 hr. 40 mins. ringing through no fault of his.

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Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, we are reminded, is another ringer who has scored 500 peals for one association, in his case, the Norwich. That brings the total up to five. Mr. I. G. Shade is close on the border line, and will be ringing his 500th for the Middlesex shortly, if all's well.

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Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes that the peal of 5016 of Bob Maximus referred to in the recent article by Mr. Trollope was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on March 30th, 1909, beginning at the 11th course. It was composed and conducted by Samuel Wood, and the figures were published at the time. A better peal is obtained by singling it, as given by Mr. Trollope, in the 9th course, and this was attempted at Ashton about 12 months ago.

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The bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, a ring of ten, tenor 22 cwt. in E, are to be recast into a ring of 12, tenor 30 cwt. in D, and Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, have received instructions to carry out the work.

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There is a very strong feeling that as St. Mary's, Chelmsford, is to be the cathedral church of the proposed new diocese of Essex, the ringers as a body should give some material assistance in carrying out this extensive scheme. It has been suggested it should take the form of a present of the treble bell, with a suitable inscription upon it, such as "The Essex Association of Change Ringers gave me."

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It is often said that once a man has been interested in ringing he can never entirely shake it off, and even if he retires from active participation in the Art there comes a time when the appeal of the bells inevitably draws him back to the belfry. Last Saturday Mr. William Tanner rang his first peal after a lapse of 23 years, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Even if Mr. Tanner has not been out of ringing altogether, it is a long break in his peal record.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT SELBY.

SUGGESTED DIVISION OF COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS.

Selby Abbey—the only complete Benedictine Abbey standing in the North—may be said to rank in grandeur of architecture next after York and Beverley, but in the number of styles represented, Norman, Transition, Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular—every style, in fact, except Anglo-Saxon—many would give it the first place. Fortunate it is, therefore, for the nation that this great monument of the past has been so splendidly restored since the disastrous fire in 1906. It will be noted, from whatever standpoint it may be viewed, how importantly the grand new tower dominates the whole structure. Mention must also be made of the recent addition, namely, the new South Transept. The new wing, with its beautiful stained glass window, is the gift of Mr. William Liversidge, a native of Selby.

With the privilege of visiting this grand old Abbey and noting how wonderfully it has been restored, and with the chance of a pull on the magnificent bells, Yorkshire ringers turned up in fairly good numbers for the annual meeting of their Association on Saturday week. The attendance, upwards of 130, representing 41 towers, is not a large one for the Yorkshire Association, and this is no doubt due to the fact that Selby is very inconvenient as a railway centre. It goes without saying that the ring of ten at the Abbey—tenor, 25 cwt.—was well patronised all day. The peal of six at Hemingbrough was also at the members' disposal. Business commenced before noon with the annual audit, when all accounts, etc., were found in proper order. During the afternoon, the Vicar and others very kindly conducted parties round the Abbey, and pointed out its many objects of interest. Here it may be mentioned that the great fire proved in one way a blessing in disguise, for when an examination was made of the walls and foundations after the debris had been cleared, it was found that the tower was quite unsafe, owing to the foundations of the enormous supporting pillars not being secure enough to bear the great weight. Underpinning had to be resorted to, and concrete was filled in to a depth of no less than 36 feet to make everything perfectly safe.

SELBY'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The annual service, fully choral, was held in the Abbey, the lessons being read by the President (Rev. C. C. Marshall) and the Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingbrough (President of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association). The sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Solloway, D.D., from Psalm xcvi, 1, "O come let us sing unto the Lord." As a reason for this text, the preacher said that this inscription would probably be found more frequently on bells than any other. This and texts inscribed on bells such as "Jesus be our speed," "Glory to God in the Highest," showed us the high ideals held with regard to bells and ringing, and he considered that bell ringing should be regarded on the very highest level. Ringers, therefore, ought to regard their important branch of Church work as a joyful privilege. The ringer's motive should always be summed up in that sentence found on many bells, "To God alone be Glory." The preacher also gave an interesting account of the Abbey bells, from which it was learned that an ancient peal disappeared at the dissolution of the monastery, and for a time there were no bells. Then in 1614 a native of Selby gave eight bells, which remained till 1690, when the tower fell. They were afterwards recast in 1710, and again in 1863, from which date they did service till the disastrous fire in 1906, when they fell with the tower. The metal is included in the grand new ring which they had heard pealing out that day.

A splendid tea was partaken of in the Church Institute, and the annual business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. Clement Glenn; the hon. treasurer, Mr. Cotterell; and several of the committee. The treasurer's balance sheet was passed, and the report of the committee adopted. An interesting paragraph in the latter, which all members will do well to ponder over, states that: "The committee have had under consideration the division of the county into districts, as they feel that it is impossible to keep in touch with all the towers in the county under our present organisation, and they would ask members to consider whether the time is not ripe to take some definite action in this direction."

The poll for four members of committee (seven candidates) resulted in the following being elected: Messrs. P. J. Johnson, W. Pearson, J. H. Blakiston, and A. C. Fearnley.—The following addition to the regulations, proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, with J. W. T. Holgate seconding, was carried: "That no printed or duplicated matter be allowed to be issued in support of any person nominated for a seat on the committee; and that the issuing of any such matter on the candidate's behalf shall disqualify such candidate from holding a seat on the committee."

THANKS.

A most hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Vice-President G. Bolland, was accorded to the Vicar for the service, sermon, use of the bells, and for placing the Institute at the disposal of the Association; also to those associated with him in conducting parties round the Abbey; coupled with a vote of thanks to the organist, Mr. Sykes; the choir-master, Mr. Eggleshaw, and members of the choir for the beautifully-rendered and inspiring service.—The Vicar, who, in responding, was enthusiastically received, said that the churchwardens and himself regarded the visit as a privilege con-

ferred on them. They were very proud of their bells, and if he were to go in for ringing instead of golf to reduce adipose tissue, he might have in due course a decent waist (laughter). He could only conclude by expressing the wish that they would come again soon.—The Rev. W. P. Wright, in responding to a vote of thanks for the use of his bells, smilingly said that Dr. Solloway might say Selby was old, but little Hemingbrough was older still; in fact, it was mentioned in the Domesday Book.—Thanks were accorded to the local branch, headed by Messrs. F. Cryer and A. Hall, for their work accomplished so well to make the visit of the Association in every way a success, and to the ladies, many of them ringers' wives, who assisted at the tea tables.—Votes of thanks were also passed to the auditors and returning officers, Messrs. Thos. Smith and A. Hall, and to the treasurer, secretary and president for their services during the year; thanks being also accorded to the latter for ably presiding over what had proved a most pleasant "annual."

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

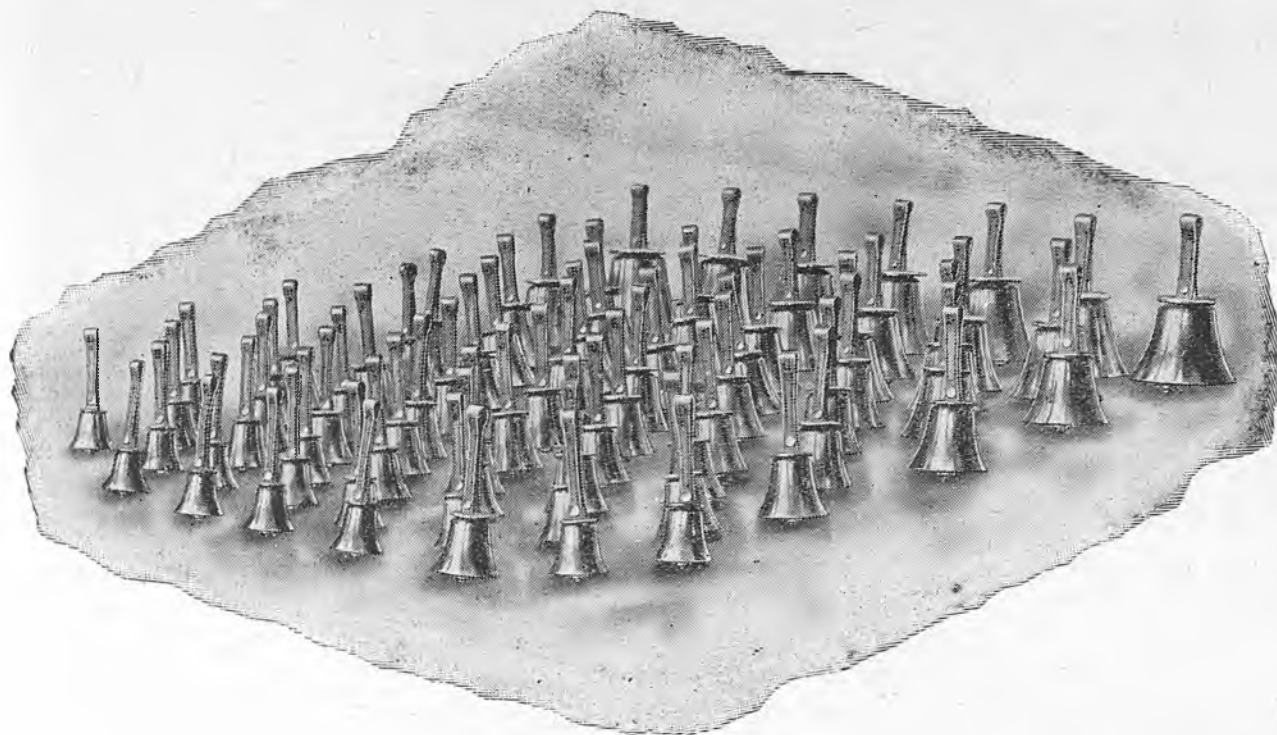
The annual report of the Yorkshire Association is, as usual, a very voluminous publication, and is complete in all its details. The committee urge the members to endeavour to enroll as hon. members the clergy and churchwardens of their parishes, so as to keep them in touch with the aims and objects of the Association. After referring to the proposal, mentioned in the report of the annual meeting, to divide the county into districts, the committee in reviewing the work of the past year, state that the number of peals rung on tower bells was 96, and on handbells 19, making a total of 115. The list was quite up to the average, both as to quality and quantity. One or two more difficult methods—of which there was a great variety for those who did not aspire to the rank of Surprise ringers—in the place of some of the Kent Treble Bob peals, and the appearance of a peal of Stedman Cinques, would make the list well-nigh excellent. The committee noted with pleasure two additions to their tower-bell list of methods, Norfolk Surprise and Little Bob Major, the handbell list also having been added to by a peal of the latter, which was the first to be rung in the method on handbells. There was a good variety of "Little" methods in existence, which, in the committee's opinion, were worthy of attention. The report adds that Drighlington now heads the list of towers, being the first to be credited with one hundred peals for the Association, which total was attained during the year. Mr. J. Broadley was congratulated upon being the third member to reach the 200th peal mark (the two others are Messrs. C. Glenn and C. Jackson). Sixty-one new members were enrolled during the year, but the committee would like to see more than this, especially in view of the heavy number of lapses, there being no less than 30 names to be struck off through non-payment of subscriptions. This last was the most disappointing feature of the year's work. There were now six patrons, 42 honorary and 1,405 ringing members on the books. This showed only a net gain of one on the year's work. Referring to the balance sheet, the committee remarked that they again see that there is no hope of putting the Association on a sound financial basis from their present resources, and it was evident that the limit of expansion with their present income had been reached. The income was practically the same as last year, as was also their ordinary expenditure, leaving them with a little margin on the right side. This was creditable in its way, but they felt it was not what it ought to be, and they were no nearer the goal of their ambition than before, viz.: To be able to place each year a substantial amount on one side for expansion, as their predecessors were able to do during the early years of the Association's existence. They felt that this must have the attention of the committee, as the matter of placing the finances of the Association on a sound basis was of paramount importance for its continued success.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.

The first meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Basingstoke, on Saturday. In spite of unpropitious weather, there were present: Miss Alice White, President (Basingstoke); Miss Edith Parker, general sec. (London); Miss Eva Bolcher, Southern District secretary (Bramley); Mrs. Mack and Miss D. White (Basingstoke); Miss Chillingworth (Bradfield); Miss Goodship (Reading), and Mrs. Whittington, who, with her husband, pluckily cycled from Cranleigh to Woking in the drenching rain, to be present at the meeting. There were also in the company eight or ten of the less gentle sex, from Reading, Hershams, Basingstoke, and Oakley. Ringing at St. Michael's began about 4 o'clock, and some pretty touches of Stedman and Grandshire Triples were brought round, ably conducted by Miss Parker. A very pleasant party sat down to a capital tea, provided by Mr. Philpott, after which Mrs. Mack, Miss D. White, and Miss Sparshott, were elected members; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Basingstoke for the use of the bells. On returning to the belfry, while mere men stood aside wondering, the eight ladies, refreshed with tea, brought round the literally "maiden" touch of Grandshire Triples rung in this belfry, conducted by Miss Parker. And so, with touches in different methods the agreeable gathering was carried to a close. It may not be impertinent for one who was present as a privileged guest, to congratulate the ladies on their skill, energy, and excellent striking; and it augurs well for the lift which is being given to the tone and spirit of the Exercise at large, by the existence and praiseworthy work of the Ladies' Guild.

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Spelman Street, **LONDON, N.E.**

THE PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 24th, "Sympathiser" alludes to my condemning a peal of Bob Minor rung at Wallasey on Boxing Day. Well, I heard some of the ringing, which was very good, but several changes were badly muddled up, next they all "fired" (not a straggling fire), and then, after a bit of struggling, they settled down again, but I had lost all interest in further listening to it; so I had condemned before I knew what band was ringing. On the Sunday I heard that Mr. Newton was in it, so I wrote him, saying that I hoped he would not call it a peal. And I received a reply which I enclose. I still think the conductor should have terminated the ringing when the muddle took place, so that they might have had a better peal at the next attempt. I hear a rumour that one or two others are of the same opinion as myself, but I suppose do not care to trouble.—Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM WILCOX.

THE CONDUCTOR'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—As being responsible for the peal of Bob Minor rung at Wallasey on December 26th last, and published among the other records as a true peal, I hope you will allow me enough space in your valuable paper to give both sides of the correspondence that has taken place between Mr. Wilcox and myself, and afterwards to explain to those interested what are the true facts of the case. On the 29th December last, I received the following postcard from Mr. Wilcox: "I heard the bells ringing at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Boxing Day. I heard a jumble at 5.10 p.m., and the bells fired, then struggle on. I put it down 'no peal', but have been informed this morning that a peal had been rung, and that you were one of the band. I sincerely hope it is not a peal intended for the Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch)."

I was very much annoyed when I received this postcard, because I knew it was unwarranted and the outcome of jealousy, so I hastily sent back the following lines on a postcard: "Yes, it was a peal intended for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and a far superior one to any that you ever rang. Surely you are not comparing your toy 5½ cwt. tenor (Bidston) with bells 16½ cwt. (Wallasey) and a wealth of metal. I am not like yourself, a pioneer of ding-dong monotony. You must remember these lads have had only twelve months, and it was their first peal. Surely they can make a mistake. Read the Central Council's definition before you go any further. If you show any more ignorance or ill-feeling you can have another dose."

Now, Sir, I have never yet heard or read of a peal being disputed unless there was some personal grievance of some kind underlying it all, and this case is no exception to the rule. The trouble is that we were successful without their assistance, and hope to be on many occasions in the future. About this performance that is now in question, I wish to say at the outset that I was very well pleased with the peal when we rang it, and as regards firing I never heard any. Perhaps I was not far enough away. What happened throughout the whole three hours and seven minutes was that on two occasions only two of the band hesitated at the lead, but the mistake was rectified immediately, and the bells were not out of course a single change. Surely all conductors have not to stop at bob calling? Now, Mr. Editor, you must admit that for three young ringers to ring their first peal and collectively to make only two mistakes, is an achievement to be proud of, as the ringing was most regular all through. I have it on good authority that the distance from Bidston—where Mr. Wilcox heard the ringing from—to Wallasey Church is three miles. It might be possible to know accurately what is happening this distance away, but I very much doubt it. "A Sympathiser" is certainly lamentably ignorant of what services I, or others, have given towards the tuition of the St. Nicholas', Wallasey, ringers. I have never claimed any credit for their progress, nor do I wish to. I know who took the most pains with them when they started to handle a bell, and who initiated them in the art of change ringing as it should be taught. I was never tired of reiterating to them the importance of good striking, and on the occasion of each visit to them, at no small sacrifice of time, I was obliged to travel on three different railway lines each way. Whatever assistance this band got from outside was unsolicited and infinitesimal, and as regards Mr. Wilcox's services, I have it on the authority of one of this band's leading ringers that he has never rung with them above once. There is too much of the "wheelbarrow" style of ringing in this particular branch of this Guild, or, as Mr. W. Snowdon so aptly describes it, "ding-dong monotony."

Now, Sir, Mr. Wilcox is the appointed instructor to this particular branch, an office which carries with it 5s. per lesson when engaged. I am a non-resident member, and do the work gratuitously; therefore, there are no fees for Mr. Wilcox from this tower. On top of this, I have tried to discourage in this tower and branch the ringing of Grandsire Minor and other worthless six-bell methods, and what I want the Wallasey (St. Nicholas') band to do now is to go on and learn seven legitimate methods and ring a 5040 with them included. And if they ring it as well as and as true as we rang ours on December 26th last, I shall be more than satisfied, and feel that my labour has not been in vain.—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Lindoff, I wish to say I agree with all that has been written on this subject by my confreres, while I consider Mr. Lindoff's letters have been anything but commendable. For he has contorted our statements, misrepresented our meaning, and confused the point at issue in order, perhaps, to draw attention from the main question, while at the same time he has not advanced a single line of sound argument in answer to our charge, and has never yet said, the 5040's we gave in our joint letter you published in your issue of November 8th, are not shortened variations of the 6048's we enumerated in the same letter.

In his first letter on November 22nd he insinuated some claim "of ours not yet made," and concluded with a query, "Who would rounds belong to?" The reply to this is, rounds, like the other course ends, belong to any man, who can string enough of them together in a true and original 5040 composition, and so, Mr. Lindoff, rounds in New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and in your London Royal do not at present belong to you, and in this you have so far failed. In his letter of your issue, December 27th, Mr. Lindoff is a bit more clear, and would like to make us claim the full extent of the changes 6th bell at home. Mr. Hattersley told him in his letter, January 3rd, that we do not claim to have invented anything of the kind; in this I fully agree. But what we do claim is to have produced original compositions, which embody that quality, "and which are not variations of previous composition in the method," from which, by the simple and well known process of shortening the 5040's in 14 courses, Mr. Lindoff publishes as his own, are taken from, and could be so obtained by any novice composer, or anyone who knows the calling which produces course ends.

In subsequent letters, Mr. Lindoff tells us that peals 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 in our joint letters, are alike, which really is no business of his whatever, and is not relative to the original question. This likeness, whatever there is, was known to us before publishing our first letter. We gave them with a * Bob, which he ignores, as showing that each comes direct from a distinct source of composition, and which clearly shows the 6048's are not variations of one another. Now, Mr. Lindoff, as the 5040, No. 1, used in ringing your London Royal comes from Pitstow's 6048, and No. 2 5040 comes direct from Washbrook's 6048, you can claim one-half only of the 5040 you want. Thus, by your own showing and quibbling you can only win 2520 changes, which are both useless and ridiculous.

In Mr. Lindoff's first letter already alluded to, he told us he had some half-dozen such peals, etc. This is amusing indeed. Just fancy a man of talent and knowledge, sending out a new method, and then, to bolster it up, send with it, for its first performance, the composition of another composer. When caught, he boasts he has other such compositions. This gives rise to the idea that this half-dozen are as good as mythical.

Mr. Lindoff, in his letter of December 27th, tells us he has not the 6048 peals of Superlative in his possession. If this is so, how can he describe or discuss and draw correct conclusions. Therefore, in order, we hope, to enlighten our readers, and, perhaps, Mr. Lindoff upon the subject, we will give the figures in full of the composition which 5040 No. 3 comes from, and point out how it reduces also to a 5056, which will enable anyone with composition knowledge to compare and draw their own conclusion upon the merits of our claim.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5040

The following 5040 is No. 3 in our joint letter and was rung on March 4th, 1903, at St. Magnus, conducted by Mr. William Fye. See Middlesex Report for 1903, page 80, reported as composed by Mr. Lindoff.

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The figures of the New Cambridge Surprise Royal are given side by side of the 6048 Superlative to save troublesome reference, and to show that the course ends and calling of the 5040 are identical in the last eleven and the first three courses of the 6048, that shows by adding a bob W at * course ends jump from C to D, and also that the B courses bracketed are cut away.

By adding a bob "before" following course end A, course end B is brought up and changes are reduced to 5056 in number. It was thus rung as the composition of H. Dains, on March 4th, 1904, at All Saints', Edmonton, by Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted by Mr. J. Parker, in Superlative Surprise Method. The same composition was again rung, June 4th, 1905, as by the same composer at St. Mary's, Lambeth, conducted by Mr. Bertram Prewett, in New Cambridge Surprise Method, for this latter see Middlesex report, page 531, for 1905. Whether this composition has been rung at other times is not known, but it is very curious that it has been twice rung in reduced numbers and 23 courses with its author's name, but when reduced to 14 courses by Mr. Lindoff, he claims the composition of them as a new one, although published over 20 years ago. Well, it has now again been shown conclusively it doesn't belong to him.

If ever any reader has seen such a conglomeration of mis-statements as those in Mr. Lindoff's letter of the 24th January, in reply to one of the most straightforward letters one could put together, let him say so, and then to conclude it by comparing morals, forsooth! This takes the prize. In conclusion, if Mr. Lindoff should write a straightforward letter upon this subject and to the point, he will get a reply, otherwise he may not.

With many thanks, Mr. Editor, on behalf of my colleagues and myself.—Yours faithfully,
HY. DAINS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association was held at Tanfield, co. Durham, on Saturday last, and the few who were present thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon's outing, in spite of the inclement weather which prevailed. It is regrettable that so few members attended the meeting, but probably the difficulty of reaching the village had a good deal to do with it. At the committee meeting, 14 members were present, with the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, in the chair.—A letter of regret for non-attendance was received from the Rev. Archdale (Vicar of the parish), who had other duties to attend to.—The chief discussion was on the success of the district meetings.—It was stated that this scheme had already been the means of securing two more towers for the Association, viz.: South Shields and St. George's, Jesmond.—The President announced the dedication of Bambergh bells next Saturday, remarking that the Association was asked to appoint an instructor for this tower.—It was decided to leave this in his hands.—The President was also asked to select a committee to make arrangements for the reception of visitors to the Central Council meeting, to be held in Newcastle on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th.

An excellent repast was served at the Pack Horse Inn, to which the 22 members present did ample justice. The President, in a brief speech, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens, also the Rev. W. Lister, for the arrangements they had made for the comfort of the visitors.—The Rev. Lister suitably responded.—After the election of new members, etc., the ringers dispersed to the neighbouring tower, where ringing was indulged in.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED GIFT OF A TREBLE TO CHELMSFORD.

A meeting of the South Eastern district was held at Great Baddow, on Saturday. After ringing in the afternoon, the members adjourned to the King's Head, where the hostess (Mrs. Shorten) had prepared a bountiful repast. Those present included the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. C. Finch (churchwarden), Mr. A. Edwards (District Master), H. F. Cooper (district secretary), Messrs. Kirton and Walden (Boreham), Rainbird (Little Bentley, South Weald), Whight, Richell and Newman (Chelmsford), Lincoln, Edwards and Head (Writtle), Green and Sitch (Fryerning), Windley (Springfield), and others.—Mr. G. Rogers (Ingatestone) was elected a member, and Ingatestone tower in union with the Association. Rayleigh was selected for the next meeting, or, failing this, Prittlewell. A bye meeting will be held in April, at Little Bentley, South Weald.

The Rev. H. T. Eyre proposed, and Mr. C. H. Howard seconded, a hearty hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Great Baddow, and also to Mr. Finch for presiding at the tea and meeting.—Mr. Finch responded, and assured those present the Vicar would have joined them had he been well enough to do so; as for himself it was a great pleasure to be present and meet men he had known for so many years. He also hinted that in the near future the authorities were going to turn their attention to the bells and improve upon the present ring of eight.

It was reported that an order had been placed with Messrs. Warner and Sons to recast the present ring of ten bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (tenor, 22 cwt.) into a ring of 12 (tenor, 30 cwt.), the bells to be hung in a new steel frame. The opinion was freely expressed that as St. Mary's is to be the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of Essex, the Association should present the new treble bell. After considerable discussion as to how the money should be raised, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting recom-

mends that the Association should present the treble bell to the proposed new ring of twelve for the Pro-Cathedral of the new diocese, and that it be paid for out of the reserve fund, which amounts to about £100."—The Master intimated that notice would have to be given of special motion to be brought forward at the annual meeting, which is to be held at West Ham on Whit-Monday, and Mr. H. F. Cooper, district secretary, of the division, gave notice of his intention of doing so.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ORDSALL.

The village of Ordsall, where the North Notts Association held a successful meeting on Saturday, is mentioned about the year 1037, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, and it finds a place, too, in Domesday Book. Here it was in the time of the Commonwealth that the Rector, Dr. Marmaduke Moore, was found guilty of the "damnable offence of playing cards, three several times in his own house, with his wife, to the great scandal of religion, and the great danger of drawing down the wrath of God upon the land," and for which his estate was forfeited as "for treason," and he was himself for ever sequestered from his living. The meeting on Saturday was held partly to honour the 21st anniversary of Mr. Joseph White, as senior ringer and sexton, and as Ordsall was the birth-place of the writer of this report, who cherishes the dearest recollections and reminiscences of the past, it is very gratifying to have to record such a large attendance of ringers and friends from kindred associations. Members were present from Anston, Workop, Bawtry, Blyth, Everton, East Markham, Laughterton, Lincoln, Gainsborough, West Stockwith, East Ritford and Ordsall. Touches in a variety of methods, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire and Plain Bob were brought round, whilst the Everton ringers accomplished a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, the best struck 720 of the day, and a perfect example of what six-bell ringing should be. The ringers were: H. Stevenson 1, R. Lindley 2, J. Bee 3, John Swindon 4, Joe Swindon (conductor) 5, Geo. Brown 6. Afterwards a 720 of Oxford was rung by: H. Haigh 1, F. H. Hind 2, J. T. Barham 3, G. R. Winter 4, F. W. Baker 5, H. Stanton (conductor) 6.—Tea and the business meeting were held at the Gate Inn, the genial Rector (the Rev. R. D. Foster) presiding, and giving a few words of practical advice, and his democratic views of Churchmanship. He also referred to his brief experience as a ringer.—The Vicar of Everton, with his ringers, rejoined the Association after a lapse of 20 years, and Miss Dorothy D. Steel, of Bedford, and the Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingbrough, Yorks, were also elected non-resident members, together with one or two performing members.—The next meeting will be the annual meeting, and will be held sometime in May, full particulars of which will appear in "The Ringing World."—H.H.

RINGING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The two peals recorded at Congleton and Silverdale are worthy of special note. The first peal of Superlative on the bells of the former church was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Lawton, one of the hon. members of the Stoke Association. On the following day, Silverdale, with its natty little peal of eight, by Warner, was visited. A curious state of affairs was there met with. The ringers were on strike, and the church was undergoing repairs. After some of the visitors had looked round the church, which contains serious cracks, owing to subsidence, they found one of their number in the belfry stripped to the waist, shovelling up a large heap of debris that had been placed there by the workmen. The belfry as a matter of fact was without standing room, but having removed the rubbish to the centre and placed planks over the holes in the floor, a start was made. When ringing had been in progress about an hour, the staircase was filled with children, who must have clambered in through some of the holes. The tenor ringer was able to keep them from entering the ringing chamber with some difficulty, and shortly afterwards gravel and stones were rained at the window of the belfry. But even under these difficulties the peal was successfully brought round.

THE PEAL AT BIRLING, KENT.

Mr. F. W. Richardson writes: With reference to the peal recently rung at Birling, Kent, will you allow me to make a correction to the footnote. The reason I put "first peal on the bells" was that I thought this the best means of getting information, as I searched the Kent County records, and found nothing had been done, and there was nobody at Birling to enlighten me. However, Mr. Geo. Lucas very kindly supplied the long wished-for information. He conducted the first peal on Birling bells, Kent Treble Bob Major, for the Middlesex Association. So the footnote should read: Second peal on the bells, first in the method, and first by this Association on the bells. I wish again to thank Mr. Lucas for the trouble he took in coming to St. John's.

Mr. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn, also writes to correct the footnote. The first peal on the bells, he says, was on May 19th, 1901, and adds that the first peal in most if not all the eight-bell towers in Kent have been rung years ago. Other correspondents have also written to the same effect.

THE SALOP GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT MALINSLEE.

On Saturday, a very successful meeting of the Salop Guild was held at Malinslee. Originally, it was intended to go to Berrington, but the bells there were in a bad state, and the Rev. E. Parry kindly invited the Guild to Malinslee. Ringers were present from Shrewsbury, Dawley, and Coalbrookdale, and Bob Minor, Stedman, Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung. Mr. Woodvine, the captain of the local band, collected sufficient funds to entertain the party to an excellent tea, his good wife and other ladies attending to the visitors' wants in the comfortable Parish Hall.

The Rev. E. Parry presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. C. B. Crowe, R.D., Vicar of Coalbrookdale. The Secretary intimated that Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett had written explaining that Mr. C. R. Lilley had come to reside in Shrewsbury, and hoped this would be the means of raising the standard of the ringing in the Salop Guild. Mr. Clayton, junr., was elected an hon. member. After tea, some good handbell ringing was done, a course of Grandsire Caters, double-handed, being followed by several courses of Triples. Mr. C. Watts also rang the front four through a course of Grandsire Triples in fine style. The Rev. C. R. Crowe proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea. Afterwards there was further ringing in the tower. This opportunity is taken of thanking the Rev. E. Parry for the use of the bells, and for helping to make the meeting a success.

PEAL TABLETS UNVEILED AT KENSINGTON.

The ringing of a peal in the metropolis nowadays is such a frequent occurrence that one seldom hears of a peal tablet being erected thereabouts to commemorate such a performance. However, two occasions on which the St. Mary Abbott's Guild of Kensington rang peals were considered of such historical interest that it was decided to have permanent records of them in the belfry. Consequently, the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather), accompanied by Mr. Frederick Leach, I.S.O., churchwarden, and the Rev. H. W. Brown, chaplain to the Guild, together with some twenty-five members, assembled in the tower for the purpose of unveiling two magnificent tablets recording peals rung by members of the Guild on the Coronation days respectively of their Majesties King Edward VII and King George V. After having unveiled the tablets, the Vicar congratulated the ringers on their performances on two such historical occasions, and expressed admiration, which was shared by those present, at the design and workmanship of the boards.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, in thanking the Vicar for his presence, remarked that the peals were first-class performances and were well struck; providing examples to the younger members of the Guild of what could be accomplished through perseverance and regular practice. It was also observed that their dear old friend J. Hayward, the ringer of the treble in the King George peal, whose cheery good nature was sadly missed, was the designer of the tablets, which are made of "Wainscott," polished moulded bases and caps and fluted pilasters and elliptical arched top with panels of mahogany. The work was by the author of both the compositions of the peals, H. Dains, and both the performances were conducted by William E. Garrard, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal respectively. The arched part of each tablet is adorned with the Royal Coat of Arms, painted in colours, picked out in gold.

MONEY QUICKLY RAISED.

For a long time past the bells of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, have been going badly; no peals could be attempted, and it was very difficult to ring the heavy bells; indeed, so bad had they become that it was decided to stop ringing after evening service on Septuagesima Sunday. Notice was given to the Rector and wardens that ringing must cease, and on Sexagesima Sunday the Rector made an eloquent appeal for funds to put the bells in repair, saying it would be a disgrace to him and to the congregation for them to remain silent at the Easter festival, and he hoped the necessary amount (about £76) would be subscribed. Whether it was the Rector's eloquence or the silence of the bells we do not know, but the whole of the money required, and more, was subscribed by the following Tuesday, and the work was immediately put in hand, the estimate of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, having been accepted. It is hoped the bells will be again rung on Easter day.

ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER, BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reference to appeal for funds, re St. Peter's bells, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of following sums, and shall be glad to receive any further donations, for cards already issued: Amount previously acknowledged, £6 10s.; Mr. A. Shufflebotham, Bocking, 1s.; St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, per Mr. C. H. Howard, 10s.; St. Mary-le-Tower Company, Ipswich, per Mr. W. Motts, 7s. 6d.; Messrs. I. and H. Newman, Feering, 4s.; Mr. F. C. Newman, West Ham, 2s.; smaller sums, 7s.; St. Peter's Company, Colchester, £1 1s.; per Mr. G. Burch, 1s.; per Mr. S. Hull, 1s. 6d.; per Mr. H. Evers, 1s. 6d.; total, £9 6s. 6d.—Yours faithfully,
49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

H. T. PYE.

WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. Pigott has not got "Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, 1904," I should advise him to get it and study it carefully. This report is later than the "Glossary," and certain definitions in the "Glossary" are out of date, and have been since 1904, and it is not fair for anyone to send methods to the ringing papers before they have studied the latest works published by the Council on the subject. The method is not Double, and it is not a Court method, neither is it the Double of so-called Yorkshire Court, which cannot be doubled, and is not a Court method. The proof of these statements is in that publication, and so I give no proofs here, as it is not fair to occupy your space with proofs which anyone can obtain for themselves by buying the publication named. Of course, if Mr. Pigott likes to ring illegitimate methods he can do so, just as he is at liberty to ring call changes if he wishes to, but he has no right to occupy your space until he has taken the trouble to learn the rudiments of the subject.

H. LAW JAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Just a word on the above method, which can be seen in Hubbard's "Art of Ringing" (1876 edition) as Double Yorkshire Court Bob, and which in my opinion is the very best method known away from the four Standard methods, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Take Double Norwich, for instance, as it is generally supposed to be the most musical method known. We get in every treble lead eight perfect and eight foreign changes, whereas in Double Yorkshire there are twelve perfect and only four foreign changes to every treble lead, making the method 25 per cent. better than Double Norwich for its musical qualities.

Yorkshire is a double method, as all the places are made the same from behind as they are from the front, but still it does not reverse true in itself, and this is the one thing which was forced through the Central Council, and is a defect because some of the very best methods are now called illegitimate. To my idea this method is far more legitimate than Grandsire, as all the changes are true from lead to lead, whereas Grandsire is only true from lead head to lead end.

Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

LAMBERHURST RINGERS' DINNER.

The Lamberhurst, Kent, ringers held their annual dinner recently, when a jovial company, numbering upwards of 40, partook of a sumptuous spread at the George and Dragon Hotel. A smoking concert was afterwards held, under the chairmanship of the esteemed Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Stopford-Gayer), with Col. Delamaine in the vice-chair, supported by Mr. P. A. Simpson and Mr. B. L. Playfoot. After the loyal toast had been honoured, a pianoforte solo by Mr. Wallis, of Goudhurst, was executed in fine style, and was followed by some lively selections on the piccolo by Mr. John Tapp (the tap, a wag remarks, that never freezes).—"The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces" was next proposed by Mr. P. A. Simpson, and responded to by Col. Delamaine, who gave some interesting reminiscences of the Army. A humorous contribution followed by Mr. Turner, whose efforts were loudly applauded, as was also the song, "Mary Ann, she's after me," contributed by Mr. E. Gurr.—The toast of "The Lamberhurst Bell Ringers" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Mr. W. Marshall and Mr. John Bailey, the latter also giving an old favourite, "They have all got a mate but me," while Mr. F. Gurr afterwards sang a humorous song.

The toast of "The Kent County Association," coupled with the name of Mr. Latter, was given by the Vicar. Messrs. A. Wright and Emptage followed with songs, after which Mr. Latter responded to the toast. He gave some very interesting statistics concerning the Association and ringing in general, and said he should very much like (as would the Lamberhurst ringers) to see two more bells added to the present ring of six, to complete the octave. He was sure, if the Vicar projected the scheme, it would be heartily supported. Messrs. F. Gurr and J. Turner next gave a comical sketch, which was followed by "The village blacksmith," by Mr. Wallis.—The Chairman next proposed "The Visitors," and Mr. P. A. Simpson responded, saying he hoped the Vicar would bear in mind Mr. Latter's remarks concerning the two new bells, and bring the matter forward. He promised it would have his hearty support, and would, he ventured to say, receive the same from other residents in the village, while he was sure the acquisition would be highly appreciated by the bell ringers themselves.

Selections on the handbells followed, and a song, "Mr. Cupid," by Col. Delamaine, was greatly enjoyed.—Votes of thanks to the various artistes for their services, and to the host and hostess, were proposed and carried, and the concluding toasts, "The Chairman," "Vice-Chairman" and "Mr. P. A. Simpson," were accorded musical honours.—An extremely enjoyable evening was spent.

[Reports of other festive meetings are unavoidably held over.]

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1320 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: *W. Peachey 1, H. Horward 2, *S. Horward 3, W. Mansfield 4, R. Horward (conductor) 5. * Longest length.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: B. Davies (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Cross 2, H. Page 3, G. Wines 4, W. Page 5, J. Cross 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, S. Weaver 8.—On January 6th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Crabbe 1, G. Cross 2, H. Page (conductor) 3, G. Wines 4, F. Chamberlain 5, W. Page 6, J. Cross 7, T. Page 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and first quarter on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—On January 12th, for evening service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, 629 Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, J. Porter 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, J. T. Perry (conductor) 4, G. A. Taylor 5, E. Mullins 6, J. B. Collett 7, G. Rastall (Aunsby, Lincs) 8.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): E. Cooper 1, G. B. Black 2, L. Reid 3, R. Black (first quarter-peal, conductor) 4, C. Moore (first quarter-peal) 5.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On January 2nd, on the occasion of the birthday of F. Clarke, one of the local band, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: J. Clarke (Stoke Poges) 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, A. Bateman (Stoke Poges) 3, E. Harding 4, J. Walden 5, W. Walden (conductor) 6.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On January 10th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Pratt 1, H. Batson 2, J. Barrick 3, G. Thompson 4, E. Dannatt 5, W. Crowder (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On January 8th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, R. Dawson 2, A. H. Wheeler 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Dickenson 6, H. Torr 7, S. Wilson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Alfred Betts, formerly a ringer at the above church, who passed away at Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts, the home of his parents, on Sunday, January 5th, after only two days' illness, was interred at that place on the 8th. The whole pull and stand was rung at the finish of the quarter-peal.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Wednesday, January 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Titcombe 1, W. G. Edwards (conductor) 2, Stubbington 3, W. T. Tucker 4, G. Grant 5. Also three six-scores, with C. Ayliffe 4.

POTTON, BEDS.—On January 5th, for a men's special service, 720 Single Oxford Bob: F. Carter 1, S. Stubbings 2, A. O. Bailey 3, W. H. Mason 4, W. G. Inskip 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING.—On January 7th, for a special mission service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Spencer 1, J. Crocker 2, G. Harbour 3, T. Beadle 4, F. Goddard 5, W. Lawrence 6, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On Jan. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens 1, H. Brocklebank 2, J. Owens 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, H. Marten (conductor) 7, S. Mostyn 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Caine to Miss Hall, which took place that day.

GARGRAVE.—Yorks Association.—At St. Andrew Church, on Jan. 19th, for morning service, 1344 of Grandsire Triples: J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones (conductor) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Jan. 12th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, J. Luckey 3, F. M. Butler 4, T. Jordan 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. J. Watts 8.—On Jan. 15th, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Watts (conductor) 1, A. Jordan 2, T. J. Watts 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, H. J. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, T. Jordan 8.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.—On Jan. 4th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Sandoe 1, C. W. King 2, H. Bullock 3, G. Hodgson (first 720) 4, H. Ludkin 5, J. Bullock (conductor) 6.

LECKHAMSTEAD.—Towcester and District Association.—On Jan. 14th, 720 Doubles (240 Antelope and 480 Grandsire): A. J. Fenemore 1, E. P. Warner 2, W. T. Carter 3, T. Carter 4, L. A. Smith (conductor) 5.

ABBOTTS LEIGH.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Jan. 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Bennet 1, W. Frampton 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, W. Booth (first 720 inside) 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore, senr., 6. 360 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by J. Thomas. Also a course, with J. Thomas ringing 1-2.

BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—For service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, J. Porter 3, J. T. Perry 4, J. B. Collett 5, W. H. Carrod 6, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 7, T. Pearce 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1321 Stedman Caters, in 56 mins.: A. F. Ashman 1, G. White 2, W. Phipps 3, P. K. Biggs 4, E. Markham 5, R. Coles 6, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, B. Page 9, A. J. Hoing 10.—On Jan. 6th, 516 Stedman Cinqnes, the longest touch on 12, by a local company: R. Coles 1, S. F. Goodchild 2, G. F. Williams (conductor) 3, W. Phipps 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, E. Markham 6, F. K. Biggs 7, F. Hayes 8, J. Gransbury 9, G. White 10, B. Page 11, C. Smith 12.

LYMINGTON.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1500 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, J. E.

Figures 3, S. Clarke 4, H. F. Elliott 5, G. Arnold 6, S. Norris (longest touch on inside bell) 7, A. Ayles 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Clarke.

METHERINGHAM.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch).—On Jan. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Dawson 1, W. Green 2, G. H. Cooke 3, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 4, H. Green 5, R. Fincham 6, J. Dawson 7, J. Foster 8. Longest touch of Triples by all except the conductor.

ALDERSHOT.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Jan. 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, being the first 720 of Minor on the bells by all local men, and rung as a farewell to Private J. Hall, who is leaving for service in Egypt, the band wishing him every success: W. Fisher 1, A. Croucher 2, G. Fisher 3, Alf. Croucher 4, W. Fisher, junr., 5, J. Hall (conductor) 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 York Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, Jan. 19th, for evensong, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. T. Wigg 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, A. J. Neale 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. Pye 5, W. H. Theobald (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Torble 8.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOW.—On Monday, Jan. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, at St. Edmund's Church: A. Faulkner 1, F. Bird 2, P. Bird 3, W. Faulkner 4, C. Bird (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Bird 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Thursday, Jan. 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Osborne 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, J. Gillings 3, J. O'Neill 4, E. Goodwin 5, W. E. Ayers 6, J. Larter 7, G. Blowers 8.

OTTERSASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 18th, an attempt for a peal of Minor failed after 2½ hours' good ringing, owing to a violent attack on the belfry door by a neighbour whose wife was unwell. The methods rung were: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, and 500 of Single Oxford: Bert Webb 1, C. Tricker 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher 4, W. Day 5, F. Bennett 6.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Jan. 19th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1440 Bob Major: J. Astley 1, T. Beaver 2, H. Lancaster 3, A. Blackwell 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, R. L. Ince 7, E. Gent (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. O. de Leyland Baldwin, former Vicar of Leyland, and patron of the parish.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Dudley and District Guild. On Jan. 22nd, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of the birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Arthur Price), but after ringing 2 hrs. and 50 mins., the bells ran into rounds two blows too soon, owing to a change course in the last few courses: Ben Gough 1, G. Hughes (Wednesbury) 2, Samuel Pearce 3, Albert Little (Wolverhampton) 4, Alfred Rowley (Tipton) 5, Samuel Baker 6, William Fisher (conductor) 7, Richard Dunn 8.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 26th, for Divine service, the local band rang 240 Bob Major, 240 and 210 Darlaston Bob Triples: S. Pearce, A. Baker, L. Barnett, W. Grinsell, B. Gough, S. Baker, W. Fisher (conductor), and R. Dunn. For evening service, three courses of Bob Major, 224 Canterbury Pleasure, and 240 Darlaston Bob Triples, with Joseph Roberts.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, for practice at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 40 mins.: R. Pendry (conductor) 1, Bert Newbury 2, E. Godwin 3, Fred Smith 4, W. Pendry 5, G. James 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 26th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, A. Brooks 3, J. Monk (conductor) 4, G. Brooks 5, T. Bull 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8. For evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: J. Monk, conductor, and E. Brown taking part.

HAMMERSMITH ST. PAUL'S.—On Jan. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Ross 1, E. Cassell 2, H. Stevens 3, R. Mackrill 4, J. Kelley 5, G. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. C. Brooks 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

SAWSTON.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Taylor 1, T. R. Dennis 2, P. Webb 3, B. D. Buttress 4, F. Barker 5, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 6, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 7, J. H. R. Freeborn 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Denton 1, A. Smith, junr., 2, A. Smith, senr., 3, W. Mead 4, H. Deaves 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6. Also several touches of Bob Minor, with D. Welham and F. Starling taking part.

ROMFORD.—Essex Association.—At St. Edward's Church, for evening service, on Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): G. R. Pye 1, *L. A. Pye 2, E. J. Butler 3, A. Pye 4, *W. A. Pye 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, E. Pye (conductor) 7, W. Watson 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *W. Lloyd 1, *C. Jones 2, R. Treherne (conductor) 3, H. Beavan 4, W. Fletcher 5, *H. Palmer 6. * First 720.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Nov. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Williams 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, J. Bass 3, C. E. Perkins 4, W. J. Bretherton 5, C. F. White 6.—On Nov. 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Williams 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, J. Bass 3, C. E. Perkins 4, F. Brace 5, C. F. White 6. Rung as a farewell to C. F. White, who left the district for London with the best wishes of the band for his future welfare.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: H. E. Gillett 1, W. E. Stratford 2, C. H. Bird 3, J. Collett 4, F. H. Bird 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6. F. H. and C. H. Bird hail from Shipston-on-Stour.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 12th, 216 and 240 Grandsire Minor: E. Cox 1, W. Hitchman 2, V. B. Hitchman 3, H. C. Mulford 4, G. C. Rice 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6.—On Nov. 26th, 360 Grandsire Minor: E. Cox 1, T. Hughes 2, V. R. Hitchman 3, H. C. Mulford 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, W. Hitchman 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, H. Bishop 2, A. Yates 3, W. Napper 4, T. East (conductor) 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8.—On Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the same ringers, conducted by R. G. Rice.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—At St. Margaret's Church, Nov. 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell 5, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.—On Nov. 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.—On Nov. 23rd, 720 London Surprise Minor, with T. Moulden treble, rest as before.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 24th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 144 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Howell 3, G. Lucas 4, A. W. Groves 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. In the afternoon, 720 Carlisle, and a course of London Surprise: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Howell 3, A. W. Groves (Heene) 4, J. F. Howell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. First attempt at Carlisle and London Surprise by A. W. Groves.

STROUD.—On Nov. 26th, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Watts (longest length) 1, A. F. Cooke 2, E. H. Tribe 3, H. Smith 4, H. Scrivens (conductor) 5, W. J. Faulk 6, W. Hastings 7, W. White 8.

CONGRESBURY.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *W. Fisher 1, G. Fisher 2, *E. Standen 3, *W. G. Standen 4, *R. Fisher 5, T. E. Francis 6, G. Chamberlane (conductor) 7, *G. Jones 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells.

EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Peter's Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): F. Wits 1, T. Middleton 2, J. Hampton 3, H. Street 4, W. Gisborne 5, J. Hemming (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Nov. 25th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 52 mins., for a mission service: R. Stone 1, J. Heasman (conductor, first in method) 2, G. Malyan 3, W. Leigh 4, E. Leigh 5, T. Wallis 6, J. Steddy 7, A. Belton 8.

SOUTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1912 changes): R. Oliver 1, N. Short 2, W. A. Miller 3, T. H. Parkin 4, T. E. Smith 5, H. Strickland 6, C. H. Bird 7, G. Vamplew (conductor) 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Garnett 1, J. Hall 2, J. W. Holme 3, E. Wimpenny 4, H. Wolstencroft (first quarter-peal with bob bell) 5, H. Palmer 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, E. Barton 8.

RUGBY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On the Eve of St. Andrew's Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. (1260 changes): G. Watson, junr., 1, R. Watson 2, H. O. White 3, A. J. Hessian (conductor) 4, J. B. Fenton 5, J. W. Chandler 6, J. A. Fenton 7, W. Malins 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Queen Alexandra's birthday, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Elsley 1, P. Elsley 2, A. Guy 3, R. Fuller 4, W. Fuller (conductor) 5, G. Bayliss 6.

UPHAM.—On Nov. 30th, at the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: C. Stubbington 1, G. Pullinger 2, A. Stubbington 3, W. G. Edwards (conductor) 4, W. Griffin 5, W. Kimber 6. Longest length by all except the conductor.

WICKHAMBREAU, KENT.—On St. Andrew's Day, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: W. Maxted 1, S. White (conductor) 2, F. Jones 3, S. Walter 4, E. Slingsby 5, H. Smith 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, for men's service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins.: W. Maxted 1, S. White (conductor) 2, W. Wood 3, F. Jones 4, H. Smith 5, E. Slingsby 6.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; 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. Pincott, 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.

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.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, on Tuesday, February 11th, at 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Wallace, 10, Goodale Road, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Harlingden, on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913.

Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Rev. G. Hyde Smith in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 22nd. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, by kind invitation of the Rector, to those who let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be cheerfully accepted at the meeting by C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British Schools Villas, Tenterden.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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PRESENTATION AT TRING.

The ringers attached to the Trinity Parish Church have made a presentation to Mr. G. W. T. Smith, who, during his residence at Tring, has acted as hon. instructor. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Francis) handed to Mr. Smith a handsome brass petroleum lamp with incandescent burner, with the hearty thanks of himself and the ringers, and the hope that progress in change ringing might be continued during 1913. —Mr F. Reeve, the foreman, also cordially acknowledged the services of Mr. Smith, who, in reply, thanked the Vicar and ringers for their kindness; and, while expressing his satisfaction with the work already done, urged perseverance in the future.

On January 10th, Mr. Smith left Tring for Sandwich, Kent, and on Sunday, January 5th, a farewell touch of 518 Grandsire Triples was rung by: F. Reeve 1, G. W. T. Smith (conductor) 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tompkins 4, H. Heley 5, W. Grove 6, W. Melville 7, J. Wells 8.

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